

Program Purpose, Format and Objectives

Purpose

To enhance the effectiveness and engagement of new Division III FARs via:

1. Preparing new FARs to get the most out of the FARA Annual meeting (via completion of pre-work and on-site debriefing activities.)
2. Orienting new FARs to the Division III model of athletics and related national issues.
3. Establishing networks of new and experienced FARs.
4. Creation of individual action plans by new FARs that is based on content addressed at the FARA Annual meeting and individual goals for engagement.

Format

The biannual event is conducted in conjunction with the FARA Annual meeting. Participants complete a series of pre-work modules, and attend a welcome session the evening before the start of the FARA Annual meeting. There are facilitated debrief sessions each day of the FARA Annual meeting, and the program concludes with a workshop on the last day of the Annual meeting.

Objectives

Participants will:

1. Understand and prioritize the duties inherent to the FAR position.
2. Understand the Division III model of athletics.
3. Create an action plan based on concepts learned at the annual meeting.
4. Develop a network of FARs and establish mentor-mentee relationships.
5. Become familiar with the Division III governance and legislative process.
6. Become familiar with important bylaws for FARs, what to do if something goes wrong, and what resources are available to learn the rules.