

## **WACYCAA Conference Call Minutes – 12/22/2012**

**Attendees:** Erica, Casey, Kate, Mark, Steve, Jared, Dain, Ryan, Dylan, Jamey, Lorie, Lindsay

Jared opens the meeting with the Serenity Prayer at 6:05pm Pacific Time

### **Reports (Position, Territory, and Bid Cities)**

#### **Erica (Chair – Central / Southern California and Texas)–**

1. Report on the host:

They are doing really really well! All upfront costs are covered and most of the deferred costs. I sent out the treasurer's report for November - so take a look at that if you are interested. Also the program is up on their website and they have a ton of participation from all over. I encourage everyone to take a look at it. This is going to be a great conference. Host had their council elections: Eddie, Aaron, and Jamie have been elected. I am still waiting on the list for the alternates. Sarah B., Alonzo, and Jon went and facilitated them.

2. Agenda for the Conference:

Friday -

8:30 - 4 - Business meeting

4:30 - 5:30 - Bid City Q & A

After Main Meeting, bid city roundtable

Saturday -

8 - 12 bid sessions

1 pm - election for non-host representation for Mexican National Liaison and the Native American/ First Nations (an announcement will be made on Friday night at the main meeting)

2 pm - deliberations

Meet with bid cities not awarded the conference after the main meeting

Sunday -

10 am - Meet with new host committee

Noonish - Meet with Tucson host committee and have a decompression meeting

3. Reporting the Embezzlement:

So, I have done a lot of research and so have other people. I talked to an attorney who works in the DA's office. WACYCAA is not legally required to file a police report. However, if we are to take a loss on the tax return, we will have to file one. In other words, WACYCAA can't be penalized for not filing but we have to take a loss on the tax return.

#### **Casey (Secretary – Idaho, Wyoming, and Colorado) –**

Bylaws are updated; I had to parse through an .xml file to find the changes, but was able to find the wording. Bylaws were also updated in Spanish.

Colorado – FRCYPAA is doing well, was able to give the bid city multiple hours of feedback on their feedback.

Idaho – Doing well, does not plan on bidding, but people are coming to WAC.

Wyoming – I was not able to be able to outreach due to budget constraints.

#### **Jamey (Archives – Montana and Wyoming) –**

I have very little as far as territories to report. I do have a new sponsor. He is from Montana and was/is active in AA up there. We have a couple annual retreats and conferences coming up in that area. I'm excited to hopefully get some contacts this next year. I've also been invited to do some retreats in Wyoming and am hoping to do the same there. There is a little interested in South Dakota as far as YPAA

goes. We're throwing around starting a young people's meeting. This last year was crazy busy with life stuff. I am hoping to hit the ground running after the conference this year.

Archives...do to our lack of funds, and my procrastination...I wasn't able to get the archives sent to me from Vegas. They have been under the care of the amazing Lorie all year. She has agreed to send them to Jeremy P the current Host Archivist. I am going to cover that expense. Jeremy has also been super busy with life and forgot to reserve an archives space. The host is getting that ironed out and we should be just fine. He has done a terrific job of collecting flyers, and other memorabilia over this past year. He is planning to have a slide show set up for everyone to look at. We are going to meet Thursday night before the conference to set everything up. I am really excited about doing well with this position and will pick it up a notch this next year.

**Steve (First Nations / Native Liaison / Webmaster – Arizona and Montana) –**

I have been making contacts with different native groups around the northwest area, and one group in Washington that invited me to go on their great canoe journey as a paddler (this is very exciting for me). I do not feel that I have been getting very much momentum built as far as excitement for WACYPAA that is. I have talked to people who say it sounds great but I have not gotten any groups to come to our conference, some have said they would if it was in the northwest again.

On my trip to Hawaii I did meet some natives there and talked to one kid in particular on the phone that is on fire, doing great work with the native populations from the whole pacific area, and I think he will be at WACYPAA this year.

The website is currently updated as far as the information I have currently.

**Jared (First Nations / Native Liaison – Idaho and Alberta) –**

Nothing to report

**Kate (Co-Chair – Oregon, Washington, Northern California) –**

Obviously this quarter has been a bit stressful, but I have enjoyed all of the conversations that we have gotten to have. Although the situation is not ideal, I feel more a part of advisory than I have in a while. I've been working on updating the host and bid packets for the conference and am still waiting on hearing back from anyone who may know the numbers from Yosemite and Vegas. These numbers are really important to keep in the host packet as they are the most recent and relevant numbers to the next committee. Basically I think that is all I am waiting on for the host packet, and since there are some key positions for contact changing at this next conference, I will finish the update to the Bid Packet at the Conference on Friday when elections are concluded. I know that part of my job is to maintain a list of contacts for outreach and what not, but besides the list I got in Vegas, that is in attachments in the group, I have not received any other contacts from you guys. If you do have some, send them to me before the conference so that the next co-chair can have a solid list to build off of!

That's all that I've got no news from bid cities or territories.

**Dylan (Co-Treasure and acting current acting Treasurer – Oregon, Washington, Utah)**

The bank account was setup, and we have the information to change the signers on the account at the conference.

Here is what I know we owe:

1. Mark - outreach - \$1,000
2. Erica - Insurance - \$551.25
3. Casey - Website - \$ 118.05
4. Jon G - Add TX to Banner - \$50.00
5. New Host - Seed Money - \$500 - \$1,000

6. Secretary - printing expense - usually around \$80

And, the host committee is going to try and give us our core expenses of \$3,000 at the conference. We should be in the black, with everyone paid off, by the end of the conference.

**Mark (Mailing Chair – Arizona, Northern California, Oregon, and Hawaii) –**

Will be sending his report to me.

**Tom (Member – Hawaii and Central California) –**

Tom is kind of down, he fractured his scapula.

I am compiling a list of all the bidding committee's host contacts.

Hawaii – Steve and Mark are doing really well with Hawaii.

Central California – SACYPAA is doing well, the feedback was good. They are looking forward to bidding.

Thanks to everyone that has been spiritually talking to me about the group.

**Lori (Member – Nevada, New Mexico, and Arizona) –**

No report.

**Dain (Member – Nevada, British Columbia, Wyoming) –**

No report.

**Ryan (Member – Nevada, Yukon Territory, and Alaska)–**

No report.

**Old Business**

**Group inventory –** When, where, who will facilitate?

General Consensus – **We really don't have enough time at this conference.**

**At each business meeting, we go over one to two group inventory questions.**

**Update from ad-hoc on including the central region above Texas.**

Jon was heading that up. He is not on the call. No further discussion.

**Update from ad-hoc on how to use the Alternates.**

Tom – Worked with Robbie on it, can get something together with Ryan before the conference.

**We will discuss this at the conference.**

**Native America/First Nations Position and Mexican National Liaison –**

Erica – Make the announcement on Friday, elections at 1pm

(Discussion)

**Motion – (Casey) “To announce the open Native America Liaison, and Mexican National Liaison positions Friday of the conference, while also letting the current host and bid committees know of the positions prior to the conference.”**

**(2<sup>nd</sup> Dain)**

All were in favor – No one opposed

**Motion Passes**

## **New Business**

Discuss remaining expenses outstanding.  
Dylan discussed this in his report.

### **Casey's Motion**

**Motion "To have an unbiased mediator with a working knowledge of the traditions and concepts of Alcoholics Anonymous present during the closed discussion regarding how to handle criminal acts committed against WACYPAA."**

**(2<sup>nd</sup> Lorie)**

(Discussion)

Motion did not pass.

Minority opinion (Casey, Lori)

A member changed their vote based on minority opinion.

Revote – **Motion Failed**

### **Dain's Motion**

**Motion to "Add the following to description of the Treasurer:**

**o) Under no circumstances will the Treasurer or any member of Council be allowed to have in their possession the following or allowed to access to following. The Treasurer will also monitor & advise the current host city of the same bylaws. (Note: This is to prevent further historic loss of conference attendee contributions)**

**- Cease credit / debit cards connected to any accounts and further agree to destroy/cancel any future credit/debit cards that may be created as the result of renewing accounts in the future.**

**- No unmonitored electronic ability to move council treasury funds.**

**- No WACYPAA related accounts can be put into an individual's name."**

(Discussion)

**Motion withdrawn**

**Dain motions to "Form an ad-hoc committee to figure out the treasury by-laws to be presented at the conference, and table the other treasury related motions."**

(Casey 2nds)

**We do not have quorum. We can no longer vote on this.**

**Unofficially, we are going to ask Dain, Ryan, and Mark to work on combining the treasury by-law changes.**

### **Mark's Motions**

Motion that host city deliberations include a robust discussion, not limited to two minutes per person

**Erica explains that we will be going around the room, until it deliberations are brought to a vote, and not limit discussion on deliberations until someone brings it to a vote.**

**We do not have quorum. We can no longer vote on any more motions.**

Casey states to the ad-hoc committee his suggestion that the ad-hoc committee think about emailed account activity alerts to more than just the person holding the checks.

Erica states to have also advised the ad-hoc committee to think also about having the treasurer not hold on to the checks.

Casey closes the meeting the Responsibility Pledge @ 8:39pm Pacific Time.