



**REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION III
SPORTSMANSHIP AND GAME ENVIRONMENT WORKING GROUP
MARCH 9, 2017, TELECONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Review summary article from February Disney Institute meeting.** The working group and other participants from the February Disney Institute meeting reviewed the staff article written as a summary of the work completed in Orlando. Because the Disney Institute controlled the agenda of that meeting, this summary article will be used in place of a traditional report to update the governance structure on the progress of the working group.

2. **Discuss and finalize defined service statements for Division III quality standards.** Staff asked working group members and those who attended the February Disney Institute meeting to continue working in small groups in developing two or three service statements for each assigned quality standard. In addition to the service statements, group members also should draft observable, measurable and coachable behaviors for each statement. Groups were asked to share its completed drafts with Jay Jones by the March 20. The draft service statements and corresponding behaviors will serve as the basis of work to be completed at the working group's April meeting.

3. **Discuss June Ambassador Engagement Session in Orlando.** The working group and those participating in the teleconference discussed the format and desired attendance at the June Ambassador Engagement Session to be held June 9-10 in Orlando. The session will be a train-the-trainer style session to share the Division III service standards to be developed during the April meeting in Indianapolis. Fifty (50) individuals will take part in the Ambassador Engagement Session, including a large delegation from the membership in addition to some working group members and NCAA staff.

The working group discussed how to best select the participants from the membership, ultimately deciding to use conference commissioners to nominate one male and one female. The working group felt that commissioners have a good idea of who in their conference is best suited to learn and disseminate the training. By requiring one male and one female to be nominated, it helps the working group ensure greater demographic representation in the final group of ambassadors

4. **Discuss naming of project.** The working group discussed the need to develop a name for the overall sportsmanship project. A potential project name of “Gameday the DIII Way” was discussed. There was no opposition to the name, but the working group stated a desire to continue brainstorming ideas and agreed to submit, and vote on, additional potential project names.

5. **Discuss future teleconference and meeting schedule.** The working group discussed the future 2017 teleconference schedule and meeting schedule. Items of note include in-person meetings in April and June for select members of the group. Those attending April’s meeting should book their travel. There will be no teleconferences in April or June.

6. **Adjournment.** The teleconference adjourned at 2:45 p.m. Eastern time.

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

Attendees:
Tracy King, Liberty League
Julie Kline, University of LaVerne
Jeff Martinez, University of Redlands
Chuck Mitrano, Empire 8
Laura Mooney, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
Candice Murray, North Eastern Athletic Conference
Justin Newell, Kenyon College
Leonard Reich, University of Mount Union
Mike Snyder, Illinois College
Karen Tompson-Wolfe, Westminster College (MO)
Gary Williams, Wittenberg University, chair
Absentees:
Erik Bitterbaum, State University of New York at Cortland
Cedrick Fry, Carthage College
Kayla Porter, Frostburg State University
Brian Wigley, Shenandoah University
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Jay Jones
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Ben Brownlee, Kristin DiBiase and Reed Fogle.