

# ESCYPAA Advisory Call | 5/27/2019

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*Present: Mercedes, Chris, Jenna, Bradley, Dana, KC, Billy, Andy, Carolyn, Lisa, Jessica, Bobby, Casey, Matt [host chair]*

*Absent: Brandi [excused], Scott*

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

## **I. CHAIR REPORTS**

### **Host Chair [Matt]:**

- Unity picnic in Binghamton was really cool.
- I've heard Dana's concerns about Advisory and made it a personal mission to discuss that with people and direct host members to reach out to you all for help, which we have not been doing.
- Switching to weekly meetings beginning in June.
- There was concern of the business meetings being too long and too boring; we're having a small committee meeting on June 6 to discuss.
- I was in Saratoga for the TOGYPA event this weekend with some committee members I didn't know very well, and it was a blast.

### **Chair [Mercedes]:**

- Read through everyone's reports and excited to hear what's going on around the state. I'll touch base with Matt and Alex to see if they can hop on the call.

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

- Not much to report. Next bid city liaison call will be on Tuesday June 18th.
- **All liaisons should contact their bid cities and remind them we change the requirements last month to include the need for the bid book to be emailed to Advisory two weeks before the convention.**
- Will we, as Advisory, continue to discuss the issues we brought up regarding the bid presentations, or not? We'll leave it in ad hoc unless anyone wants to discuss it further.

### **Treasurer [Bradley]:**

Balances:

\$6,190.20 Rochester - 8083

\$4,501.53 Advisory - 8075

\$2,931.45 Buffalo - 7990

Total: \$13,623.18

- Haven't heard from Crystal, tried reaching out a few times, not much else going on.

**Motion to accept the Treasurer's report [Billy, KC]. All in favor.**

**Secretary [Brandi]:** Absent [excused], no report.

### **Hotel [Bobby]:**

- So there is actually some hotel news. I talked with Dave from STCYPAA and they got a new proposal from the Holiday Inn where the space cost is \$5000 which is a drastic improvement from last year. They are unable to get the off sight space they had last year because of the weekends of the

contract they have.

- I also got a call from Conor who is the new SYRYPAA hotel chair. Him and I talked for a while and he has a game plan for getting some proposals.
- Shane from host 6 reached out to me about deejays and entertainment for their convention.
- I will have the updated pickup report on the call. We have 71 room nights sold, so we are 106 short of reaching attrition with a little less than three months to go.

**Outreach [Mercedes, standing in for vacant position]:**

- It was brought to my attention that we have not had an outreach call; two people had helped with the Midyear but we need an Outreach chair. So this commitment is open and vacant; in the interim Chris as Co-Chair will fill the position and she and I can tag-team the outreach calls.

**Archives [KC]:**

- Nothing to report for Archives

**Website [Dana]:**

- If you come across any upcoming event fliers please send them my way to post to our website!
- I uploaded the most recent Advisory minutes to the website.
- Also please tell people that we do in fact have a website because the website traffic is pitiful. Sad face.
- I attended the unity picnic on May 18 and spoke to members of STCYPAA, SYRYPAA, and host. They've noticed that Advisory seems to be having some of our own struggles (planning a Midyear, losing members, etc.). I encouraged them to still reach out to us, and told them we're still here to help their committees as we work on our own unity.

**Prayer / Unity [Sarah]:**

- Dana and I went to TOGYPA elections to represent Advisory and help support their committee.
- Thanks to everyone who was on the Advisory unity ad hoc call! We had a lot of laughs and KC sent out an email with lots of information about the idea we came up with.
- I will send out the prayer partners tomorrow!

**Former Treasury Ad Hoc [Jenna]:** Nothing to report

**STCYPAA Liaison [Andy]:**

- Attended STCYPAA, ESCYPAA, SYRYPAA unity event. It was well attended and I got a chance to check in with a lot of the members. There really weren't many complaints and happy to say they have been working well together. They now have a new bid packet chair, Vinny. He replaced AJ who is moving to Albany soon. Vinny seemed to be taking charge and working on the beginnings of the bid packet.
- Talked with Dave about hotels and he was very happy to report that they holiday inn contract was actually revised quite a bit from last year. He said that the ballroom went down to \$2000 a night (\$100 on Sunday) from like 6000 a night. And the breakout rooms are \$175 per room per day which there are 6. With 234 room nights at \$109 a night. Good stuff in the hotel department.
- New tubing event July 27! I'll send the flier to Dana.
- Their campout is also coming up in August.

**SYRYPAA Liaison [Billy]:**

SYRYPAA canceled their meeting tonight. Zach and Michelle are very difficult to get in touch with. Maysam is working Monday nights and hadn't been active so I haven't received minutes in several months and I'm not sure if they have a secretary. I have been in touch with their events chair who had

no idea what advisory is and we are planning a call to touch base!

Also, I wasn't aware the outreach call hadn't been happening so I opened a poll in the outreach call and we will have one next Tuesday or Wednesday. I'll follow up tomorrow after I try to get a few more responses if commitment.

**HVYPAA Liaison [Carolyn]:**

- Planning a unity event!
- Their events co-chair is now the chair, due to the original events chair stepping down.
- Their meeting is tomorrow night, and not much has changed since our last call since they haven't met.

**Brooklyn / Queens Liaison [OPEN]:**

**WORCYPAA Liaison [Casey]:**

- I spoke to Allie this week and she said that they have been having a hard time. Their chair isn't really showing up and there are a couple people who have been backing out of their positions but their core group has been strong. I'm going to try to get out there for their meeting soon.
- Event on June 22 - BBQ and Bag Tournament. Flier to be posted to the website.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Unity Ad Hoc:** This is the recommendation from the Unity Ad Hoc!!! There were five members of our committee who participated in this Ad Hoc and helped to come to this recommendation. Included are the Air BnB that was found, a food budget, and the Doodle Survey on the dates.
- **Air BnB - Binghamton, NY**  
Drive time from Long Island - 3 hrs 50 mins  
Drive time from Buffalo - 3 hours and 29 mins  
Cost \$50/person
  - Doodle Survey results showed that 7/13 - 7/14 was the best date for the event.
  - **FOOD BUDGET:** We are asking that everyone contribute \$15 for dinner on the 13th and breakfast on the 14th. This will also include drinks for those meals (soda, coffee, etc.). This will total \$210. We are asking that you bring your own snacks, just as you would any other event. The meal will be planned out upon arrival to ensure that any dietary restrictions are met.
  - **Game Night:** General consensus is that we should have a game night of some sort - charades, Pictionary, anything that involves teams.
  - Could also have an AA meeting just to get current with one another.
  - If a business meeting were called, which should be done as this would bring us to four in-person meetings for the year, this would meet the travel stipend requirement for the Midyear.

**MOTION: I would like to make a motion that the Advisory committee has a Unity Day for our committee on 7/13 - 7/14 in Binghamton, NY. Each member would be responsible for contributing \$65 which will cover room and food for the event. [KC, Billy]**

**The motion passes!**

- B. [Lisa]: I went through our bylaws and it mentions a prudent reserve but not a specific amount. We are supposed to be the custodians of this convention, but we don't bring in any money ourselves and have not built up our prudent reserve. I'm looking into how we as Advisory can truly be a custodian and spiritual advisor to the convention and fulfill our duties in that role, whether this is a bylaws change or standard operating procedures or whichever will not affect our legal status as a non-profit. I hope to have a solid motion by August for everyone to review. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or comments or input!  
[Chris]: Should this be part of the bylaws discussion?  
[Billy]: We did sort of start discussing this in the bylaws calls; I'll get those started again.
- C. The newly passed Unity event will count for one of our in-person meetings and is therefore "required." The next will be the HVYPAA Bonfire, then the CONVENTION in Rochester!!!

*Prayed it out at 10:15pm*