

**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III CONVENTION PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 8, 2025, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and review roster.** The subcommittee commenced business at 1 p.m. Eastern time. The chair welcomed Corey Borchardt, Upper Midwest Athletic Conference, as the new representative for the Division III Commissioners Association.
2. **Approval of June 25, 2025, videoconference report.** The subcommittee approved the report from its June 25, 2025, videoconference.
3. **Convention Management updates.** The subcommittee was informed that the registration for the Convention will open Sept. 10. The early bird registration rate remains at \$325. Hotel rates are posted on ncaa.org. Following the conclusion of the Convention, bus transportation will be available only to Ronald Reagan International Airport.
4. **Division III Education Session topics.** The subcommittee reviewed and endorsed the titles and descriptions for the three Division III convention education sessions. The subcommittee also provided suggestions for possible speakers for the session concerning the use of AI in a Division III athletics department.
5. **Division III Governance Session and Delegates Schedule.** The subcommittee reviewed and discussed the 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 and Business Session agendas.** The subcommittee reviewed and provided its initial approval of the draft agenda for the 2026 Division III Issues Forum and Business session. The subcommittee noted two topics to be added to the updates already listed on the agendas: the work of the Presidents Council Futures Subcommittee and a summary of the resources and programs currently being offered to student-athletes through the national office.
7. **2026 Convention Planning timeline.** The subcommittee reviewed its timeline for the 2026 Convention.
8. **Other business.** There was no other business.
9. **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 and Member Services

NCAA Division III Convention Planning Subcommittee September 8, 2025, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Angela Baumann, Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference. Joe Bednarsh, Yeshiva University. Tony Berich, Stockton University. Corey Borchardt, Upper Midwest Athletic Conference. Donnie Brooks, Macalester College. Carrie Gardner, Christopher Newport University. Doug Lee, Waynesburg University. Milton Moreland, Centre College. Casie Runksmeier, Colby College. Kristofer Schnatz, U. S. Merchant Marine Academy. John Walz, Milwaukee School of Engineering. Kourtney Wilson, Ohio Northern University.	
Absentees:	
Allan Belton, Pacific Lutheran University. Jason Imperati, Lawrence University. 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:	
Bridget Fuller, Whitney Tharp and Kennedy Vaughn (Short's Travel).	