

Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>  
ADVISORY MEETING

START TIME: 1:30PM

ATTENDENCE:

IN PERSON:

Carolyn  
Bobby  
Sariah  
Cori  
Stephen  
Jeff  
Zach  
Jamie  
Adam  
Sarah

ZOOM:

Kailee  
Bradley  
Dana  
Roger

### **Advisory Meeting Agenda for 12/11/2021**

Virtual option: ID: 920 160 4799 PW: escypaa

Secret Santa 1 pm-1:30 pm

... Zoom Technical difficulties ...

**MEETING BEGINS**

1:34pm PRAYER

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#### **Reports:**

**Chair- Carolyn** - I would like to gently and lovingly remind you all of the four-year commitment we all made together, to show up to our mandatory in-person meetings for the duration of the term. Please note that Zoom attendance does not count toward the travel stipend requirement of attendance at one mandatory in-person meeting & the convention. This is our kick-off, the beginning of our host committee, and the beginning of our year. Please make yourselves available for this mandatory meeting. If you are unable to attend, you must contact me directly. I will send an agenda for our meeting on this thread very soon.

Today what we're working on is voting on the hotel contract, one complete contract with the Hilton including the AV quote. For the Hyatt we were unable to confirm if it was in fact the final contract, so we will discuss that. We have a walk-thru next week. In person for myself and chair

of host. Virtual walk through for Bobby & Stephen. Once we get everything together we will proceed moving forward with signing the contract.

**Co-Chair- Bobby** – Reiterating what Carolyn said – hotel business over the past week. For bid city liaisons I'm going to send out an email to see what time is best for everyone so we can get as many people on as possible – keep an eye out for my email.

Carolyn – we need to also discuss for new business dispersements.

**Treasurer- Kailee (motion to accept) Treasury Report:**

Host 7 has \$16,289.02  
Advisory has \$3,109.02  
Host 8 has \$0.97

Adam is giving Sariah/Stephen the treasury stuff from Host 7 since I won't be able to make it in person. I plan to work with Bradley to get put onto the accounts and replenish the Advisory account to our prudent reserve of \$7,500.

Recommendations from Host 7 distributions:

Areas 47, 48, 49, 50---40% split down into 10% evenly across all 4 areas of New York.  
GSO---30%  
District---15%  
Triple Cities Intergroup---15%

**Motion to accept minutes – seconded – motion passes**

**Secretary- Sarah (motion to accept)** sent out the meeting minutes

**Motion to accept – second – motion passes.**

**Hotels- Stephen** – I was told the Hyatt was the final – I sent it out, and then when I was looking it over I said oh wait this is the same contract, so I contacted Matt and he confirmed. Some of the suggestions had been covered. The AV contract isn't really a contract its an email the guy sent to him and podium mic \$80 a day – system pack ballroom \$150 per day. The person recommended a DJ for the dances and stuff like that.

Next Sat. after 4pm for the walk-through in person (Carolyn and Chair) and Myself and bobby on virtual.

**Archivist ~OPEN~ (Zach currently has)** SAFE AND DRY Mercedes contacted me about the large notepad – it must've been left behind.

Dana has a question – for Stephen – the attachment with the AV \$10,300 is that the suggestion about the DJ to bring equipment?

Stephen – that attachment was from the hyatt

Carolyn – there was a quote in the email in a grey color and the email is from the Hilton. Does that answer?

Jeff: we have some donations for archives, mugs and tshirts ...me or Zach will go get it.

**Past Host Liaison- Cori -**

**Prayer & Unity- Dana**

Concept 1

The final responsibility and ultimate authority for AA world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.

I've attached the concepts checklist if anyone wants to nerd out and see how they're fulfilling these principles!

Accountabilibuddies

Conversation prompt: Favorite piece of AA literature?

Non-conference approved prompt: If you could switch places with anyone for a day, who would it be? (I'm thinking Beyoncé because she's so perfect!)

This round of buddies:

Cori & Bobby

Adam & Sarah

Jeff & Kailee

Roger & Stephen

Jamie & Sariah

Zach & Bradley

Dana & Carolyn

Please reach out to your buddy!

**Web Chair- Bradley -** website – I have the minutes I need to upload – I looked at ICYPAA's website for inspiration – I think ours needs a whole makeover, I plan to work on it now that finals are over. I enjoy accountabilibuddies. That's all.

**WORCYPAA Liaison- Zach -** WORCYPAA had their business meeting and discussed cohosting an "Ugly Secret" event with the Forever Young group. Motion passed. Event will be held on December 18th.

They discussed having their elections on 1/09/22, I asked them if they had a flyer available they informed me that they did not. No other new business from WORCYPAA.

**FLICYPAA Liaison- Jeff -** I attended Flicypaa's first Business Meeting this Sunday, December 5th. They had 7 people attend. They are eager to get started. It was suggested they start with writing some bylaws and plan their first events. They have quite a bit of general

service. They had their ad-hoc for bylawys today. They have a slack account that they communicate through. They want to prioritize that. They wanted to have an event on the 29<sup>th</sup> of January but that looks like its going to be pushed back. Theres a lot more interest coming from Cortland – a lot of people who are in Ithaca YPAA don't liver there- theyre college students. They're going to figure out what the best service area is.

**HVYPAA Liaison- Roger** – unfortunately could not attend in person today.

Went to HVYPAA business meeting via zoom hybrid. They had discussed their Unity bowling event and going to ESCYPAA 8 elections. As well as elected some new members into Chair positions. I am still waiting on full minutes and a full up to date contact list. I was told I would receive this on Saturday sometime. Therefore This report is lacking some in some content due to having incomplete information on hand to write it. I will improve for future reports. There were some things that I wanted to try to address with the group but would really appreciate some feedback on the best way to approach it without seeming like I'm interfering with their Autonomy as I honestly feel conflicted to intervene at all if I haven't been asked. I have encouraged everyone on the bid committee to reach out to myself and the rest of Advisory for guidance and clarity on any questions or concerns they might have.

Sarah – question – did you read their bylaws? Read that and see what they have in there and suggest bylaws revision if needed.

Adam – They could use a refresher on Concept 9

Dana – quick suggestion – talking to people one to one sometimes helps, speaking from experience. Chair or traditions chair.

**LICYPAA Liaison- Jamie** - LICYPAA officially voted to approve their ESCYPAA bylaws with few changes and voted to dissolve LICYPAA after giving \$2000 of seed money to ESCYPAA host.

**Outreach- Sariah** - Attended FLICCYPAA meeting, and LICY outreach sub committee meeting. Have reached out to all outreach chairs of committees that I have info for. Asking for people to help me get in touch with NENY and areas that are just restarting!

Next OUTREACH meeting this Tuesday at 8:30pm on the advisory Zoom line. Will post on socials and reach out to chairs personally.

For liaisons, we could talk about the possibility of merging the two meetings?!

**Stephen** – when is the monthly meeting?

**Sariah – OUTREACH CALL the 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> so next Tuesday 8:30pm**

ROCYPAA – met again two weeks ago, on a Monday we had 29 people show up. They seem to be gaining momentum. Old members from ROCYPAA and host. There was a blance of women and men. They voted to have ELECTIONS at Jan 22 – Bill & Bobs (clubhouse) Rochester NY following by a game night. Flyer is up.

Old Business: None

New Business: Hotel election & vote

The organization – we're trying to get there.

Jeff – I have new business

Carolyn – We have a finalized Hilton contract and AV quote – the things we asked – they did – it is \$159 per night 300 rooms. We added a covid clause.

Bobby – for the ease of things I will make a motion to accept the Hilton contract as presented.

Stephen – Seconded

**Kailee**- nothing to add I like it let go for it

**Sarah** – nothing to add

**Stephen** – I have been through both contracts very thoroughly it seems that this is the best and that its in final form not to say anything against the Hyatt – whether it makes a difference or not – Matt said they were leaning towards the Hilton. Be that as it may.

**Cori** – I was unable to find it, I'm looking through it now ...I'll review now

**Dana** – It's much better than the Hyatt – there is no food and bev. And there's additional coffee would be more than that. Any chance to negotiate – add in the food and bev or coffee in lieu of the room rate.

**Bobby**- it was attempted they said no.

**Bradley** – there's only one viable solution so I have nothing to add

Zach – looks great! Thank you

Jeff – same concern as Dana – nothing to add

Roger – looks good nothing to add

Jamie – nothing new to add

Sariah – nothing to add

Cori – nothing new

Bobby – pretty sure everything was covered we looked through everything in detail so that's all we got

Carolyn – now we vote

Adam – question – I was reviewing like Stephen said I was looking over the Hilton – everything looks great – but they're not budging on the food and beverage.

VOTING

Yes 11

No – 0

Abstain- 0

Carolyn: We have a Hotel contract. Host will be formed today. They will be voting on Monday and we will move forward after that.

The next order of business -dispersements

Bobby – the idea is great, the host 7 hasn't voted its projected but it hasn't been brought to a group conscious. They haven't made. Decision so we can't vote on it yet.

Carolyn: They are dispaning on Thursday – please keep in mind. We will push this to our next meeting. We need to get the finalized suggested dispersements.

Jeff- in regards to our last business meeting, I was about to step down because of how uncomfortable I am. I have to say something about how the bylaws I think was written in a grey area – I think we need to review and maybe rewrite that because I felt so attacked, and uncomfortable, and I felt that it was wrong and I want to make sure that doesn't happen again. I want to open that up for a dialogue.

Bobby – if a bylaw adhowk could be added to amend – Dana did it before the chair can appoint a adhok to review and address the bylaws.

Dana – thank you for speaking up,I have been in that type of situation – that feeling of WTF and why ...I've been thinking a lot about it ...I think clearing up any grey area in the bylaws is important and needs to be done. That's how they come about -m when we realize it doest work or it needs to be added. Like the host committee/ advisory relationships. I have a list of things that people want to change – the NYS – I hope they will continue to evolve as we continue to grow and learn. I'm really glad we're all here.

Adam – two questions – is there anyway we can do – like a crash course – like dos and don'ts like to make syre that this doesn't happen again – it was a learning session for me. Are we allowed to vote at host 8 elections?

All: No

Sarah: we could add a new position like advisory recruiter or something

Sariah: On that note – everybody says they read the bylaws signed off on it coming into advisory. At the campout we have a Q & A ..what i\'m going to work on is personally reaching out more but wha ti want to work on is

Carolyn: as the chair it is in the bylaws that there are other positions – the education and participation chair – I can appoint someone that commitment. I'm working on that. Bobby is taking is on right now. We will all work on it together. I would like time to create a formal proposal so tht we can address it in an organized manner. That will take place post host.

**Jamie:** I don't think everyone signs that piece of paper – not everyone on host sees the bylaws unless someone pointe it ot. I like the duction liason

**Cori-** I'm talking now because I wasn't able to talk I was so upset. I appreciate the reach out. I had a lot of fear coming today about how I'm going to mess up and violate. I don't want to feel afraid to do my job, but that's how I'm feeling now.

**Bobby-** this isn't just for our new advisory members I'm going to come more prepared for a game plan and if you have ideas send them to me! We will set it up how to discuss things.

**Zach:** We talked – archives – they will be added to obviously I want to bring to the table – not a motion but like an intro – I'm going to look into a centralized location to store the archives that was there's enough room. I'm going to look into renting storage facilities.

**Bobby-** past ...non-bid city liason ?

**Jamie** – now that LICYPAA disbanded

**Carolyn:** Archives, Non-bidding cities, LICYPAA liason will no longer exist so we should wait until after to vote.

**Stephen:** They already disbanded.

**Carolyn:** I'm going to read the descriptions – education, host dispersments, elections ...

Discussion about dispersements and disbanding, in depth ...

We will follow back with this next business meeting

**Jamie** – Kailee had said we have \$11198 before or after we replenish – its not clear I'm not sure if we add the seed money into the account. (\$2,000). Suggestion - They could have a conjoined meeting – STCYPAA & host committee – that might make it worth while.

**Bobby-** Seed money – first money out and in – that's always hhow its been done. So we take the \$750 out immediately. It doesn't go back to the advisory account it staya in the host account for the next year.

**Kailee-** moving \$750 from host 7 and move into host 8 & then disperse whatever is left.  
\$11,148.04

**Bobby** – don't even move it – just rename the account. From host 7 to host 8. Now what topic? We have about an hour left.

**Carolyn:** moving into elections.

**Sarah:** Lets take a break.

**Carolyn:** meeting resumes – we currently have two open positions – archivist and non-bidding city liaison I'm going to read the description for archivist first (reads).

No volunteers.

Non-bidding city liaison (reads) – **Jamie** volunteers– service resume – motion to accept.  
Seconded. Vote? 11 in favor.

Does anyone have anything else to add to the meeting>?

**Cori** -question – as advisory members and host 7 still being a thing. Are we allowed to participate in that meeting.

**Carloyn**: The consensus is yes.

**Adam**: we can add that to the bylaws next time. When we have that meeting.

Motion to close. Seconded.

**PRAYERS**

**MEETING ENDS @ 3:20pm**

**Next meeting is via Zoom on 12/27/2021 @ 8:30pm**