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For the first time in league history, the Mid-Con will have vice chairs in both the Presidents and Directors Councils. Oral Roberts University President Richard Roberts will hold the vice chair position in the Presidents Council, while Oral Roberts Director of Athletics Mike Carter will serve as vice chair for the Directors Council.

Another development for the Presidents Council was the creation of the Mid-Con Executive Committee. Russi, Mehl, Roberts and Carter form that group.

Among the other action taken by the Presidents Council at its summer meeting was the approval of championship sites for the 2002-03 seasons. Oakland University was chosen as the site for the golf championship. The other approved sites include IUPUI for cross-country; Oral Roberts for baseball, women's soccer and volleyball; Valparaiso for outdoor track and field; and Western Illinois for softball. The top seeds will host championships for men's soccer and men's and women's tennis, while the site for indoor track and field is yet to be determined. The city of Kansas City is the site for the 2003 Mid-Con Basketball Tournaments, which will be contested at Kemper Arena.

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