

ESCYPAA Advisory Minutes 9/11/17

Attendance: Billy, Jenna, Jamie, Jon J, John M, Kristin, Maya, Martial, Chris,
Alternates: Andy, Lisa, Courtney, Casey F; Mercedes;
Host: Andy B, Tori

Absent: KC H (excused), Danielle,

Reports

Tori: Host Report:

Camp out pre reg picking up. We have paid off campground already. All money from now on will be profit. Agreed to cohost rocypaa campout and nycypaa castle party. Planning Halloween dance. No venue yet. Outreach going well. Ordered more long sleeve tshirts for campout. Had an Area Day. Unity Event this past weekend. Reaching out to bid committees to help us to involve them. We met attrition number for room block and increased room block and have almost filled the hotel minus 40 rooms the hotel can't offer us. Looking into overflow hotels.

Martial how many room nights sold ?

Jon J: 245 room nights total. 23 past attrition.

Martial: How many Doubles and singles left? Tori and Andy don't know how many doubles or singles.

Host to call hotel for more detailed info.

How many booked rooms so far? Hotel still has capacity. Host to find out inventory and break down of number of doubles and single rooms.

Martial: Any paperwork from the hotel that says they added the room nights. Verbal or written agreement?

Tori: Nothing in writing-not a committee decision at this time.

Chair: Billy

Conversed with Chair of ROCYPAA on service and attempts to increase participation and excitement about bidding. Spoke with Ariel from Ithaca; he is having trouble wrangling up continued support for a bid. Spoke with several members of STCYPAA and they are toying with the idea of including a campout proposal in their bid. I let them know that as long as they have two contracts per the requirements they are welcome to bring such a proposal. Spoke with Area 47 Delegate on what our bid requirements are and he mentioned that both bids from within Area 47 have requested letters. Pending any concerns from the Area he will be supplying those.

Co-Chair: KC

Excused. No report.

Secretary: Jamie C.

Nothing to report.

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Treasurer: Jenna N.

9/11/17	WF Host 1 Account 6793	ESCYPAA 4	\$3,405.34	9/11/17	CB Host 1 Account 8083	ESCYPAA 4	\$12,614.68	ESCYPAA 4 Total	\$16,020.02
	WF Host 2 Account 1429	ESCYPAA 3	\$1,606.80		CB Host 2 Account 7990	ESCYPAA 5	\$98.00		
	WF Main Account 1486	Advisory	\$4,892.23		CB Main Account 8075	Advisory	\$224.00	Advisory Total	\$5,116.23
	WF Total		\$9,904.37		CB Total		\$12,936.68	WF Total & CB Total	\$22,841.05

Suffolk Intergroup or General Service has an outstanding check. Group is having treasurer issues. Check is no good anymore after 6 months. Check is like \$850. Jenna to contact Suffolk to discuss un-cashed check.

Hotel Chair: Jon J.

Buffalo bid- haven't heard anything from Rob since our last call. He informs me that things are moving forward with the Adams mark and millennium hotel. He also said they have found another hotel with competitive pricing.

Rocypaa- Matt and I have both spoken with Jason from the radisson hotel and the proposal looks fantastic. Ballroom price is 4,900. May be negotiable because we don't have a food and beverage minimum. We are allowed to brew our own coffee anywhere in the hotel. 200 room nights with 80% attrition. Cut off date is 48 hours before convention. Unlimited 6 and 8' tables with chairs. Rooms are 116\$/night. That's negotiable it seems like. Waiting on Proposal from the Hyatt.

Stcypaa- holiday inn has not been responsive. Logan has reached out multiple times and they don't seem to want to do business. He had the idea of trying to host it as a campout. Camp ground could possible host that many people. Very few cabins available. I encourage him to get more info but hosting it as a campout would pose many challenges but certainly not out of the question. Double tree has been responsive and has incredible pricing however they only have 177 rooms available. Trying to sort that out. Radisson in Corning is also an option and will have a conference call with them this week. They don't seem to have enough space in grand ballroom but will find out more info this week. They're struggling to find a place to host. I'm spending a lot of time with them to keep the momentum going. Don't want to see them die out.

Nycypaa- they are on fire right now. Will and dean have been owning shit. We are having at least 1 conversation a week with the BROOKLYN Marriott and grand Hyatt in Manhattan. We have 9,000\$ ballroom price, 199\$/night, 80% attrition, 21 day cut off date at the grand Hyatt. At the Brooklyn Marriott we have 14,000\$ ballroom price. 199\$/night with 80% attrition, unclear on cut off date. Some of this may change because of our recent conference call this week. We are negotiating ballroom price, room rate and coffee prices being 109\$/gallon.

Host - 245 room nights booked. Added 75 room nights on Friday and Saturday. Host met attrition.

Outreach Chair: Kristin

Attended the Unity event in Albany. The outreach chair was not there but I had been in contact with him often. Didn't get a chance to talk about what archives has going on. myself and Kelly had a conference call a few weeks back, there was discussion of doing a yearbook of some sort. There wasn't any one else on that call as expected so

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I am not sure where Kelly left that with her committee. Outreach call: Did an outreach call two weeks ago 8/30 Attendance:

Kyle - HOST Gina - Stcypaa Alex Davis - Rocypaa

Gina: Speaker Jam was cancelled due to scheduling with Rocypaa. Their group will be attending the Rocypaa campout. Excited about Castle. Attended PENSYCPAA. Turnout for their first campout was 50 ppl.

Kyle: All over the place, HVYPAA campout, PENSYPAA, ICYPAA

Talked a lot of registrations and merch being sold during outreach.

Rocypaa - Campout 9/22 9/24 Registration opens at 3pm. Friday

Census of group on calls being every two weeks vs once a month:

Gina - Every two weeks -

Logan - Every two weeks -

Kyle - Every two weeks -

Alex Davis - Every two weeks -

Group discussion:

Discussed having their committee members book rooms and make sure they are registered. Using a time slot during their business meetings to do a check in with members to get the room block full.

Next outreach call is Wed 9/13 at 9:15pm. Need someone to lead the outreach call. Mercedes volunteers as tribute!

Website: Mercedes

Nothing to report

Archives: Kristin F.

Safe and dry.

Prayer and Unity: Maya GP

Went to the unity day with host this past Sunday and things went well! We did team building exercises and games. Next Monday I would like to hold an inventory call on Inventory call Monday 9/18 at 9:15pm.

Buffalo Bid City Liaison – Lisa C.

No report tonight. Roman and Jessica are responsive. I've tried to get a contact list for the committee and had no luck getting it.

Billy: Reminds committee to be mindful of discussions with bid committees that may imply or hint that the bid for ESCYPAA 5 has already been determined.

John: Nick says there was some difficulty getting intergroup to support them as an outside enterprise. John dug up Bill W's letter regarding ICYPAA from the past. John told them to communicate to the Intergroup of the effects of the lack of support.

WORCPAA Bid Liaison Martial

No report received. Not sure if they are bidding

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NYCYPAA Bid Liaison Casey F

Brooklyn Marriot negotiations

Grand Hyatt negotiations phone call on Wednesday

Castle party 10/13-10/14

Service workshop Sept 23rd- wants 2 advisory members to talk about going from ypaa service to general service. At midnight meeting location- at 1:30pm-4pm. Topic of the workshop is still being determined.

Expanding room night convo

HVYPAA Bid Liaison – Danielle H

No report received. Planning to cohost event with district 3 and castle party.

STCYPAA Bid Liaison – Andy C

No report received. Thinking of cohosting castle party.

ROCYPAA Bid Liaison John M.

Just got off the phone with Matt, had a good long conversation with him. He is plugging along and working on checking stuff off the list.

Hotels: He has his second proposal from the Radison and is waiting to get a proposal from the Hyatt, hoping to get that in the next day or 2. Went over the need for Contracts, not proposals, so once he has the both of those, he will be sending them to Jon J. and start working on getting workable contracts from both hotels.

Area: Their Delegate has written the letter of support, and will be sending it to him in the next day or 2.

Event Calendar: He has the 2018 Area calendar of events so he can include that in the bid, as well as he is going to call the chamber of commerce to find out if there are any large scale festivals in Rochester in the time of year that he is looking at. He also talked to the delegate about events in the August-October time frame, and he let him know that besides for some picnics and such, there aren't that many big things going on in the Rochester area.

Insurance Policy: He is going to take care of that this week.

Intergroup: He is going to start talking to them in the next week or two to get a letter of support from them.

Also, he is still struggling to get people on the committee to help with the bid, but did get another member to come to the Hyatt with him for the initial meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Hotel Room Night Requirements

Tabled motion from 8/28/17: John M. Makes a motion to change bid requirement number 7 room night commitment is based upon the size of the bidding city market not to exceed 500 room nights and contact advisory hotel chair to find out what the best size contract is for your area. Seconded by Casey F

Discussion

Maya: What I had previously said was not to ask a committee to base room nights or what hotel places can provide not base their bidding contract on that specifically because my example is escypaa in Atlanta was poorly attended for whatever reasons. STCYPAA has some bid facility issues to find a location. They come with a lot of people. Let the committee make the decision on how many they expect to attend a convention not based on there geographic area. should be minimum and maximum number and bid committee should decide there number of room nights.

Martial: Asks to reread motion discussion 8/28/17 mtg. Read minutes. Go according to the market. Us as advisory have 4 years of experience on advisory and we have people across the whole state and would be up to us and work with them through the year to know where they should and should not be. Not a number set on room nights anymore. I've had contracts in many areas of the state they are all different numbers. Geography plays a major part in it. We should not set a number on it anymore and let it be up to the market in the geographic area. Advisory needs to be knowledgeable about these issues as well when deciding where it should go.

Convention is growing every year. First 5 years we are learning and the convention is getting bigger each year. Putting a number on it we may have to revisit in a few years again. Choosing escypaa 5 we know what the state look like now.

Chris: Take the number off completely. Reiterate liaisons should discuss more about the room nights for contracts.

John M: agree with martial. Better communication with the bids and closer contact throughout the year so we don't run into issues with hotel chairs and finding out what's up with the bid. I would like to amend the motion to remove the number of room nights.

Amended motion:

John M. Makes a motion to change bid requirement number 7 room night commitment is based upon the size of the bidding city market; Contact advisory hotel chair to find out what the best size contract is for your area.

Seconded by Chris.

Discussion

Maya: I would like to see the bid city liaisons to be part of the motion.

Casey: add bid city liaisons to it.

Vote: Amended Motion Carries.

Discussion:

Chris: Can we do a friendly amendment to add bid city liaison or do we need to go through the entire process. No opposition. Accepted friendly amendment to add bid city liaisons.

New motion: Final version.

John M. Makes a motion to change bid requirement number 7 room night commitment is based upon the size of the bidding city market; Contact advisory hotel chair and your committee's bid city liaison to find out what the best size contract is for your area.

Seconded by Chris.

Vote: Unanimous. 10 in favor Motion carries

Business Research- Martial/Jenna

No update.

Banner Ad Hoc- Tabled

On discrimination Policy-Tabled

NEW BUSINESS:

HVYPAA.

Martial: Was there an issue with the HVYPAA Chair telling members to act a certain way in front of Advisory? Was there a discussion about that?

Jamie: I will reread KC H.'s report from 8/28/17 because she had a discussion with Ari(Co-Chair HVYPAA). Read KC's report from 8/28/17.

Jamie: Martial what were you looking for about this discussion?

Martial: Just peoples' feelings about it

Danielle: Issues with the Chair positions and leadership. I talked to specific members throughout the year but were not good when it came down to talking about it and no one talked about anything with us. I offered help, I suggested an inventory.

Jamie: I think there are issues on the committee with members in chair positions and then other members undermining them. It's like there is formal and informal leadership. Some lack of experience.

Andy: We know there are unity issues and the committee is going to go through their process whatever it may be.

Martial: I know elections are coming up. This is not an issue that should be put on hold. The Chair told the committee to act like everything was okay in front of advisory.

John M: Other committee members did not speak up and change.

Martial: They are missing the point of the convention but that should even be put aside right now. If that committee is easily manipulated, this can be really detrimental to individuals' recovery and turn people off from attending. Service committees can save people's lives and we can't have a committee that could be killing people because they don't stay.

Discussion summary and Action Items:

- Why is HVYPAA putting on a show and acting like everything is okay?
- Help HVYPAA members know that individual opinions are very important!
- Call HVYPAA members and report back in two weeks on the next call.

Our next call is September 25th 2017 at 9:15 PM.

Motion to close. 11:05pm

Respectfully submitted: 9/11/17

Jamie C.

ESCYPAA Advisory Secretary.