

ESCYPAA Business Meeting | 7/13/2019

Present: Andy, Dana, KC, Sarah, Jenna, Casey, Scott, Billy, Carolyn, Brandi

Absent: Bobby, Chris, Mercedes, Lisa, Bradley, Jessica

Meeting called to order at 9:20pm

I. CHAIR REPORTS

Chair [Mercedes]:

- Spoke to Ethan; we do have a pool! The one at the Radisson will not be functional, but the deck will, so we are given access to the Hyatt pool which is privately connected by the skyway to the Radisson.

Co-Chair [Chris]:

- No report

Treasurer [Bradley]:

- No report

Secretary [Brandi]:

- Motion to approve the minutes from the call on July 8, 2019; all in favor.

Website [Dana]:

- The website is back! Thank you for your patience.

Archives [KC]:

- Spoke to Claire, gave her some direction on what to collect for Archives.

- Spoke to Sariah about getting a locked room for Archives.

- I had the Buffalo program sitting out on the side table and it was written on (thanks James!); Brandi will provide another one for Archives

- Carolyn has the ESCYPAA IV banner and will bring it for Archives!

STCYPAA Liaison [Andy]:

- Current contracts: the camping contract, the Holiday Inn, and a Corning contract they're working on. Holiday Inn is the one they're focusing on.

- The Holiday Inn contract doesn't outline coffee or include a food and beverage minimum; Dave (Hotel Chair) will contact the hotel and should have more information soon.

- There's also no attrition; do we lose the ability to negotiate? Not if we offer to have attrition or a food and beverage minimum in exchange for something else.

- The hotel block is all 235 rooms in the hotel.

- The STCYPAA contract is a proposal, rather than a contract. Bid requirement #7 stipulates that it can be a proposal, as long as it contains all the pieces of information laid out in that requirement, which this proposal does not include. Concern that we're going to get to the convention and only have proposals we can't consider; **liaisons will work with their bid cities to make sure they bring adequate proposals.**

SYRYPAA Liaison [Billy]:

- Sent out the minutes and an updated contact list to everyone; they have a small core of people and a rotating membership.
- Working with Area 47 delegate and chair to get documents for the bid packet.
- Tubing event on July 27 with STCYPAA.

HVYPAA Liaison [Carolyn]:

- Spoke to HVYPAA; Secretary sent a bunch of minutes.
- The pancake breakfast lost money (they spent \$109 and brought in \$60).
- Unity event went really well; it was held at the Villa Roma (one of their proposed hotels).
- Next meeting is the 4th Thursday and I'll be going to that one!
- Their contracts are almost identical to last year's.
- Every meeting they review a bid requirement, even if it's already been completed, to make sure that everyone at the meeting and on the committee is familiar with the requirements.
- Sometimes things get lost as people change positions.
- The Secretary and Events Chair were not doing the positions, so now the co-chair is doing those positions and things are getting done.
- The committee's focus is all on the Bonfire, which at this point is their only event before the convention. It also falls within our time period, so would they be able to host the Bonfire AND host the convention?
- Possibility of cohosting the Bonfire in a host year and getting help from other committees.
- What about the Gratitude Banquet in November? That usually does well. Do they do any other events?

Pause for Billy to break the zen garden and for KC to lose her zen.

TOGYPAА [Carolyn]:

- They're a four person committee but had expressed interested in bidding for ESCYPAA. They have been given contact info for Advisory members.
- They started outreaching, held some events, met last week and decided to disband and become a service committee instead of a bid committee.

NENYYPAA:

- No original members from the bid or host committee, not a lot of attendance or events. Discussion of the cycle of committees and how a few dormant years don't mean the end of a committee.
- Holding a Traditions events with the Area 48 Delegate on August 10.

WORCYPAA Liaison [Casey]:

- Yes, they are bidding! They're going to see hotels.

Open Discussion

Discussion of the adjustment of Bid Requirement 15 and the submission of bid books electronically two weeks before the convention. Do we still need binders for every Advisory members? This can get expensive and isn't great for the environment. EACYPAA bids submit their bid books electronically two weeks in advance and then bring two physical copies to the convention.

II. NEW BUSINESS

Bylaws

- The bylaws ad hoc is working off the updated version that Jenna and Maya edited and revised in 2017 and put a lot of work into.
- Discussion of how alternates are elected into the order of their alternate positions. During elections, we

vote on chair positions and on the order in which alternate members would be voted onto general advisory if need be. This is currently done using third legacy. The draft bylaws the ad hoc committee is working off of suggests switching to drawing names out of the hat. Takeaways from the ad hoc call:

- Pros: gives it all to god; no chance for a popularity contest; it's all up to HP
- Cons: third legacy allows a group conscience guided by god to decide; people who have served on the committee for a while can vote based on their informed experience of who shows up for their position
- Separate topics but pertinent: length of time served on the committee being a factor in the order of alternates; switching the number of general members to 16 with an alternate membership of 8 (so each host year votes on 4 general members and 2 alternates, vs. 3 of each as it currently stands).
- Discussion:
 - Like the idea of having it be based somewhat on the host committee elected from.
 - It seems to make sense to have people who have actually served on Advisory for a bit be in a position to roll sooner into a general position.
 - Lots of confusion over how our current practice came to be.
 - Will ego come into this?
 - If someone is voted into an alternate position before someone who had served on Advisory longer? What about the spirit of rotation, if someone stays an alternate for 4 years? It still adheres to that spirit, if there's no cause for someone to rotate into a general position.
 - We need a... CHART!