

**1.6.6 Penalties and Disciplinary Action of Members - Any disciplinary action recommended by the Delegate Assembly pursuant to Compliance & Appeals Regulations Chapter 3 must be ratified by the CCEO.**

**1.6.6.1 - Disciplinary action may not be taken until:**

- (a) Written specifications of the violation are delivered to the CEO of the institution with appropriate copies being sent to the FAR, AD and the SWA of the offending institution and against whom the complaint is made;
- (b) The member institution charged has had the opportunity to make a written answer to the complaint;
- (c) The accused member institution has had the opportunity to be heard at any regular or special meeting of the CCEO;
- (d) A vote of two-thirds of the members involved with the affected sport of the CCEO must decide that there should be such action against the violating institution; the Office of the Commissioner must communicate the decision of the CCEO to the violating institution within five (5) days after the decision.

**1.6.6.2 - An institutional member of the Conference may object to any specific amendment to the Constitution, bylaws or other rules of the Conference, or penalty imposed by the Commissioner and/or CCEO within thirty days after a report of such action has been mailed to him by the Conference Commissioner. Such a decision shall, nevertheless, remain in effect, but the CCEO can reconsider the decision at the next regular meeting or special meeting if called. If the CCEO affirms the decision by a majority, any member refusing to abide by the decision shall cease to be a member of the Conference.**

## **1.7 Article VII – Governance of the Conference**

### **1.7.1 Council of Chief Executive Officers (CCEO)**

- (a) The CCEO shall be comprised of the chief executive officer of each member institution. The CCEO shall have the authority to enact or repeal legislation, policy decisions, and activities pertaining to the Conference and Conference Office operations. This body shall have final authority in these matters. Appeal from a Commissioner's decision or a reconsideration of a decision by the CCEO shall be considered final.
- (b) Each chief executive officer or his / her designee shall have one vote. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the member institutions of the conference, however all voting actions

shall require the presence of not less than six (6) of the Chief Executive Officers.

- (c) The Chair of the CCEO shall be appointed for a two (2) year term by the CCEO. The Chair shall be the President/Chancellor with the most seniority in the Conference who has not previously served as Chair. If two or more President/Chancellor's share the same initial date of appointment as chief executive officers of their Institutions, the order will be determined alphabetically by last name. As an exception to the selection procedure, if the time of appointment causes any candidate difficulty, two or more of the candidates may negotiate to change their order of succession with the consent of a majority of the other President/Chancellors. The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the CCEO and Executive Committee. (5/00)

The order to serve, as Chair as described above, shall be by listing of Institution and as follows: (5/99; 5/00; 5/02)

University of Maryland Eastern Shore  
Florida A&M University  
South Carolina State University  
Coppin State University  
Morgan State University  
Delaware State University  
Bethune-Cookman University  
Howard University  
Hampton University  
Norfolk State University  
North Carolina A&T State University

#### 1.7.2 Meetings

**1.7.2.1 Regular Meetings** - The CCEO shall hold two regular meetings each year, to be known as the Winter Meeting and the Spring Meeting. These meetings shall be held in conjunction with meetings of the Delegate Assembly.

**1.7.2.2 Special Meetings** - Special meetings of the CCEO may be held or called by the Chair or jointly by representatives of any two (2)-member Institutions. Special meetings may also be held by telephone conference or communication technology media provided the CCEO unanimously agree.

**1.7.2.3 Notice of Meeting** - Notice of a regular meeting shall be given to each member in writing not less than thirty days before the meeting. Notice of special meetings shall be given in writing at least ten days before the meeting. Notice of any meeting, regular or special, may be waived by the unanimous consent of the members.