

ESCYPAA ADVISORY CALL 10/29/2018

Present: Mercedes, Chris, Bradley, Scott, Bobby, KC, Dana, Jenna, Jessica, Rich, Crystal, Jon, Billy, Carolyn, Casey, Courtney, Lisa, Sarah, Andy

Absent:

Meeting called to order at 920pm

REPORTS:

Chair [Mercedes]:

- Attended ESCYPAA 5 – total attendees: 586 with 857 registrants
 - Host 5 will be meeting on 11/4/18 to discuss disbursements and the dissolution of bank account. Rob will be joining our next call on 11/4/18 to give his closing report.
 - SYRYPAA will be having their Winter Wonderland dance on 12/7/18, although I will not be able to attend
 - Spoke with Sariah of ROCYPAA and they are “Fired up” for elections which will be held on 12/8/18. I do not have all the details, but Rich will provide in his report.
 - We will be conducting a walk-through of the Riverside hotel the morning of 12/8/18.
 - I am scheduled to meet the morning of 12/8/18 with Jenna, Billy and Bradley to transfer signatures for the bank accounts.
 - STCYPAA elections will be held 12/1/18 although I am unsure if I will be able to attend.
 - I will be attending the WORCYPAA elections, date and time TBD
- ally told me january 27th

Thank you for allowing me to serve and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Co-Chair [Chris]:

Not much to report:

-Will not be able to go to elections

-I'm available if anyone, especially our newest members have any questions.

-I will be re-starting the bid city liaison calls in November. Can bid city liaisons please reach out to me and let me know if there is an issue with 9:30pm on the third Thursday of the month? I do not expect the calls to extend more than 45 minutes each. We can move them to a different time as the year progresses as well, if it turns out that time does not work. We will continue discussing the document that KC created for us.

- We will be going over the sheet that KC created, and be talking once a month to make sure all the bid cities liaisons understand what they should be doing, and go over any questions they have

-I'd like to form an Ad Hoc Committee for those interested in helping me create a budget template for bid cities, discuss when the bid should be given to advisory, maybe we should be getting them in PDF prior to the convention, discuss having a time they should be there by on

friday, anything that has to do with bid requirements and that could be a seperate call, If interested please reach out to me and I'll try to find an evening that works for all of us to have a conf call to begin the discussion.

God bless,Chris

Treasurer [Bradley]:

I have received most of the documentation to begin my service commitment as treasurer. Billy , Jenna , Mercedes and I have made arrangements to meet at Rocypaa host elections to take care of the name changes on the bank account. Jenna has sent me a link containing the google sheet to track the accounting. Jenna is working on finalizing her end and I am working on get accumulated with the new service commitment. Below you will find a view only link. Historically this link was used in the weekly reports and calls. I have also been added to the drop box account for file sharing which I am just getting started on.

Current Balance:

1. Advisory Account: \$3,101.99
2. Buffalo Host Account: \$9,144.97
3. Rochester: \$750.02

“I make a motion to approve the financial report” [Jon J, KC] All in favor.

All The Best & ILAS,
Bradley

Secretary [Brandi]:

- Dana turned over the secretary email to me but i will be using my personal email address
- I made a new contact list for this years advisory members, if everyone could just double check that their information is correct and let me know if i need to make any changes
- I also added the new contact list to the drop box and also emailed the contact list to Matt from ROCYPAA
- I will also be making a new advisory positions list to add to the drop box most likely in the next week
- also i would like to ask if everyone could possibly send their reports directly to me rather than in a email thread, as it is difficult for me to sort through them all to find reports!

Thanks everyone!

Hotel [Bobby]:

Hey y'all,

So Friday I had a conference call with Ethan the Rocypaa hotel chair and Jason the sales manager at the Rochester Riverside. We had a good discussion and Jason is going to take our notes to his boss to see what we can do. In addition I set up the walk through for 9am the day of host elections

- Had a conversation with jon j today and he gave me some tips on negotiation
 - Set up walk through for morning of elections myself mercedes john
- Ethan and steven will be attending that, hopefully take care of final negotiations

-In contact with martial who is giving me tips and pointers
-Will be getting in contact with the hyatt to see what i can do with that and the other contract that was in rochesters bid book

-bobby

Outreach [Scott]:

It has been a wild week and I know I'm supposed to make a report, so here goes nothing as I haven't had the chance to talk to Danielle yet.

I plan on making a new group chat with the outreach chairs and co-chairs for all the ny area Ypaa's. I want to keep the number down to avoid confusion and keep the lines of communication clear and concise. Obviously with elections coming for some places it will change and so will the group accordingly.

-I want to reach out to each individually and also make sure they have my info so they can contact me at any time. For rocypaa I really would also like to stay in touch with them on what events and conferences they are going to and that way I can help where needed, being that I've made so many contacts over this last year.

-I also need some guidance about the advisory outreach call. Of course I will find out when I start that and how long it goes for and what not.

-Lastly, and this could always be something to bring up much later. But I have some thoughts about outreaching ypaa within New York, specifically many of the "dark" areas where there appears very little presence, and possibly working with the local inter groups and areas PI to outreach at colleges. I met a kid from saint bonaventure at escypaa and he came alone because somehow one of our fliers made it out to olean. He was really excited and fired up about ypaa, something he didn't even know existed until that week. Hope that makes sense. Yes, I'm crazy.

Love you lots and lots,
Scott

Prayer and Unity [Sarah]:

- Welcome to all the new members so happy to have you, please reach out if your feeling disunified
- I had a suggestion that maybe we could do some kind of gift exchange at host elections, so id like some feedback on that
- going to pair up the prayer partners

Web Chair [Dana]:

Outgoing Secretary Report:

- Created a 2018 - 2019 folder in the Advisory Dropbox and shared access with everyone - please let me know if you still don't have access! Everything from 2017 - 2018 is archived in that new folder.

- Turned over the secretary@escypaa.org email account to Brandi; please use my personal email to reach me. I gave Brandi access last Monday so if you sent anything to the Secretary email after that which was intended for me personally, I did not get it.

- Emailed out: notes from the Advisory group inventory on October 7 (also placed in the Dropbox in the "Bylaws and Other Resources" folder); notes from our site selection discussions to be shared with each bid committee; minutes from our last Advisory call before the convention on October 8, which still need a motion to approve.

Motion to approve last meeting minutes. [Dana, _____]

Web Chair Report:

- If anyone with a Chair position wants to use an official escypaa.org email account, let me know and I will hook you up.
- I worked with Kristin and Wiggums to access the Advisory website and have started looking through it for ways to make it even awesomer!
- I spoke on a panel at an Area event on Saturday about AA in the digital age, and part of the discussion was about online anonymity. I'm wondering if we should strike all names from our online minutes? I know we don't use last names or usually even last initials, but this came up a few times on the panel and in things I found while preparing for it, so I wanted to bring it to you all and see you thought.
- The storage on the Free Conference Call software that we use is nearly full, since it's been storing recordings since 2015 - if no one is grossly opposed, I would like to go ahead and delete the old recordings

Archives [KC]:

Archives Report 10/29/18

- Archives are safe and dry
- Looking at ways to preserve ESCYPAA 2 banner
 - Is starting to smell due to being painted

NEW BUSINESS

- AD HOC
 - As the new Archivist for this year, the first order of business I would like to bring forward is the anonymity of former bid city members.

BACKGROUND

As mentioned in our meeting this past weekend, members names, emails and phone numbers are left in the open while our archives are on display. While we are not anonymous amongst ourselves, we are an open convention and that information is displayed for anyone to see.

I would like to create a quick Ad Hoc to run through some ideas on how to maintain the integrity of the archives along with maintaining our Traditions

- MOTION

- o Motion to accept and add written recounts of the Ad-Hoc procedures that resulted in the formation of ESCYPAA to our Archives.

BACKGROUND

As of now, we no longer have any original members from the Ad Hoc Committee that can accurately recount how this convention came to fruition. I would like to ask as many of the original Ad Hoc members as possible to write their experiences out so that they may be well preserved.

BID CITIES:

ROCYPAA [Rich]:

Hi guys!

Super sick this week not feeling well at all!

Rocypaa is holding there elections December 8th @ 12:00(noon) at 2 Riverside St Rochester ny.

They currently have 159 pre reg's and

74 scholarships. They are looking into a new location to meet possibly ROCcovery fitness.

There business meetings are 7:30pm Monday's and are currently meeting weekly!

Will keep you all updated

Im gonna try to get out there by the end of the month, will be attending elections, available if you need me for the hotel walk, i plan on going out there that friday and hanging out with some of their members

STCYPAA [Jon J]:

New business: out-going host committee liaison.

Was a motion, will wait for next call: give 2 weeks for folks to review the escypaa hotel information document. Sent the document out to everyone. Please review to pass as the hotel information packet.

Have called almost all members from stcypaa. They were very sad and confused about the site selection and I allowed them to talk to me about their concerns and questions individually. I attended a meeting down there with most members of the committee last week. Will be attending their committee meeting this Sunday if possible.

They worked with rocypaa host to bring a meeting into Bradford recovery center this past Saturday. They are having a unity event soon. They have an event planned for their elections.

They are having their elections December 1st from noon-6pm

SYRYPAA [Billy]:

-Spoke with Shannon (Chair), Caroline (Bid Book), and Derek (Hotel and Outreach) several times

Carolyn had some questions about the bid book chair position and the bylaws got her in touch with adam g from stcypaa

- Sent hotels doc to Derek and got him in touch with Bobby
- Disbursed SYRY contact list to Advisory and updated in drop box. Sent our contact list and Bid Requirements to SYRY with an introduction letter (cc'ed our chair, co, and secretary)
- Will be in attendance at a SYRY meeting in November tbd shannon is looking into potentially changing their meeting time waiting to hear back
- Winter Wonderland is Dec 7 and will be a dance and tribute to Dan T
- flyer is out and on the advisory facebook page, if anyone doesn't have access please reach out to me
- Elections will be in January
- anyone who wants bank account balances please reach out to me

HVYPAA [Carolyn]:

- After the conference they had their first meeting on that following tuesday and i went to see if they needed support and how they are running their meeting they did have elections directly before ESCYPAA
- planning events, holding sub committee meetings, they are in great shape for bidding
 - Bid book chair is a new member of the committee
 - Provided my contact information

WORCYPAA [Casey]:

- nov 25th spiritual brunch and speaker event
- Looking to have it in orange county. Will know later in the week
- 3 new people from westchester attended last night
- someone stood for co events chair
- they will be going to stcypaa traditions workshop between that and their elections in the last week of january they want to do a group inventory. Want to know if some of us on advisory will facilitate
- Planning to cohost an event with LICYPAA, BNQYPAA, NYCYPAA end of november early december comedy show and spaghetti dinner event
- I wasnt able to make the meeting last night but I called in and spoke with them. I will be going to the next one!
- no date for inventory yet. They are open to suggestions but want them to be after stycpaas event and before their elections the last week of january.
- planning an event with brooklyn bid and licypaa in queens for end of nov/early dec. comedy show and dinner.

Brooklyn Bid [Courtney]:

- Talked to Will and he said at the moment they dont have too much going on because of stuff they are trying to handle but they are trying to cohost an event with WORCYPAA and LICYPAA and NYCYPAA possible
- Im gonna find out when there next meeting is i know they are plan on holding elections soon i will get the information over to you as soon as i know more

Old Business

· Hotel Form – **Motion: “to approve the ESCYPAA hotels packet as the working hotel information and negotiation document, to be given to all future committee hotel chair people” [Jon J,]**
tabled until next call so everyone can get better informed

New Business

· **Outgoing Host Liaison Position – Jon J**
“I make a motion to create a position for outgoing host liaison” [Jon J, KC]

DISCUSSION:

JON J- for us to have a way to communicate with members who did not make it onto advisory who were on the host committee so we can stay in contact with them and give them emotional and spiritual support but also to help with communication between all the exchanges that need to take place from one host committee to the other.

Billy: this would change bylaws so it requires ad hoc.

Jenna volunteers to lead ad hoc for new positions (outgoing host committee liaison and Alt Treasurer). She and Jon are going to be working together on that; all who wish to participate please let one or both of them know.

Archive Anonymity – KC C

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I would like to create an ad hoc to run through some ideas on how to maintain the integrity of our archives and uphold our traditions

-I will send out an email regarding dates and times that might work for people to jump on a call to go over that stuff

· Archives – Motion (KC C) **“Accept and add written recounts of the Ad-Hoc procedures that resulted in the formation of ESCYPAA to our Archives” [KC, Bobby]**

DISCUSSION:

No discussion. Everyone agreed it was a good idea. **Motion passes unanimously**

Bid Requirement Ad Hoc – Chris C

Id like to create an ad hoc that would revise the bid requirements, add to it something like a template so bid cities can see exactly what we want to see, want to make it more concise for the bid cities

-Ill send out an email in a couple days about our first call

- o Bid requirements to be discussed
- o #9 (the budget template will help them put together a projected convention budget)
- o #11 (it may not be possible for all committees to get a letter stating there are no large scale events 30 days before or after their proposed convention dates)
- o #15 (committees should be telling us what challenges they expect to face, rather than the ones they've faced so far)
- o #16 (it should say we need 19 bid books instead of 16)

"I motion to update bylaws" [Billy,KC]

Pray it out

ESCYPAA 6 HOST ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD DECEMBER 8TH AT 2 RIVERSIDE RD ROCHESTER NY AT 12PM

Our next call is November 12 at 9:15 PM