

WACYPAA XVII Minutes

Denver January 3-5, 2014

Attendees: Lindsay, Casey, Lorie, Tom, Mary, Steve, Jamey, Eddie, Ryan, Dylan, Aaron, Beth, Mark, Jon

Open with Serenity Prayer -

Lindsay opens the meeting at 9:05am

Approve Minutes from Midyear -

Dylan Motions to Approve the Minutes, Lorie seconds,

All were in favor, motion passes

Approve Minutes from December 15th Conference Call

Eddie Motion to Approve the Minutes, Ryan 2nds,

Casey offers a friendly amendment to add additional attendees,

All were in favor, motion passes

Read Current Set of Bylaws

Bylaws were read by all

Casey motion to change to 9.4 from "in their area", to "of their choice", Lorie 2nds

All were in favor, motion passes

Officer Reports:

- Erica W. - Chair (Yukon Territory, Northern CA, Wyoming)
Not present
- Casey L. - Secretary (Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado)
Nothing new
- Jamey N. (Nipples) - Archives (Montana, Wyoming, Mexico)
Rotating off, South Dakota did bring some people
- Steve R. - First Nations / Native Liaison / Webmaster (Hawaii, Oregon)
Nothing new
- Dylan A. - Member (Alaska, Oregon, New Mexico)
Nothing new
- Mark C. - Co-treasurer (Oregon, Hawaii, Baja Norte, Baja Sur)
Will be a better person
- Lindsay L. - Co-chair (Southern California, Colorado, Alaska)
Working on the host committee packets, bid committee packets
- Jon G. - Outreach chair (California, New Mexico, Texas)
Rotation out, get with Andrew M (current host) they have a big master email addresses book, setup a weekly Monday meeting with the host outreach chair

- Tom D. - Treasurer (Northern California, Utah)
We have a report, this has been the easiest treasurer position I have every served on, please get me any receipts for reimbursements, our current balance is \$3,445.39
Past treasurer report
The detective has asked for more information, that information has been given to the detective, we will want to check up on it, Tom will check up on it for us
- Lorie R. - Mailings chair (Idaho, Nevada, Texas)
Did not have a budget, we have some envelopes, we will setup the email list using an
- Dain R. - Member (Utah, Southern CA, Nevada)
Not present
- Ryan S. - Member (Nevada, New Mexico, Alberta)
Nothing new
- Eddie P. - Member (Arizona, Utah, Alberta)
Nothing new
- Quinton - Non-Host Native Liaison (Native, First Nations)
Not present, has missed two consecutive meetings – resigned by not showing up
- Adolfo - Spanish Speaking Liaison (All Spanish Speaking)
Not present, has missed two consecutive meetings – resigned by not showing up
- Marytere - Non-host Mexican National Liaison (Mexico)
Helping out with host
- Aaron M. - Member (Arizona, Utah, Washington)
Nothing new
- Beth F. - Member (New Mexico, Arizona, Baja)

Special Motion on Insurance Policy for this Conference

Tom motions “We may conference insurance for \$634 for \$1 million dollars in conference coverage”.

All were in favor, motion passes.

Special Orders of Business (Elections, etc)

Positions to Elect:

- Chair
Available – Ryan, Jon G.
Ryan is elected as chair.
- Secretary
Available – John
Jon is elected as secretary.
- Webmaster
Available – Mary
Mary is elected as Webmaster.
- Outreach
Available – Steve, Eddie, Aaron
Aaron is elected as Outreach chair.

- Archivist
Available – Casey, Weezie, Eryka
Eryka is elected as Archivist.
- Host – First Nations/Native American Liaison
Available – No one available
Asking if anyone is available at the conference, we will be electing soon
- Host – Spanish Speaking Liaison
Available – No one available
Asking if anyone is available at the conference, we will be electing soon
- Non-Host – Mexican National Liaison
Asking if anyone is available at the conference, we will be electing soon
- Non-Host – First Nations / Native Liaison
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From Midyear:

- Finalize wording of the 11th bid requirement and announce the new bid requirement at the main meeting. It currently reads:

11) Demonstrate how the bid committee has outreached the current calendar year WACY PAA conference to other alcoholics in the area in and or surrounding the bid committee's home area.

Friendly amendment to the change made by Ryan.

11) Bidders must demonstrate how the bid committee has outreached the WACY PAA conference to AA in and out of their area throughout the current calendar year.

All were in favor, motion passes.

Old Business:

-From Bylaw Subcommittee

Motion: Bylaw change to remove section 4.2 and add into section 4.1

~~4.2-Operating Committee Terms~~

~~The Operating Committee shall consist of the following positions; Chairperson, Co-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Co-Treasurer and Mailing Chairperson. The Advisory Council may decide at any time to create other positions, which it deems necessary. All Operating Committee members will be elected by "Third Legacy Procedure" (see AA Service Manual) to serve a term of two years, not to exceed two~~

~~terms or four years on the Operating Committee. Operating Committee members shall not take actions, individually or collectively, on behalf of the Advisory Council or WACYPAA without the consent of the entire Advisory Council.~~

Notes: Removing redundancy and consolidating. We voted on removing this section at midyear but it is not clearly reflected in the minutes.

Motion from Ryan, 2nd by Casey.

All were in favor motion passes.

-From Bylaw Subcommittee

Motion: Bylaw change to 4.9 (Mailing Chairperson)

(a) Work with Spanish Speaking and Mexican National Liaison/s to ensure proper verbiage is associated with any information going to Spanish Communities

Notes: Moved from 3.3 “Council Duties”, as the wording specifically states it is the Mailing Chairperson’s duty.

Friendly Amendment to change 4.9 (Mail Chairperson)

(a) Mailing chairperson will work with liaison/s to ensure proper verbiage is associated with any information going to Spanish communities inclusive of but not limited to: Intergroups, Central Offices, and YP groups.

Motion retracted by Ryan

-From Bylaw Subcommittee

Motion: Bylaw change to 5.3 (Outreach Chairperson)

The Outreach Chair is a two year term. They shall:

- (a) Act a liaison between ~~known bid cities~~ the WACPAA region and Advisory Council
- (b) Have direct contact with the host Outreach Chair to assist with anything they need
- (c) Maintain a regular correspondence with fellow AG Advisory Council members to ensure their assigned territories are getting outreached
- (d) Assign territories to AG Advisory Council members

(e) Work with the Native American and Hispanic liaisons serving on AG Advisory Council to make sure outreach is being done to their assigned communities

Notes: Item A is the big change, the other changes remove the letters AC and change them to Advisory Council.

All were in favor, motion passes.

-From Bylaw Subcommittee

Motion: Bylaw change to 5.4 (Spanish Speaking Liaison)

This person will be elected from our general Advisory body for a term of ~~four~~ two years, ~~not to exceed a total of six years~~, and will assume duties to act as Liaison to Mexico GSO. They will also be encouraged to attend at least one large scale Hispanic AA event per year, preferably the National Mexican Congreso or the US Hispanic convention. Preference will go to an Advisory Council members who has experience in Hispanic AA communities, but any Advisory Council member will be available to serve in this position, if there is no such Advisory Council member Advisory Council will seek representation from a past Hispanic Liaison that has served on a prior WACYPA Host Committee

Notes: If a person is elected from the current Advisory Council the term will be two years, (*Comment from Casey – I might suggest this be changed to “two traveling conference, not to include there election conference, if elected at a conference*). Also this removes the not to exceed a total of six years, which is where we have had issues in the past with, and is already covered under Operating Committee terms. The other changes remove the letters AC and change them to Advisory Council.

Friendly amendment by Casey

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Council will seek representation from a past Hispanic Liaison that has served on a prior WACYCAA Host Committee

All were in favor, motion passes.

-From Bylaw Subcommittee

Motion: Bylaw change to 5.4 (Spanish Speaking Liaison)

If Advisory Council seeks representation from a past Hispanic Liaison that has served on a prior WAYCPAA Host Committee, that person shall be able to serve a full Advisory term {full four-year Advisory/two year}, regardless of when such person was on the host committee. This person must not have ever served on Advisory Council. If there is no suitable candidate available Advisory Council can choose to leave the position available until a well suitable candidate is available

Notes: This is an addition to the end of the current 5.4 section on Spanish Speaking Liaison. This is in the case that a person from outside the current Advisory Council is setup to serve on the advisory council. The question we have for the Advisory Council on this change is should someone serve in this position for a full 4 traveling conferences in the position if they are not being voted in while being a current advisory council member (not including their initial conference, if they were voted in at a conference) or should they be on Advisory Council for only the two traveling conference (not including their initial conference, if they were voted in at a conference) as if they were voted on being an existing Advisory Council member.

Friendly amendment by Casey

Bylaw change to 5.4 (Spanish Speaking Liaison)

If Advisory Council seeks representation from a past Hispanic Liaison that has served on a prior WAYCPAA Host Committee, that person shall be able to serve a full Advisory term of four traveling conferences regardless of when such person was on the host committee. This person must not have ever served on Advisory Council. If there is no suitable candidate available Advisory Council can choose to leave the position available until a well suited candidate is available.

All but one was in favor, minority opinion, no one changes there vote motion passes.

-From Bylaw Subcommittee

Motion: Bylaw change to 5.5 (Native Liaison)

This person will be elected from our general Advisory body for a term of ~~four~~ **two** years ~~not to exceed a total of six years~~. They will have the specific purpose of serving the Native Nations and the NA-GSO within our region. Preference will go to an **Advisory Council** member that is of Native descent but any AC member will be able to serve in this position. If there is no such **Advisory Council** member **Advisory Council** will seek representation from a past Native Liaison that has served on a prior WACYCAA Host Committee.

Notes: Same as Spanish Speaking Liaison changes. If a person is elected from the current Advisory Council the term will be two years, (*Comment from Casey – I might suggest this be changed to “two traveling conference, not to include their election conference, if elected at a conference”*). Also this removes the not to exceed a total of six years, which is where we have had issues in the past with, and is already covered under Operating Committee terms. The other changes remove the letters AC and change them to Advisory Council.

Friendly amendment by Casey

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All were in favor, motion passes.

-From Bylaw Subcommittee

Motion: Bylaw change to 5.4 (Native Liaison)

If Advisory Council seeks representation from a past Native Liaison that has served on a prior WACYCAA Host Committee, that person shall be able to serve a full Advisory term{full four-year Advisory/two year}, regardless of when such person was on the host committee. This person must not have ever served on Advisory Council. If there is no

suitable candidate available Advisory Council can choose to leave the position available until a well suitable candidate is available.

Notes: This is an addition to the end of the current 5.5 section on Native Liaison. This is in the case that a person from outside the current Advisory Council is setup to serve on the advisory council. The question we have for the Advisory Council on this change is should serve in this position for a full 4 traveling conferences in the position (not including their initial conference, if they were voted in at a conference) or should they be on Advisory Council for only the two traveling conference as if they were voted on being an existing Advisory Council member.

Friendly amendment from Casey

Bylaw change to 5.4 (Native Liaison)

If Advisory Council seeks representation from a past Native Liaison that has served on a prior WAYCPAA Host Committee, that person shall be able to serve a full Advisory term of four traveling conference regardless of when such person was on the host committee. This person must not have ever served on Advisory Council. If there is no suitable candidate available Advisory Council can choose to leave the position available until a well suitable candidate is available.

All in favor, motion passed.

-From Jamey/Tom

Motion: Add duties of Alternates to the bylaws under 5.7 to read:

Alternates shall be added to and ask to participate in the WACYPAA Advisory email group. Alternates shall be invited to the 2 Advisory reports conference calls held between midyear and the conference. Alternates shall be assigned territories by advisory outreach chair and provide territory reports to the outreach chair in a timely fashion prior to all AC meetings. First year alternates shall produce a post conference event (panel, meeting, activity, etc.) in their area, within 2 months of the conference end, with a focus and purpose of addressing "post conference blues" or maintaining unity among YPAA committees after a conference. Alternates shall ensure that the post conference questioner is filled out by past host committee and returned to advisory.

- Alternates are welcome to attend council business meetings for midyear and the conference. Alternates will not have a vote at council meetings. (The spirit of this is to allow alternates to stay abreast of matters affecting council and the conference, in the event that they are asked to step on to council.)

Friendly amendment from Casey

Alternates are suggested to:

- a) Participate in the WACYCAA Advisory email group
- b) Attend Advisory Council calls, just to listen, held between midyear and the conference.
- c) Have assigned territories by the advisory outreach chair and provide territory reports to the outreach chair in a timely fashion prior to all Advisory Council meetings.
- d) Ensure that the post conference questioner is filled out by past host committee and returned to advisory council.
- e) Attend advisory council business meetings, just to listen, for midyear and the conference (with exception of host city deliberations)

All but one was in favor, minority opinion, no one changes there vote motion passes.

End of business, the rest will be continued as old business at the next business meeting.

-From Bylaw Subcommittee

Motion: Bylaw change to 5.6 (Mexico National Liaison)

- (b) Cooperate with the US Hispanic Liaison ~~on outreach efforts to carry message of the annual conferences~~ **on outreaching the current year's WAYCPAA** and **fostering** bids from the Spanish speaking regions of WACYCAA.

Notes: Changes as shown.

-From Bylaw Subcommittee

Motion: Bylaw change to 5.6 (Mexico National Liaison)

- (i) Also advise and/or take part in the maintaining of the delegate territory structure specific to the Mexican or related Spanish communities within WACYCAA. ~~They may will also assist & advise on any contact the Hispanic Liaison has with Mexico GSO.~~

Notes: Changes as shown.

-From Bylaw Subcommittee

Motion: Bylaw change to 5.6 (Mexico National Liaison)

- (j)** They will also be encouraged to attend at least one large scale Hispanic AA event per year, preferably a National Mexican Congreso, US Hispanic convention, or other large scale AA events where the opportunity to reach the Spanish speaking

community may be present. This is subject to approval of Advisory Council review of the outreach budget.

Notes: Housekeeping item changing this portion of what is currently item I to item J, additions shown in yellow highlight.

-From Bylaw Subcommittee

Motion: Bylaw change to 5.7 (Non-Host City Representation from a Native American/First Nations Liaison)

5.7 Non-Host City Representation from a Native American/First Nations Liaison

The advisory council will seek non-host city representation from two Native American/First Nations AA members that reside in the WAYPAA region. The position is a four year term from the date of induction onto Advisory Council. The term "Native" is defined as any person who identifies as a Native American, a First Nation person, Polynesian, Samoan, or other similar nationality.

Individual Duties:

(a) Members will act as a liaison between their designated territories and Advisory Council for concerns specific to WAYCPAA.

Notes: Additions shown in yellow highlight. (Comment from Casey – I might suggest the reference to a four year term, be changed to “four traveling conference, not to include their election conference, if elected at a conference”)

-From Bylaw Subcommittee

Motion: Bylaw change to 8.3 (Selection of the Conference Site)

The Advisory Council shall have sole and final authority over selection of the conference host city. In choosing the site of the conference, the focus is especially to reach those areas, which historically have had little exposure to such conferences. The Advisory Council will encourage the participation of all states, provinces and countries within the Conference scope. All bids will be given equal consideration, regardless of size, population, or location. Conference site selection shall be done by “Third Legacy Procedure” (see AA service Manual) after thorough discussion and a motion to vote has been made and seconded.

Notes: Additions shown in yellow highlight.

-From Marytere

Motion: Create a Welcome Packet for New Advisory Members

-From Marytere

Motion: To start using Skype to hold conference calls

WACYPAA XVIII Host City Deliberation –

Hawaii is the new host city.

Outreach Territories/Positions

Ryan (Chair) – Idaho, Nevada, Alberta

Lindsay (Co-Chair) – Alaska, Southern California, Washington

Tom (Treasurer) – Northern California, Utah

Mark (Co-Treasurer) – Hawaii, Mark, Oregon

Aaron (Outreach Chair) – Arizona, Hawaii, Washington

Lorie (Mailing Chair) – Idaho, Nevada, Texas

Mary (Website Chair) -- Mexico

Eddie – Arizona, New Mexico

Jon G. – California, New Mexico, Utah, Texas

Dain – Southern California, Nevada, Utah

Nate – Colorado, British Columbia, Yukon Territory

Alex – Colorado, Montana, British Columbia

Billy – Colorado, Wyoming

Steve – Hawaii, Montana, Oregon, First Nations/Native American

Beth – Montana, New Mexico, Wyoming

Eryka (Archivist) – Mexico

Motion from Mark C. “Announce in the future that we will call the police, without hesitation, if the banner is stolen and it has a value of over \$1000.”

2nd Lorie

All were in favor, motion passes

-From Eddie

Motion: Bylaw change, adding Oklahoma to the Scope of the Conference.

2. Scope of Conference

The scope of the Conference shall cover the following areas: The American states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, **Oklahoma**, Oregon, Utah, Texas, Washington, and Wyoming; the Canadian provinces of Alberta, British Columbia, and the Yukon Territory; and the Mexican states of Baja California Norte, Baja California Sur, Chihuahua, Durango, Sinaloa, and Sonora.

-From Eddie

Motion: Bylaw change, adding North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, and Oklahoma to the Scope of the Conference.

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New Business

-From Eddie

Motion: To adjust the requirements for new advisory members as follows:

3.1 Host Committee Elections to Advisory Council

Each Host Committee shall elect by "Third Legacy Procedure" (see AA Service Manual) three of its own members **(treating each membership place as a separate election)** to serve a term of four years (their conference and four traveling conferences) on the WACYCAA Advisory Council. All candidates for service on the Advisory Council must be

members of Alcoholics Anonymous; have reached his or her eighteenth birthday; *have served on the Host Committee continuously for 6 months prior to elections*; and have at least two years of continuous sobriety. The person must never have served on Advisory Council for WACYPAA. The incoming Advisory Council members will not be required to assume an active role until after their city has concluded the conference. However, they are encouraged to participate in Advisory meetings during their conference and will have a recognized vote. Participation in the selection of the new host city is contingent on being present for the bid session and the entire deliberation session. Elections for Advisory Council Members should be held 2 – 3 weeks prior to the conference date.

From Ryan:

Motion: To remove mailing chair from section 4. The Operation Committee and add to section 5. Additional Advisory Positions. (To take into effect after Lori's term is over.)