

ESCYPAA Advisory Call | 2/26/18

General: Billy, KC, Jenna, John M, Danielle, Chris, Meg, Martial, Maya, Mercedes, Jon J, Bobby, Sarah, Andy, Lisa, Braden, Courtney, Casey

Absent: Dana, Kristin, Jamie, Carolyn

Meeting called to order at 9:15pm

I. CHAIR REPORTS

· Chair [Billy]:

- Last Saturday Rob, Crystal and myself went to Citizens Bank to get them onto the account but were unable to do so because of the bank's policy that all signers be present to add joint signers. We should be able to do it this upcoming Saturday after speaking to Jenna's dude in Yonkers.
- Family Feud was also on Saturday; pretty good turnout, really fun event. There were a couple of hang-ups: no suggested donation (money to be brought in by food and drink sales) and no 7th Tradition basket. About \$141 brought in after expenses (specific final amount TBD).
- Rob will be joining us on the next call.

· Co-Chair [KC]:

HOST

- I will be attending the Host meeting on 3/11 to talk to them with Rob about the importance of several aspects of hosting:
 - Budgets and getting them done ASAP
 - Outreach efforts and making the most out of hosting
 - Anything else Rob wants to go over
- Rob and I will be working together to go over whatever he wants. I will only be there in support of him and will not be sharing on behalf of Advisory. More on my experience while hosting.
- Fellowship Feud event was not as successful as they had hoped for - two of the Bid Cities pulled out right before. Rochester was present.
 - Believe they broke even financially but have not received actual numbers
 - Overall, the event was a good time
- Host had 4 members present at NERAASA
- Used our conference call line on Sunday for a Program Sub Committee meeting

STCYPAA

- Had the opportunity to talk with Logan and Gina at NERAASA
 - In good spirits regarding the committee this year
 - Seeing about 15-25 people at Committee meetings
 - Mentioned poor planning in regards to the Masquerade Ball and conflicting with NERAASA - will be working to ensure this doesn't happen again!

NERAASA

- Was so great to see so many of us at the Assembly!
- All of NYS YPAA was well represented at the YPAA Roundtables! Soooo awesome!!
- Some of us shared our experience with getting and keeping Bid Cities well involved in the bidding process
- Also shared on how to get and keep people involved in General Service whole and after bidding

BID CITY LIAISON CALL

- I have the outline finished for the most part
 - Struggling with the hotel requirement due to the changes we made to it last year and it not being up to date in the actual posted requirements
 - Going through audio recordings and minutes to find the actual wording of the motion that changed the room block requirements

BANNER AD HOC

- Spoke with Bobby about some of this at NERAASA
 - He has some great ideas about how to get the Bid Cities involved in the creation of the Statewide Banner!
 - Will start the call up again as soon as the Bid City Liaison Call is off the ground

Treasurer [Jenna]:

- Wells Fargo: a little over \$2700; ESCYPAA IV Citizens Bank: around \$8200; Advisory: little less than \$6000; Buffalo: \$1030.44 + a little less than \$2500 in their Summit account (a motion was made to give all of Buffypaa's money to Host, so they've been using that account)
- I have updated the treasury report spreadsheet, it looks a little crazy with money moving around accounts but it is because of disbursements.
- I uploaded the disbursement amounts into the Advisory Google Drive.
- Checks and letters have been sent out! YIPPEE!! Still waiting for address of District #2.
- Crystal and Rob are NOT on the account yet.

Secretary [Dana, read by Meg]:

- Snaps to everyone who sent me a report.
- I have not received any more contact lists from the bid cities.
- I attended NERAASA, and it was great. Lots of discussion about YPAA, including a one-on-one I had with a past delegate who told me I had "sold him" on the idea of YPAA and he will check out a convention and that I'm his new friend (which included getting a super awkward hug later that day, awesome).
- During the YPAA roundtable at NERAASA someone from NENYYPAA asked why they don't have an Advisory liaison, so I'd like to discuss adding both a NENYYPAA and a LICYPAA liaison to our roster, maybe on the next call.
- Having a prayer partner has been awesome (hi Courtney!).
- **Motion to approve the Advisory minutes from February 12, 2018 [Meg, KC]. All in favor.**

Hotel [John M.]:

- I reached out to Logan (STYCYPA), Jason (HVYPAA), and Daniel (SYRYPA), and heard back from Jason and Logan.
- HVYPAA: Jason has reached out to the Villa Roma and a couple of other Hotels, he is waiting for an updated contract from the Villa Roma and will be sending that to me when he receives it.
- STCYPA: Logan has spoken to the Double Tree and the Holiday Inn. The Holiday Inn is open for negotiations and he will be paying them a visit soon. The Double Tree (or at least the sales manager that he has the contact info for) is not open for negotiations, they sent a proposal 2 years ago with a \$169 room rate and he asked for an updated one and the sales manager basically told him that that was the rate that they were willing to give us. I suggested that he attempt to get in contact with another sales manager who is more willing to negotiate. He has also gone through most of Hotels 101, and we are going to be talking about that in the next

week or so. We spent a bunch of time together at NERAASA, so we were able to chat about a few other ideas that he had.

- Host: Program (Jess) had asked in Slack for a map of the conference space so they can come up with mapping for the programming. I reached out to Krysta and passed that on to John K. (Host Hotel Chair) and he posted it in the discussion thread.
- Other: KC is working on the outline for the Bid City Liaison call, and was trying to come up with the language that we passed for the room night portion of the requirement. Jon was able to track down the email thread that we discussed it in, and I sent her the pertinent recordings so that she can find the exact language. If anyone has the minutes from the call that we passed it, that would be greatly appreciated so she doesn't have to go through 2 or 3 hours of recordings.

· **Outreach [Danielle]:**

- I attended the HVYPAA and STCYPAA Dances since the last call. I sent out reminders to all of the Outreach Chairs about the upcoming call this week.
- Several of the committees seem to be having difficulty with outreach and getting members on board to travel to events. Also there is another conflicting date (STCYPAA and LICYPAA) for events in March. I am not sure if this is a lack of communication between the committee events and outreach chairs or what the problem is. I was wondering if I should have a separate call for all of the events chairs? Or if I should have an integrated call where events chairs are present?
- There are a lot of committees now and I know that date conflicts cannot always be avoided so I am not sure how we can minimize the amount of conflicting events between committees...any thoughts...hit me up... definitely open to suggestion?
- At the request of several of you I was looking into the midyear being in Lake Placid... I am in contact with someone from up there (thanks Martial!) And will be discussing some things with her further this week to see if that would perhaps be a good location for this year's midyear.... As always any suggestions are appreciated...and any ideas for what type of event we should do??? Let me know.

· **Archives [Chris]:**

- Everything is safe and dry; I spoke to Meg briefly about creating some kind of portfolio case. I should have an update on the next call about that and other options if that doesn't work out!

· **Website [Kristin]:**

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· **Prayer / Unity [Meg]:**

- Dana spoke on the first step and that was sent out; I emailed out a schedule of everyone who wanted to participate in that. Andy is next and will speak on Step 2!
- I set up prayer and unity partners and hope everyone is doing that. They'll be switched tonight, but that doesn't mean you can't talk to your previous partner or other people on Advisory!
- As always, reach out to me if you want to chat.

· **HVYPAA Liaison [Sarahahaha]:**

- I attended the HVYPAA Valentine's Dance with a bunch of Albany peeps. It was well attended despite the snow storm, including lots of members of Advisory.

- I got a list of updated positions on the committee – they have a lot of positions and only 12 people covering the positions. I'm going to talk to them and see if there are only 12 people on the committee, or only 12 people willing to hold positions.
- I was planning to go to their business meeting tomorrow, but I can't make it so I'll hit the next one on Tuesday, March 13.
- I love the prayer partners (thanks Meg!) and I love you all!

· **STCYPAA [Braden]:**

- I've been in lots of contact with the committee and they report that all is going really well.
- Going to sit down with Binghamton before midyear event to go over bid requirements and keep my line open for questions.
- The Masquerade Ball happened the weekend of NERAASA. I'm not sure how it went but I'll know soon. I will put their events chair in contact with other committees to avoid conflicts.
- STCYPAA recently picked up a commitment at a local rehab and they're doing Area service.

· **ROCYPAA [Bobby]:**

- Got in touch with Stephen (ROCYPAA Chair) and we'll get on the phone tomorrow to discuss bid requirements and see how I can be helpful. I'll get an updated contact list from the committee.
- NERAASA was awesome; super excited to see so many Advisory members and host committee members.
- We're past the time we had to wait to put the ESCYPAA IV speaker tapes on the website so we can do that!

· **NYCYPAA [Carolyn]:**

- *Absent, nothing to report.*
- [from Danielle]: Boat Cruise will be July 14!

· **SYRYPAA [Andy]:**

- Their first event is going to be indoor ice skating with pizza and 2 speakers on March 31 from 2-6pm at Sunny Crest rink. It'll be 10\$ presale and 15\$ at the door which includes skating, rentals, food and one free hot cocoa.
- Meetings are the second and third Monday at 6 pm before Young at Heart. They did move their meeting to the fourth Sunday this month because some people couldn't make it.
- They are setting up treatment meetings now. Everything else is going good!

· **WORCYPAA [Jon J.]:**

- I have spoken to Jessica multiple times over the last couple weeks. It's been fantastic getting to hear about WORCYPAA and the excitement it's invoking in her. She has informed me that the last meeting went super well and that a few members are going to be attending the Rockland County Intergroup soon. She is extremely excited about the direction WORCYPAA is headed in. I also reached out to Charles last week who is their events chair. He is really excited and he has asked me a bunch of questions about events.
- I am going to be forwarding the contact list the Jessica also sent me. She said she's attending ICYPAA as well and she will be reaching out shortly to ask questions about hosting events and outreach tactics.
- I attended NERAASA the Hudson Valley Valentines Dance. NERAASA was amazing. I sat down with a DCM from Area 50 who was asking questions about YPAA and its conventions, it was

incredible. I told him all about ICYPAA, regional conventions, state conventions, and what Advisory is. I also exchanged info with him and gave him Rob Morrow's number.

- Going to be outreaching the \$#!T out of ESCYPAA at IREYPAA next week!

II. OLD BUSINESS

- a. None.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Bid City Liaisons: *[Section 2.5.5 in Advisory bylaws read to respond to topic of NENYYPAA and LICYPAA liaisons]*
 - Discussion: Why add these positions if committees aren't bidding, or if these committees have members of Advisory who are active on those committees? It could increase unity, improve communication to avoid conflicting events like the Keeping It Green Dance. Someone from the committee asked why they don't have a liaison. Those committees can definitely be on the outreach calls and in other communications.
- b. Billy: I will reach out to GSO and Jeff again about the Albany Ambassador award.

Prayed it out @ 10:30pm

Next Advisory Call: Monday, March 12 @ 9:15pm

LICYPAA Keeping It Green Dance: Saturday, March 17