

**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III CONVENTION PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE
JUNE 25, 2025, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and review roster.** The subcommittee commenced business at 1:05 p.m. Eastern time.
2. **Convention Management updates.** The Convention meeting space request site opened June 24. Most meeting spaces will be at Gaylord National Harbor, with additional meeting rooms available at the Hampton Inn, Residence Inn or Westin National Harbor. Convention registration opens Sept. 10 and there is no increase to the registration fee. Hotel room rates for 2026 range between \$298 and \$239.
3. **Educational session topics.** The subcommittee discussed topics for the education sessions for 2026. Division III will have three education sessions for the 2026 Convention. One session is conducted by the National Association of Division III Athletics Administrators (NADIII AA), which will have its topic finalized in July. The other two topics are selected by the subcommittee. The subcommittee selected a proposal submitted by the Division III membership as part of a pilot program. The other selected topic was based on feedback from the post-Convention survey and a membership survey issued in May. After the discussion the subcommittee selected the following:
 - a. A proposal submitted by John Carroll University, which will focus on overcoming generational communications obstacles.
 - b. AI and technology as tools to assist the athletic department.
4. **Review 2026 NCAA Convention draft schedule.** The 2026 Convention schedule will remain the same as the 2025 Convention schedule, with programming held Tuesday through Friday morning. It was noted the commissioners will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 14, from 9 a.m. to noon and the NADIII AA reception and awards ceremony will be held Wednesday, Jan. 14, 5 to 6:30 p.m.
5. **Issues Forum agenda.** The agenda for the issues forum will be finalized during the September videoconference. Possible topics to discuss include the 2026 Convention proposals, an update from the NCAA office of legal affairs, and changes to eligibility rules for transferring student-athletes. Other topics may be addressed as issues arise in the fall. An update from the Presidents Council Futures Subcommittee could be helpful to frame the conversation of the future of the division.
6. **Other business.** There was no other business.
7. **Adjournment.** The videoconference adjourned at 1:43 p.m. Eastern time.

Committee Chair: Joe Bednarsh, Yeshiva University, Skyline Conference.

Staff Liaison: Bill Regan, Division III Governance

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Attendees:	
Angela Baumann, Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference. Allan Belton, Pacific Lutheran University. Jason Imperati, Lawrence University. Keri Alexander Luchowski, North Coast Athletic Conference. Milton Moreland, Centre College. Kristofer Schnatz, U. S. Merchant Marine Academy. John Walz, Milwaukee School of Engineering. Kourtney Wilson, Ohio Northern University.	
Absentees:	
Joe Bednarsh, Yeshiva University. Tony Berich, Stockton University. Donnie Brooks, Macalester College. Carrie Gardner, Christopher Newport University. Julia Hathaway, Virginia Wesleyan University. Doug Lee, Waynesburg University. Casie Runksmeier, Colby College. Jason Verdugo, Wisconsin-Eau Claire. Kiana Verdugo-Maday, Alma College.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
Bill Regan and Lisa Rogers.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Whitney Tharp and Kennedy Vaughn.	