

ESCYPAA Advisory Call | 1/8/18

In Attendance: Billy, KC, Jenna, Wiggums, Chris, Kristen, Meg, Martial, Mercedes, Jamie, Jon J., Bobby, Andy, Lisa, Braden, Sarah, Courtney, Carolyn, Casey F., Dana

Absent: Maya, Danielle [excused]

Also Present: The Fabulous Rob M. (ESCYPAA V Host)

Meeting called to order at 9:15pm

I. CHAIR REPORTS

a. Rob M. [ESCYPAA V Chair]:

- First official meeting was December 23, where we voted to sign the final hotel contract. We also elected quite a few new service positions and have several to still fill.
- We approved the guidelines going forward, and the Holiday Extravaganza in Albany.
- Next meeting: Saturday, January 13. Looking at a new meeting day and time moving forward.
- The holidays have slowed things down but people have been called to see where assistance is needed. Meeting on a weekly basis get things going.
- Our Area Assembly was this past weekend and we had a presence there. The Trustee was in town and he talked about YPAA, and it was really well received, lots of attendees approached ESCYPAA V members afterwards and asked for more information.

b. Chair [Billy]:

- KC and I have signed the hotel contract and paid the \$550 deposit. Next payment due in July.
- NECYPAA was great; ESCYPAA had a presence there.
- Wrote letter to Host IV [attached]. This letter was posted to Slack (the communication app for ESCYPAA IV); one person responded asking for a meeting with a specific time suggested. There were no responses to that, but there was a second response to the letter which was less than inviting. All future communications will be deferred to the Albany members of Advisory.

c. Co-Chair [KC]:

- Excellent outreach by / communication with Scott R., member at large on host.
- Will not be able to attend ROCYPAA elections. They had asked for help facilitating.
- Banner ad hoc: will email everyone this week to set up a time to discuss.

d. Treasurer [Jenna]

- Hotel deposit was paid (\$550 out of Wells Fargo).
- Advisory has \$5776.86 in the account; Host IV \$11,019.63; ESCYPAA V: \$904
- Crystal (Host Treasurer) sent a spreadsheet showing the number of pre-reg's sold so far. That money has not been deposited (as per Rob). Host has discussed how to properly handle money.
- When I auto-renewed our website we were charged an additional fee, which I got reversed.

e. Secretary [Dana]

- **Motion to approve the minutes from November 27, 2017 [Dana, Bobby]. All in favor.**
- **Motion to approve the minutes from December 4, 2017 [Dana, Bobby]. All in favor.**

- **Motion to approve the minutes from December 11, 2017 [Dana, Bobby]. All in favor.**
- **Motion to approve the minutes from December 16, 2017 [Dana, KC]. All in favor.**
- **Motion to approve the minutes from December 21, 2017 [Dana, Wiggums]. All in favor.**

f. Hotel [John]

- Contract was signed on December 26. Emailed Krysta to ask if there is a code people should use to get reduced rate when they book their rooms.
- Will get info to Host to update their flyer explaining how to book rooms.

g. Outreach [Danielle]

- Next outreach call will be Wednesday, January 24 at 9pm.

h. Archives [Chris]

- I looked at some portfolios and the ones that would fit our needs are pretty expensive. I'm going to get crafty and possibly make one. Everything is safe and dry.

i. Website [Kristen]

- No report

j. Prayer / Unity [Meg]

- Was anyone else screaming with laughter at Bobby seconding all the motions?
- I've been thinking of ways to unify Advisory members since we're all over the place. Idea: record our stories for 5 – 10 minutes and share them with each other.
- I reached out to Will, ESCYPAA V Prayer / Unity Chair about collaboration and to let him know that if they need me, I'm here! Same for this committee.

k. HVYPAA Liaison [Sarah]

- I spoke with members of HVYPAA and got their meeting schedule!
- Having some issues getting added back into the secret HVYPAA Facebook page but where there's a will there's a way (and the HVYPAA website chair is on it).

l. STCYPAA [Braden]

- Went to their Alkathon last weekend. They have a bylaws committee meeting on Wednesday which I will try to attend or will be Skyped into. Getting connected with their committee members.

m. ROCYPAA [Bobby]

- Their elections are January 20 and I'm working out transportation to get there. I'm also planning on getting to their business meetings regularly.

n. NYCYPAA [Carolyn]

- NYCYPAA came up for the Holiday Extravaganza & elections
- They meet on Sundays at 5pm. I've been in touch with several committee members to see what they need. They seem very unified & enthusiastic.

o. SYRYPAA [Andy]

- Syracuse showed up at the Holiday Extravaganza! They're very eager and super excited.

- I've been getting calls about their upcoming elections on Saturday. Agenda: event starts at 5pm; elections at 5:30pm; food and fellowship after; speakers at 8pm.

p. WORCYPAA [Jon J.]

- WORCYPAA is having their elections on Jan. 28th @ 6:30 pm (Sunday) at Naurashaun Presbyterian Church. HVYPAA going to join them and help them facilitate elections.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Accountant Fees? KC, Chris, and Martial will speak to their accountant peeps to get quotes & info.
- i. Maya: I paid a one-time fee of \$1,800 plus a monthly fee of \$20 / month with no hourly rate. I found this to be really helpful for my small business.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Archives Ad Hoc [Wiggums]: I'll send out an email with possible times over the next couple of weeks for a call.
- b. Andy: I will get the bylaws from SYRYPAA and will forward those on to you all before the elections. Who's going to be there? ALBANY ROLLING DEEP. And Billy. And Jon J. And Andy, who will coordinate what we're going to do to help these cats.
- c. Upcoming calls / events:
- ROCYPAA Elections: Saturday, January 20
 - WORCYPAA Elections: Sunday, January 28
 - Next Advisory Call: January 22
 - Outreach Call January 24 @ 9pm
 - KC and I had discussed starting a Bid City Liaison call – information TBD!

Closed with the Responsibility Statement