

# ESCYPAA Advisory Call | 6/4/18

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*Present: Billy, KC, Jenna, Dana, John M., Danielle, Chris, Kristin, Meg, Jon J., Bobby, Lisa, Courtney, Sarah, Braden, Martial, Andy, Carolyn*  
*Absent: Maya [excused], Mercedes [excused], Jamie, Casey*

**Meeting called to order at 9:20pm**

## **I. CHAIR REPORTS**

### **Chair [Billy]:**

- Crystal (Host Treasurer) is set up with online banking and made a large deposit into the account.
- Area 47 Delegate report back was well attended, despite ROCYPAA and STCYPAA having events on that same day.
- Area event in Binghamton this Sunday and I hope to see STCYPAA there.
- Our next call is next Monday, June 11 as this week is a makeup call for last week.
- The Midyear event is coming up on June 16.
- **Bid City Liaison call will be June 19 at 9:15pm**, and calls will be on the third Tuesdays of every month.

### **Co-Chair [KC]:**

- Host:
  - i. About 40 pre-regs at EACYPAA
  - ii. Brought in about \$1,000 in merch and pre-reg
  - iii. Still haven't seen budgets; Merchandise and Program are the only ones submitted so far. I will be reaching out to Rob M. about this.
  - iv. I spoke to Lior on Host about our 501(c)(3) status and tax exempt forms for merchandise.
- Bid City Liaison Calls:
  - i. First call was GREAT
  - ii. Discussed the first two bid requirements
  - iii. Lots of talk about 'midyear slump' (January - March) and how to avoid it through accountability with ourselves and with the other committees, not waiting until we're asked to come to things.
  - iv. Everyone is invited to be on the next call on June 19! If you want the outline for the call let Billy or myself know.

### **Treasurer [Jenna]:**

5/28/18	CB Host 1 Account 8083	ESCYPAA 4	\$1,842.10
	CB Host 2 Account 7990	ESCYPAA 5	\$4,667.64
	CB Main Account 8075	Advisory	\$6,608.24
	CB Total		\$13,117.98

- Crystal transferred the Host funds from the Summit account to the ESCYPAA 5 account.
- Ordered checks and received them, it was \$30.95 out of the allotted \$35 budget.
- 12/15 checks have been cashed, outstanding checks are NO longer valid because they are outstanding for over 90 days. Need to send new checks to NENYYPAA, District 2, and District 14.

- I did not receive any other questions regarding the budget, so I would like this to go to a vote tonight. The proper budget document is attached to the email and it is in the treasury Google Drive. PLEASE make sure the document dated 5.14.18 is the one voted on! (It is the budget with the \*\*\* in the beginning.)
- I will not be at the Midyear event.
- I spoke to Jess B. (Host Program Chair) about the programming budget and travel expenses.
- **Motion to approve the Treasurer's report [John M., KC]. All in favor.**

#### **Secretary [Dana]:**

- EACYPAA was amazing; lots of ESCYPAA representation. I spoke to several members of host separately who each expressed the shared concern that not everyone is outreaching or supporting ESCY 5 as hard as they could be, and that those who are may burn out.
- I uploaded the ROCYPAA contact list to the Google Drive (thanks Bobby!).
- This is my first real Secretary service position, so if there are every any issues, questions, or concerns from you all - PLEASE let me know directly so that I can correct them and learn from it.
- **Motion to approve the corrected Advisory minutes from May 7, 2018 [Dana, John M.]. All in favor.**

#### **Hotel [John M.]:**

- Host: Krysta (our sales rep) has taken a position at a Hilton in Ohio, so there is a new Sales Rep (Colleen Willis) that I will be dealing with going forward. She is going to continue giving me monthly updates on the room block.
- **As of June 1: 13 room nights booked on Friday // 14 booked on Saturday**
- The Addendum will be signed and attached to our contract soon. I have attached what KC and Billy signed. There is a potential charge (\$100.00) for people taking food/coffee out of the hospitality room. I verified (in writing) that this is a single charge, not a per instance, so at most, this would increase the master bill by \$100. It also explicitly mentions brewing our own coffee, as the first draft did not. I asked for that to be put in, as I could see that being an issue with the weekend staff, as they do not usually allow that at all, so having it in writing will make it so there is no question.
- HVYPAA: I talked with Jason this week, no new developments, he is still in the process of negotiating with Honors Haven at the moment.
- NYCYPAA: No new developments, as, according to Will, they have been focusing on getting back on their feet with the change in leadership lately.
- STYYPAA: Had a nice long chat with Logan on Tuesday. The Holiday Inn in Binghamton is working on a proposal to send over (one for each of the first 2 weekends in November [both are within our range of dates]) with a room rate of \$109. The Radisson in Corning is also going to be sending him a proposal soon, the room rates there are going to be \$99.
- ROCYPAA: I am trying to track down who is taking care of hotels, as the position is open at the moment. I reached out to Matt M. (co-chair) and he is not sure, as he has a prior commitment when the bid sub-committee meets, but Steve and Kayleigh that are heading that up. He is going to be at EACYPAA this weekend, so I am going to meet up with him and get their contact info, etc.
- No updates from SYYPAA. I have still not been able to get ahold of Daniel.
- WORYPAA: I was messaging with Jess, and she informed me that they are definitely going to bid after the conversation that they all had with Jon at EACYPAA. She gave my number to Vince, a member who is interested in standing for the bid/hotel chair position (at their meeting on 6/3). We talked yesterday for about an hour, and I went over what constitutes a good hotel contract, how to negotiate, what bids are about, and a whole bunch of other stuff. I sent him the most up to date bid

requirements I have (do we have a more up to date one than the one that explicitly mentions the 200 room nights?), ICYPAA's Hotels 101, and the negotiations checklist that Jon assembled last year. He is really stoked to get going, and he is going to reach out to the Hotel Chair for SENY to get contact info at the Marriott in Tarrytown (where the SENY Convention is held every year), another Marriott in Rockland County, and a Hampton Inn and Suites in Orange County (right around the corner from where he lives).

#### **Outreach [Danielle H.]:**

- The Outreach call this week was pretty light; thanks Carolyn for jumping on. Nico is the new Outreach Chair for WORCYPAA; he's super stoked.
- ROCYPAA has an event July 7 from noon to dusk; SYRYPAA has a Recovery Movie speaker and food event July 21 from 1 - 6pm.
- The church called me about the Midyear event. I'll call them back tomorrow.
- Jenna reached out to me about handling money for the Midyear so she and I will work that out.
- I was concerned about unity based on back what I heard about EACYPAA; I heard that some members of host asked bid cities not to have outreach tables at EACYPAA to keep the focus on the convention. One committee didn't bring fliers or sell anything as per the request, another committee didn't appreciate that. Looking for input from this group about this. Billy will ask Rob M. (Host Chair) about this.
- I'll update the list of upcoming events; if anyone needs it please let me know.
- **Our next Outreach call is June 27 at 9pm.**

#### **Archives [Chris]:**

- I can't locate speaker discs for ESCYPAA 2 or 3 in the archives. If anyone has them, or knows anyone who has them, please let me know who I can to start the process of getting a copy into the archives.
- I'll be annoying some of you in the next few months to get your opinions on the best / simplest way to set up a live sign in sheet for the Archives room at ESCYPAA 5.
- I still haven't made any moves on a storage bag for the larger items. I'll do more research and make a motion at our next meeting regarding purchase cost.

#### **Website [Kristin]:**

- Nothing to report.

#### **Prayer / Unity [Meg]:**

- I will be posting / emailing host and Advisory new prayer partners after our call tonight.

#### **HVYPAA Liaison [Sarah]:**

- HVYPAA had an outreach table at EACYPAA: they sold 12 tee shirts and 2 bonfire pre-regs.
- They'll be doing service at the Area Joy of Service Day this Saturday, June 9 in Hudson.

#### **STCYPAA [Braden]:**

- STCYPAA is doing well with getting things done just added a bid packet chair to bylaws, has 911\$ in bank, and is going forward with event even as the events chair recently stepped down. They have Russ stepping in temporarily and shouldn't be slowed down. They've been presenting one tradition at all of their meetings to get people interested in getting service sponsors and moving past just the steps which is awesome :)! They're also getting a group of them to go to NY north Al Anon

convention which would be awesome for getting more unified with Al Anon. And finally they started an ad hoc for Sober Fest 2019 which I brought up in previous Advisory calls.

**ROCYPAA [Bobby]:**

- Saw several ROCYPAA members at EACYPAA; they had hit a bit of a slump but appear to be getting more excited recently.

**NYCYPAA [Carolyn]:**

- Focusing on Unity Day / Boat Cruise! Ticket sales going well.
- Cereal night dinner / sleepover (cohosted with NJ Host for EACYPAA) on June 16.

**SYRYPAA [Andy]:**

- SYRYPAA event July 21: Recovery Movie and food. Flier forthcoming.
- They've been communicating well through the group chat and meet next week.

**WORCYPAA [Jon J.]:**

- I set a couple hours aside to meet with WORCYPAA and it was beyond awesome. There were about 12 members there from the committee. CB and Sofia (past EACYPAA host members) were there and are members of the committee. I talked to them about the bidding process, starting a committee, business meetings, and hosting a convention. They were on the fence about bidding because they didn't know if they were ready to. I shared my experience with fear of bidding and they identified theirs, I believe they'll be putting in a bid but they have a committee meeting and will be discussing it. They are currently working on their bylaws. They have a solid meeting place. They all UNANIMOUSLY agreed that their unity has never been better. They have a great relationship with SENY 49, have regular contact with the area chair (Jane), area alternate delegate (Manny) and delegate (John W.), and have broken through into the Orange County service structure. We spoke extensively about struggles and successes and they're doing really well. I'm particularly excited about the unity and the incredible relationship with their area general service structure. They also attended the area 49 spiritual breakfast and another event hosted by the area that I can't think of. The meeting went really well. Thanks for letting me serve.
- I've had a few more conversations with WORCYPAA members, I'm actually really excited about how my relationship with them is going. I've spoken to Jessica, Sofia, Nico, and Charles. They've all talked to me about the difference between service committees and a bid committees. I shared my experience in that the service committee will shift into being a bid committee while still fulfilling all functions of the service committee, just with the added intent on bidding. Jessica sent out an email to myself and the committee pointing out the Advisory Mid Year Event, Boat Cruise, Luau, and meeting to complete bylaws. Last Sunday they unanimously voted to bid for ESCYPAA VI!!! I'm excited!! Vince wants to stand for Hotel chair, and Wiggums has already been in contact with him to which he passed valuable hotel info, which is mentioned in his report. They are co hosting the LICYPAA Luau. Finishing bylaws soon. I'm also being added to their committee Whatsapp account to stay current on committee info. Thanks for letting me serve.

**LICYPAA [Casey F.]:**

- *Absent; no report*

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

- 501(c)(3) status coming soon. Woot.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

- **Motion to pass the ESCYPAA Budget dated May 14, 2018 [Jenna, John M.]. All in favor!!!!**

*Prayed it out @ 10:35pm*

**Upcoming Advisory Stuff:**

Next Advisory Call: Monday, June 11 @ 9:15pm  
Bid City Liaison Call: Tuesday, June 19 @ 9:15pm  
Outreach Call: Wednesday, June 27 @ 9pm  
Midyear Event: June 16 in Utica