

ESCPAA Advisory

7.13.20

8:30PM

Attendance: Mercedes, Chris, Bradley, Dana, Casey, Scott, Stephen, Bobby, Scott, Jenna, Carolyn, Kailee,

Opening: Carolyn, Serenity Prayer

Mercedes: Thank you for everyone joining in, and continue to join in. Zoom is how we are going to do our business from now on! These are still unprecedented times. Nothing new has happened, Chris is doing the heavy lifting from now as I prepare for my journey! I plan on being off the radar for a couple of weeks after the baby. Other than that nothing crazy, Wanted to touch on Chris' report. Thank you for speaking with Host. Every other conference on the east coast has cancelled their conventions for the remainder of the year. They have all cancelled/postponed to 2021. It is going to be most prudent that we formulate our official stance on what should and would happen with ESCYPAA VII. On our previous two calls we have tabled this discussion, we need an official decision made prior to August. Obviously we want to support Host and to work in conjunction with Host. It would work similar with how disbursements are made, Host has complete autonomy but in conjunction with Advisory. Sounds like Host is leaning towards postponing. Just to briefly touch on the timeline, we can just pause or even in the holiday season we can negotiate, everything is up for interpretation and discussion. Everything will pause until conference of 2021. On the agenda for today, we have Outreach position, and Webmaster position available need to be filled tonight. Those positions will come up in New Business.

Carolyn: Just need some clarification in rotation now that Alex has stepped down from Advisory. He was a GM so would I rotate up?

Mercedes: You are alternate one, so yes you have rotated to a GSM. Carolyn will serve out the remainder of her term as a GSM. Than Sarah for Alt one, and Kailee Alt two! This is unfortunate but also congratulations to Carolyn!

Scott: If the conference is postponed, we would continue to meet on a bi-weekly basis? From that point on?

Mercedes: We are still going to keep our schedule, events are still happening. We will most likely be able to attend functions etc. Unless there is no report, than we will cancel that meeting and have an AA meeting. The pause just puts our service positions on hold. Cease elections and rotation and moving business functions the same. Nothing will change with our contract presumably etc. If we are to postpone.. We need to reach out to the hotel immediately to secure the date in 2021. The email after the decision is made should be sent within a days time.

Chris: Are we voting tonight to our advisory consensus.

Casey: What happens if we decide not too, and Host wants to proceed with convention what happens? Are they aware of the severity of our vote in considering their vote?

Chris: I havent specifically stated that we have the ultimate decision, I asked if they wanted our opinion on our vote tonight and the declined to refrain from swaying any of members being torn towards a different opinion.

Mercedes: The seperate conversations that I have had with Gina and with Jeff, I personally have let them know that the deal is that we have the ultimate say, Host must abide by our decision if we believe that their decision has been made in error. Disbursements are the prime example for this in the past, We advise and than will step in. We are in the Fourth tradition trusting that they will make the right decision, should it not be, we reconvene and move forward accordingly.

Casey: Just wanted to make sure that Host was aware of the situation.

Chris: I would like to discuss the option of having the Audio posted on the website.

Dana: It is not required, we keep the audio for

Chris: I spoke to Gina, Host is not looking for our opinion at this time. They are voting Thursday for their decision on postponing. One of the Host committee members felt that our presence needed to be more present. Please reach out to Alex, he could use some support at this time. Carolyn is running the outreach call tomorrow night at 9:15pm. Bid city liaison are meeting the following evening 9:15pm. Monthly AA meeting next wednesday at 8;30pm.

Bradley: Account balances are the same. Talked to Adam a bunch, same things have been reiterated. ADV 5850.10 HOST 9257.68 ROCY .97. If they are going to postpone they would be going into the following year with a huge financial start.

Motion to accept the treasury report. Seconded. Passed.

Mercedes: Have no minutes past August 2019 on the website. Escypaa.org/minutes. Need to

Sariah: Minutes sent, for 6.6.20.

Motion to accept the minutes from 6.6.20. Seconded. Passed.

Dana: No update, We need to decide if we are going to hold the same weekend in 2021 or what we need to do moving forward.

Mercedes: Would that mean that we would need an addendum to the contract to reflect the correct date? I believe for our tax purposes, and our records need to match.

Dana: I will find out.

Casey: Just for my understanding, I believe that we would need to write an entire new contract. I

Dana: Ideally we would just secure a weekend at this point, my assumption would be that other conventions are still going to retain the same time frame for their 'weekends'

Mercedes: Everyone should be prepared for an emergency business meeting to discuss the outcome of this thursdays host business meeting.

Stephen: Attended Syrypaa meeting. Virtual Event 6.27.20 about 20 people joined, many people from Ohio Young people attended their game night. They wanted to thank advisory for allowing them to utilize the zoom account and to Ryan on WORCY for showing up for them. They are planning another event for early August. They need to get clarity from the church for disinfectant etc. Website has a very old version of the bylaws on it still.

Kailee: Not a whole lot going on with HVYPAA right at this moment. I saw a few members at the Sunacres campout from all across the state.

Old Business:

Tabled discussion on the the ESCYPAA postponement.

Dana: I motion to postpone the ESCYPAA VII convention to 2021.

Casey seconded.

Chris: I dont have much to say about it right at this moment.

Bradley: I just have a question, not necessarily a discussion. Does this motion get carried forward, does the years carry forward? Long Island would be another year?

Mercedes: Everyone on the committee today would continue for one full more year. Everyone who currently serves would be locked in for a fifth year.

Dana: It sucks, but its a great committee to be having this conversation.

Bobby: We need to postpone, we have been having this discussion for the past couple of weeks. We will have another year with eachother, I am excited.

Casey: I think its the most responsible thing we can do for our community and the people around us.

Stephen: I agree, Its the most responsible thing that we can do as a community. I believe this is a call for us to unify more during this time in ypa and family as well.

Jenna: Agree about postponing. I was going to make the motion, I am cool with postponing, not necessarily on board with how we will keep commitments the same for another year.

Scott: Postpone, alot of emotions around this whole experience. A part of it was journey, and now there isn't necessarily a "journey" it doesnt sound ideal.

Sariah: Agree with postponing the convention. 2021 is going to be the best convention yet. Host has a phenomenal start going into another host year.

Ethan: I am in agreeance with all that has been said.

Carolyn: We have had very deep, emotional happy and sad. I am 1000% for this. This year is going to strictly about unifying for the common goal. Its going to be a year long conference!

Kailee: I agree. I believe that postponing is for the best!

Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Open service position; Webmaster. Outreach

Jenna stands, volunteers for webmaster. Motion approved. Committee approves.

If the outreach does not get filled does the prayer and unity absorb the outreach position?

Mercedes:No. With the uniqueness with everything that is currently going, Outreach is more crucial and a heavier responsibility because we are in a place of disconnection as a society. As well as our liaisons carrying their load, outreach would have to carry some of the responsibility as well. No chair person is sole, maybe multiple people could chair this commitment.

Scott; I would feel more comfortable co-chairing this position.

Casey; I would like to do it with you.

Ethan: I would as well.

Joint Effort!

Mercedes: Help eachother! If you are the outreach person you can ask for help! I ask for help constantly. Every role of the committee, as chair you have right to have a subcommittee, and for help.

Scott stands, volunteers. Motions approved.

Bradley: I am the facebook master administrator i will help with the posting on facebook.

Mercedes: If host chooses to continue forward with convention we will intervene because it will directly effect the conference in the future. Our business standing, and we could be facing a much larger issue. I trust that host will make the right decision. I have faith in our host committee.

Closing Prayer: Carolyn, Prayer.