

ESCYPAA Advisory Call | 9/24/18

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

Absent: Chris [excused], Carolyn [excused], Casey F. [excused], Sarah [excused]

Meeting called to order at 9:20pm

I. CHAIR REPORTS

Chair [Billy]:

- Signed and sent all needed docs back to Alyssa for submission for tax exempt note so copies may be given to all future vendors, in the meantime all receipts should be kept so we may deduct any taxes paid when we file this year. Host has been made aware of this.
- Bid city call last week went very well. Thank you for those who participated.
- ROCYPAA Campout is this weekend. I look forward to seeing some of you on Saturday.
- Rooms have been added to both Thursday and Friday for easier booking access within our block. Unfortunately every time we need more rooms they have to move them manually so this has been a pain point with the hotel. Thank you to John M. for handling it like a boss!
- Since our last call (not including a deposit that was on hold from ICYPAA), Host has brought in just over \$450. Jenna will report on overall balance in the Treasurer's Report.
- Toronto was a small event but TOYPAA was *very* excited (15-20 TOYPAA's, most registered), grateful that host showed.
- Great spread in Box 459: "To Be Young... And Sober"

Mock Agenda for Convention Weekend:

Friday

2:00 - 5:30pm: Host Elections to Advisory and kick-off then bid packet review immediately after

10:00 - 11:30pm: Bid packet review

Saturday

8:30 - 11:30am: Bid Presentations

12:00 - 12:30pm: ESCYPAA Forum

1:00 - 6:00pm: Advisory Elections, Site Selection, Business Meeting (with lunch)

After Main Meeting: Meet with new host committee and each bid city

Sunday

After Main Meeting: Quick wrap-up with Host (we start with them and then leave the room)

Please feel to comment or suggest changes or improvements!

Co-Chair [KC]:

· HOST

- Bradley is working to fill marathon meeting spots - posting on YPAA pages and on Buffalo Central Committee page
- Nick is updating the preregistration contest - current results
 - ROCYPAA 53
 - STCYPAA 46

- HVYPAA 16
- WORCYPAA 6
- No word on how the TOYPAA event went

BID CITY LIAISON CALL

- Covered requirements 7 & 8
 - Great participation and conversations regarding hotel proposals
- Great ideas brought forward for next year
- NEXT CALL IS 10/16 - last call prior to convention! Please check to make sure Bid Cities are prepared with COMPLETE packages!
 - The date is tentative and may change to the 9th to ensure all questions can be answered in time!
 - This call will solely focus on making sure any final questions are addressed prior to the convention.

Treasurer [Jenna]:

9/24/18	CB Host 1 Account 8083	ESCYPAA 4	\$750.02
	CB Host 2 Account 7990	ESCYPAA 5	\$10,422.6
	CB Main Account 8075	Advisory	\$5,838.99
	CB Total		\$17,011.64

- Last check from ESCYPAA IV has been cashed! That account (CB 8083) has \$750 for seed money for ESCYPAA VI.
- PO Box is \$112 charge should be going through on 9/25.
- No other outstanding checks.
- **Motion to accept the Treasurer’s report [John M., Bobby]. All in favor.**

Secretary [Dana]:

- My apartment is NOT on fire, yay!
- **Motion to approve the Advisory minutes from September 10, 2018 [Bobby, John M.]. All in favor.**

Hotel [John M.]:

HOST

Colleen added a small block of rooms on Thursday as the Reservations menu choice sends you to a remote group that has no access to book under group codes if there are no rooms in the block. The only way to do that is if you select the Group Sales Office, which is at the Buffalo Adam's Mark. They also added the last 5 regular double double rooms on Friday to our block. I have reached out to her about getting the current room pickup, but she is out of the office today, so I probably won't get that information until tomorrow.

ROCYPAA

Updated contract from Woodcliff Hotel and Spa from Ethan received just a few hours ago. Got a call from Stephen (Chair) letting me know they're doing a meeting on Thursday night so that everyone who has been assigned something from the bid packet can bring them, pass them around, gather any notes or suggestions, and put together a preliminary bid packet which he will send to me and I will forward it to this group.

Outreach [Danielle H.]:

- Our last outreach call is this Wednesday, September 26 at 9pm! I will bring it to the group to see if anyone wants to have another call before the convention, but for now that's the last one.

- I can't wait to see all your lovely faces!!!

Archives [Chris]:

- After giving the info to alumni and bid cities, we only have 2 out of 22 archives volunteer slots filled!!! One is filled by an advisory member, and one is filled by a bid city member. I'll be posting the link on the main ESCYPAA Facebook page tomorrow. I also asked Nadav from host to help me get the word out to people in the Buffalo area. I also have a call scheduled with Nadav (he is not the host archives chair but is assisting me since they do not have one) to discuss what type of things host will need to make sure to put aside for archives throughout the weekend. We don't want them selling their last sweatshirt and then having to scramble to find someone willing to give theirs to archives.

Website [Kristin]:

- Minutes have been updated on the website.
- The website layout has been updated! Please let me know if anyone has suggestions.

Prayer / Unity [Bobby]:

- New prayer partners have been sent out! Check your emails.

HVYPAA Liaison [Sarah, reported by Jamie]:

- I attended the subcommittee meeting yesterday; they're really working on outreach and getting new membership, and there have been a lot of new faces!
- There has been some chatter about how site selection goes and that the convention needs to move around the state before a committee hosts a second time. I reassured them that that is not the group conscience of Advisory and that is not how we decide where the convention goes.

STCYPAA Liaison [Courtney]:

- Castle Party is coming up on November 17 in Walton, NY! Ugly sweater contest, dinner, two speakers, and a dance.
- Four contracts; waiting on two updates.
- Bid books are almost done and I'm hoping to pick mine up when we're in Binghamton so I can check it out!

Note to all liaisons: as soon as they get to the convention, bid cities should drop their books off to us in the board room. Ideally before 2pm on Friday, as our meeting starts at that time.

Liaisons, let y'all cities know that they can totally give us their books ahead of time to review!

ROCYPAA Liaison [Bobby]:

- Campout this weekend! I will take a look at their bid packet when I'm there to offer any feedback before the convention.

NYCYPAA Liaison [Carolyn]:

- *Absent; no report*
- Bobby: Brooklyn is trying to put together hotel contracts before the convention. The person I spoke to also had concerns about how NYCYPAA was spoken to by Advisory last year when they were bidding. No one was specifically mentioned but just that they felt like they had been talked down to.

SYRYPAA Liaison [Andy]:

- Nothing to report; I haven't had a chance to talk to Kelsey since their last meeting.

WORCYPAA Liaison [Jon]:

- Not much to report; trying to figure out why their hotel chair won't respond and trying to put together some hotel contracts.

LICYPAA [Casey F.]

- *Absent; no report.*

II. OLD BUSINESS

- **Group Inventory ad hoc [John M.]**: It seems that the majority of people would rather the earlier time, so I will reach out to Bob and Voices Recovery Center and let them know. I will also have a motion for new business for a donation for the space.
- **Hotels 101 ad hoc [Jon]**: Another call will take place at 9:30pm tomorrow night (9/25).

III. NEW BUSINESS

- **Hotels Contract [John]**: **Motion that we donate \$50 to Voices Recovery Center in Binghamton for our group inventory [John M., Jon]. 10 in favor, 2 abstentions. Motion carries!**
- **[Billy]**: Alyssa, who we filed the 501(c)(3) with, has contacts in the recovery community and said she could share information about ESCYPAA V if we wanted to share the flier with her. Thoughts?
 - She seems very familiar with AA, has a lot of friends in AA, I don't think it's promotion to share it with her.
 - We're not promoting ourselves, she requested this information herself.
 - This falls in the realm of Public Information. During ESCYPAA I our PI / CPC chair reached out to local newspapers to let them know about the convention. As long as we could add language that this isn't meant to promote AA but just to pass along information, I think it's fine.
- **[Courtney]**: On the bid city call, we discussed changing the bid requirement to have the full bid packet due two weeks before the convention; this is going to be a long conversation so I want to bring it up now. This would be effective starting after ESCYPAA V.
 - Reasons for this: This is what EACYPAA does; it would give us more time to review the packets thoroughly and come up with the questions we want to ask the bid cities on Saturday morning.

Prayed it out at 10:30pm

Upcoming Stuff:

Advisory Group Inventory: Sunday, October 7 in Binghamton @ 10am

Next Advisory Call: Monday, October 8 @ 9:15pm

Bid City Liaison Call: Tuesday, October 16 @ 9pm ****Please note that this may change to October 9****

Get In-TENTS!

ROCYPAA Campout: September 28 - 30