

**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III CONVENTION PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 17, 2024, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and review roster.** The subcommittee commenced business at 2:03 p.m. Eastern time.
2. **Report of June 2024 videoconference.** The subcommittee approved the report.
3. **Convention Management updates.** Staff provided updates regarding Convention registration and the core Convention schedule. Convention registration opened Sept. 10 and registration for Division III participants is trending ahead of last year. It was also noted that beginning Oct. 12, the registration fee will increase. The following Association-wide programming was reviewed with the subcommittee:
 - Tuesday, Jan 14 – Convention Welcome and Awards presentation, featuring the State of College Sports followed by a welcome reception. No ticket is required for these events. Admission is on a first come first served basis.
 - Wednesday, Jan 15 – Woman of the Year Awards presentation. No ticket is required, but pre-registration is suggested.
 - Featured education sessions are scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday. These sessions include inclusion and women's sports, student-athlete health and safety, sports betting and Olympic and Para Olympic games.
4. **Division III Education Session topics.** The Division III Education Session topics were reviewed by the subcommittee. The National Association of Division III Athletics Administrators (NADIII AA) will present a session on the recruitment and retention of athletics personnel. The other two sessions will focus on fan behavior and sportsmanship, and how to help Division III institutions raise money and implement cost saving measures.
5. **Division III Governance Sessions and Delegates Schedule.** The subcommittee reviewed and discussed Division III governance related sessions and the Division III delegates' schedule. Staff highlighted the following sessions for the subcommittee: the Student Immersion Program, Athletics Direct Report professional development programming, Chancellors/Presidents forum, program for new athletics directors and student-athlete programming.
6. **Issues Forum.** The subcommittee considered feedback on possible discussion topics for the 2025 Issues Forum. The feedback included possible topics gathered from the 2024 post Convention survey, Division III Commissioners Association, NADIII AA and governance

structure. After considering the various topics, the subcommittee believes that having the Issues Forum discussion focus on the institutional perspective of name, image and likeness and the current legal challenges facing the Association would be the most timely and beneficial topics for the forum. The subcommittee also believes that if time permits that the tables should engage in a discussion of the challenges the membership is facing and what non-financial changes the division can make to address those challenges.

7. **2025 Convention Planning timeline.** The subcommittee reviewed the timeline leading to the 2025 Convention.
8. **Future subcommittee videoconferences.** The subcommittee was reminded of the remaining 2024 videoconferences:
 - a. November 14, 11 a.m. Eastern.
 - d. December 9, 11 a.m. Eastern.
9. **Other business.** There was no other business.
10. **Adjournment.** The videoconference adjourned at 2:56 p.m. Eastern time.

Committee Chair: Bill Stiles.

Staff Liaison: Bill Regan, Division III Governance

NCAA Division III Convention Planning Subcommittee September 17, 2024, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Angela Baumann, Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference Joe Bednarsh, Yeshiva University Ryan Erwin, East Texas Baptist University Carrie Gardner, Christopher Newport University Julia Hathaway, Virginia Wesleyan University Jason Imperati, Lawrence University Laura Mooney, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts Bill Stiles, Alvernia University Amber Thomas, Centennial Conference Kiana Verdugo-Maday, Alma College	
Absentees:	
Allan Belton, Pacific Lutheran University Bryan Coker, Maryville College (Tennessee) Jim Duncan, Rhodes College Doug Lee, Waynesburg University Keri Alexander Luchowski, North Coast Athletic Conference Steven Mauro, Alfred State College Jason Verdugo, Wisconsin-Eau Claire Brian Wigley, Shenandoah University	
Guests in Attendance:	
Milton Moreland, Centre College. John Walz, Milwaukee School of Engineering.	
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
Bill Regan, Lisa Rogers.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Jeff Smith, Emily Tisdale and Whitney Tharp.	