

ESCYPAA Advisory Call | 9/10/18

Present: Billy, KC, Jenna, Dana, John M., Danielle, Chris, Kristin, Martial, Jamie, Jon J., Bobby, Andy, Lisa, Courtney, Carolyn, Casey F., Sarah, Mercedes

Absent:

Also Present: Rob M. [Host Chair]

Meeting called to order at 9:20pm

I. CHAIR REPORTS

Host Chair [Rob]:

- We had a bunch of people at ICYPAA; brought in about \$700.
- We've been meeting weekly as the convention gets closer; 39 days until ESCYPAA V!
- Program is being squared away; the printed version is being finalized; final merchandise designs will be sent off this week to be printed.
- Issues: Some discrepancies with registrations but we're making straightening that out a priority.
- Hotel issues: the Friday night room block filled up so people couldn't book online, but were able to book over the phone. I called the hotel a couple times today and didn't hear back, but the website is working again. I'm not sure how many rooms they've opened up on the block.
- Toronto event with TOYPAA on September 22! Simple cookout / fellowship day to get more people interested in coming down to ESCYPAA.
- All our speakers are finalized! All panelists have been selected, just waiting on a few confirmations. Alternative entertainment all being finalized. Everything is set with the deejay (flight booked and deposit paid). Nick is finalizing the AV contract and we will be putting down a deposit, which he's still negotiating. That should be done this week as well.
- We're trucking along and things are getting done!
- Received the HVYPAA Bonfire check last weekend. This and the money brought in from ICYPAA was not reflected in the spreadsheets sent out last week.
- Archives question: plans to get an Archives Chair before the convention? Nadav, the program chair, has been coordinating that and is the person to talk to about that.

Chair [Billy]:

- Attended lively Outreach Call, thanks Danielle!
- Attended ICYPAA, NYS was very well represented!
- Martial received and forwarded several documents for completion and filing to start process to receive tax-exemption forms for purchases. Jenna is signing and mailing, then I will sign and mail to Alyssa as she needs originals.
- Have spoken to members from each bid concerning any questions on the process and reminding that we are here to serve.
- Reached out to Jess regarding election and Advisory panel proposed.
 - Elections will likely start around 2:00pm on Friday (Host > Advisory), subject to change and feedback is welcomed and encouraged.
 - Per our bylaws (3.2 Council Meetings), the first 30 minutes of our Saturday convention meeting will be open to attendees for suggestions and feedback, to be discussed at a

later time by Advisory. I am leaning towards this happening immediately after the bid sessions in the same location as the bids. Feedback is again welcomed and encouraged!

I am looking forward to joining you all in Binghamton for our inventory.

Co-Chair [KC]:

HOST

- Hotel Update:
 - Complaint on Facebook regarding booking rooms on Friday
 - Was able to work with John on updating the block for Friday night due to it being filled - WOOT!!
 - Rooms were added to the Friday night block
 - Available on website on Monday
- Conversation with Rich regarding attrition and why the block was closed for Friday
- Event in Toronto in 9/22
- Program is working on readers and moderators
- Been able to help them on Facebook in answering some peoples' questions in a timely manner

BID CITY LIAISON CALL

- Next call: 9/18 at 9:15pm
- Please try to be on if you're a Bid City Liaison!!!!
- Please ensure that you know where your Bid City is with the requirements and what needs to be completed still

BANNER AD HOC

- Tabled until next year

Treasurer [Jenna]:

9/10/18	CB Host 1 Account 8083	ESCYPAA 4	\$1,176.10
	CB Host 2 Account 7990	ESCYPAA 5	\$8,600.34
	CB Main Account 8075	Advisory	\$5,838.99
	CB Total		\$15,615.43

- I'm having some issues with Dropbox so I've been working out of my personal Google Drive.
- The PO Box is up for renewal and due by the 15th for a cost of \$112.00, and I'll renew that.
- I will be bringing ALL treasury materials to the convention in order to write checks and pass on the appropriate materials.
- Still waiting for the District 2 check to be cashed.
- **Motion to accept the Treasurer's report [Dana, Bobby]. All in favor.**

Secretary [Dana]:

- As a new Advisory member, I only have a vague idea of what we do at the convention. If we could get a rough sketch of the weekend (not on this call, but emailed out before the convention) that would be super duper helpful!
 - Billy: Agenda will be set and emailed out about two weeks prior to the convention. Overview:
 - Friday: Host > Advisory elections on Friday; we receive all the bid packets on Friday as the bid cities arrive (to review after the meeting so we're prepared with questions on Saturday morning);
 - Saturday: Get started with bids around 9am - noon; Advisory forum for any interested attendees; meetings all day (Advisory elections, Advisory business meeting, site selections); Saturday night main meeting; meet with the new host committee and the other bid

- committees after the main meeting; sleep;
- Sunday: brief wrap-up meeting with host Sunday morning; crying throughout.
- I've gotten some requests for help with Dropbox; if you still have questions or can't access it, please let me know!
- I'm feeling really burned out and wanted to voice that instead of letting it grow in the dark. Super thanks to my rad prayer / "whatever" partner and to Bobby for setting those up.
- **Motion to approve the Advisory minutes from August 27, 2018 [Dana, John M.]. All in favor.**

Hotel [John M.]:

- **HOST**
As you all are aware, we hit the 75 room mark for Friday which is our block for Friday (125 on Saturday), which caused a bunch of issues. I spoke with Colleen on Friday and she was going to add some rooms to the block (which will not affect our attrition) today. Rob is going to give Colleen a call, as the website still does not allow you to book for Friday. I also called the hotel Saturday morning and attempted to get them to add rooms to the block/put a note on the block that they can continue booking double rooms, etc., but on the weekend there is no one who has the rights to make that type of changes.
- **STYCYPAA**
Talked with Logan on Friday. He is still trying to get any sort of communication from the Doubletree, but it seems as if they don't want our business, for whatever reason. He received the official proposal from the Forum (there was an error in my report for the last call, it holds 1,500 not 15,000), with the non-profit rate (\$500/night) for Friday and Saturday. We were talking about how to avoid using the ballroom at all (as the \$6000.00 is per day, not for the weekend, so using the Forum is the only possibility to make that contract viable), and two of the breakout rooms fit 200 and 250 respectively, which should be big enough for the alternative entertainment, as the \$6125.00 for the breakout rooms is for the entire weekend. He is going to be working with her this week to get an official proposal and seeing if he can get the price for the breakout rooms trimmed down.
NOW, for the BIG NEWS! I am SUPER EXCITED about this! Logan just received a CAMPOUT PROPOSAL! I know that Mercedes and KC will be ecstatic about that, so I didn't want to wait any longer before letting you all know so that they can do their happy dances. You are Welcome.
- **ROCYPAA**
Ethan is just waiting for the final contracts from the Hyatt and the Woodcliff. He should have them early this week and will send them to me as soon as he receives them. I believe that I already sent you all the Contract for the Rochester Riverside (formerly the Radisson [Where ESCYPAA 2 was held]), so they will have three contracts that fulfill the requirements.
- **HVYPAA**
Jason is off next week and is planning to make a trip up to Honors Haven, and give the Villa Roma a call to check in. Nothing new going on.
- **Brooklyn / Queens Bid**
They had their elections last night and are waiting for a contract from the Brooklyn Marriott.
- **WORCYPAA**
Received one contract and are waiting on the second.

Outreach [Danielle H.]:

- My report is that the Castle Party is greenlit! The flyer is in the outreach chat and I've sent it to Dana to send it out with these minutes.

- Next Outreach Call is 9/26 at 9pm. I am thinking I will bring up on the call whether the group would like me to add an additional call prior to convention.
- I reached out to Will from Brooklyn / Queens and Vinnie from TOGYPA to invite them to the call.
- Campouts coming up: LICYPAA and ROCYPAA!

Archives [Chris]:

- 1 of 22 spots have been filled... by an advisory member, which I believe may be what the original motion to have past advisory and past host members only was attempting to avoid. Since past members are showing no interest and we are a little over one month out, I'd like to make a motion during new business: "open the ability to man the archives table to all ESCYPAA V attendees, with an emphasis that past ESCYPAA attendance is appreciated." My thoughts are there are sections when bid cities will be unavailable (presenting bids obviously) but they also will be manning their own tables and potentially chairing meetings as well. I could send the sign up info to bid cities first, so they have first dibs on spots they are able to fill. Since host does not have an archives chair, and archives has been manned by the host archives chair in the past, it is really important we get these spots filled....

Website [Kristin]:

- I'm going to upload the speaker tapes at the convention when I see Chris.
- Working with John on making the website look more professional and updated.

Prayer / Unity [Bobby]:

- I will update and send out prayer partners by the end of the day tomorrow. Check yo email.

HVYPAA Liaison [Sarah]:

- Spoke to the HVYPAA Secretary (Jenn) and asked for an updated contact list. Waiting on that.
- Spoke to some people about some personality issues, people saying they don't want to be involved or want to leave after the convention. Not sure if I should try to reach out to them or let it be. I tried to encourage them that they have a really good bid packet and should keep going.
- Elections: October 2, 7:30pm at the Hyde Park location.

STCYPAA Liaison [Courtney]:

- Castle Party is a go!
- Working on a contract with Holiday Inn. The Doubletree won't return their phone calls.

ROCYPAA Liaison [Bobby]:

- See Hotels report for updates!

NYCYPAA Liaison [Carolyn]:


- Not a lot to report. Having a hard time hearing back from Brooklyn / Queens committee.

SYRYPAA Liaison [Andy]:

- Agreed to cohost the Castle Party!
- They met tonight so nothing else to report yet.

WORCYPAA Liaison [Jon]:

- [From Jessica]: As you know WORCYPAA has been struggling with Unity. At the last committee

- meeting on 8/27, only 3 people showed up and we did not have a meeting. Last night we had a total of 7 adults and 2 children . We discussed unity issues and how we can improve them.
- We decided to bring back the WhatsApp chat for business info ONLY and instant communication for urgent situations (for example that no one showed up at the last meeting). The vote was 4 in favor, 1 opposed and 1 abstention. Please note that HVYPAA did NOT encourage us to disband our group chat.
- Unity Issues- we discussed how to get other counties involved. We had a lot of participation from Orange County in the past, but they aren't showing up as much anymore due to distance (some say). Co-chair and Unity Chair are going to go to Orange County and talk to members about possible solution.
- We are going to start a phone tag system to try to communicate more, a week before the next committee meeting, our Co-Chair Jose is going to call someone on the committee that then has to call someone else. The last person will then report back to the committee.
- We will be presenting our bylaws at the next meeting, giving everyone 2 weeks to review and then God willing we will pass them on Oct. 14th the weekend before ESCYPAA. We are having a bylaws subcommittee meeting Sept 17 in Westchester. If we finish in time we are going to all go to a meeting together and outreach in Westchester. If we don't make it to a meeting we are going to the diner!
- We plan on going to HVYPAA elections in October to support HVYPAA.
- A few members of WORCPAA, including our outreach chair plans on attending LICYPAA campout this weekend. We discussed going to ROCYPAA campout to support as well but no one is sure yet if they can make it.
- Our Bid book chair is going to set up a subcommittee meeting to work on our Bid Skit.
- Meeting was about an hour and a half and we all felt very content afterwards. We reiterated that the people that attended the meeting are the people that consistently show up and we are going to keep trucking along and fight for what we believe in: Love & Service! <3
- Voted not to cohost the Castle Party.

LICYPAA [Casey F.]

- Campout this weekend AND my anniversary!
- In touch with Brooklyn about cohosting events.
- Voted to cohost the Castle Party.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- **Group Inventory ad hoc [John M.]**: I heard back from Voices Recovery Center (in Binghamton) and they are able to facilitate us on 10/7. They don't want any money as they provide it as a service, but I told them that we would need to pay, which they understood, as STCPAA informed them about the traditions and donate \$25/month for using the space. I think that \$20-\$40 is a reasonable donation for using the space. I will be reaching out to possible facilitators this week. My thoughts are a starting time of either 10am or noon, because the earlier we start, the earlier we finish and we can all get home at a reasonable hour.
- **Hotels 101 ad hoc [Jon]**: Second to last call: Sunday, September 16 at 9pm. We'll have two more calls, finalize it, and present it to the committee.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- **Hotels Contract [John]**: Billy and KC are the only two who can add or change things on the hotel contract (as they are the only two signers).
- **Archives [Chris]**: Right of decision to fill the volunteer slots for the Archives room at ESCYPAA V.

Prayed it out at 10:30pm.

Upcoming Stuff:

Hotels 101 Call: Sunday, September 16 @ 9pm

Bid City Liaison Call: Tuesday, September 18 @ 9pm

Next Advisory Call: Monday, September 24 @ 9:15pm

Outreach Call: Wednesday, September 26 @ 9pm

Advisory Group Inventory: Sunday, October 7 in Binghamton. Time TBD

Castle Party: November 17 @ 7pm - the next day in Walton, NY

Get In-TENTS!

LICYPAA Campout: September 14 - 16

ROCYPAA Campout: September 28 - 30