

**REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION III
SPORTSMANSHIP AND GAME ENVIRONMENT WORKING GROUP
JULY 23, 2015, TELECONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. **Review of the Report from May 27-28, 2015, In-person meeting.** The working group reviewed and approved the minutes from its May 27-28, 2015, in-person meeting.
2. **Review and discussion of initial findings from 2015 RESPECT campaign sportsmanship survey.** Ben Brownlee and Jay Jones provided the initial findings and summary report from the 2015 RESPECT Campaign Sportsmanship Survey. It was noted that approximately 39 percent of the survey respondents were Division III administrators. Mr. Brownlee noted that the data breakdown by division should be available for the working group to review sometime in August. Mr. Brownlee also noted that the main focus of the October Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct Committee meeting will be a revamp of the RESPECT Campaign based on the survey results from the membership.
3. **Input from Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee on game environment concerns.** Allie Stevens provided a summary of the July Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) discussion on game environment. The SAAC participated in an activity in which members were given fan behavior scenarios and asked to vote whether the demonstrated scenario was “in bounds” or “out of bounds.” The primary conclusions from this exercise were tri-fold: opinions on appropriate fan behavior were often sports specific, or based on the “culture” of a particular sport; opinions on appropriateness of behaviors were also often gender specific; and, student-athletes are less concerned with what is being said in the crowd than what is occurring on the field or on the court.
4. **Other business.** The working group discussed the potential of having an in-person meeting or video conference prior to the 2016 NCAA Convention, or potentially meeting as a group at Convention. It was agreed that Mr. Jones and Gary Williams would discuss these options further and determine the proper course of action.
5. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m. Eastern time.

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Chair: Gary Williams, Wittenberg University, North Coast Athletic Conference
Staff Liaisons: Jay Jones, Division III Governance
Jess Duff, Division III Governance

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Attendees	Absentees
Erik Bitterbaum, State University of New York at Cortland	Justin Toliver, Rhodes College
Jennifer Jacobs, Augsburg College	
Tracy King, Liberty League	
Chuck Mitrano, Empire 8	
Laura Mooney, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts	
Alli Stevens, Catholic University of America	
Karen Tompson-Wolfe, Westminster College	
Brian Wigley, Shenandoah University	
Gary Williams, Wittenberg University	
Other Participants: Ben Brownlee, NCAA Jess Duff, NCAA Jay Jones, NCAA	