

WACYPAA XVIII Time Line and Agenda

Island of Hawaii

December 26–28, 2014

Advisory Timeline

Friday

8:00 am - 4:00 pm – Bi-Annual business meeting (lunch 12:00–12:45)

5 pm - 6 pm - Bid City Q & A with Advisory Council; Lehau Room

6:30 pm- Speaker Meeting

10 pm – Meet and greet with Advisory Council

Saturday

8 am –12 pm Bid City presentations; Ballroom

45 minute lunch after presentations

1 pm – until decision- Deliberations

7:00 pm – Speaker Meeting (announce new host city!!!)

10:00 pm – Meet with remaining bid cities

Sunday

8:00 am – Elections for non-host positions

9:00 am – Speaker Meeting

10 am – Meet with new Host Committee

12 pm – Host City decompression

Open with the Serenity Prayer

Attendees:

Approve Minutes from Conference Call from October and December 2014

- December Minutes— Aaron to approve, seconded by Eryka, motion passes.
- October Minutes— Aaron to approve, seconded by Kelli, motion passes. **Reports**

Ryan S. - Chair (Nevada, New Mexico, Alberta)

- In regards to outreach things are pretty sparse. Hawaii has done an exception job, met room block. Voted in 3 AC members: Mike, Marissa, Leigh Anne. 3 other alternates, one is island native, may be up for native liaison. Besides this, in regards to our “on-going case”, I emailed detective, has been slow. Asked if we are moving forward on case, says no. Asks if she is doing anything about it, not sure if she is doing anything. Is in their hands if they will do anything around Robbie. Any question? I think as AC we’re doing good, not entirely upset to see people rotate off, if you can’t participate you have alternates. Excited to see new people rotate on. As a group, we did vote to move mid-year to the mainland to allow greater participate, and we still had many people absent.

Questions

- Mark: Suggestion, would continue to pressure her. “Give her a tickle.” Would like to have a discussion about participation for future Hawaiian AC members.

Lindsay L. - CO-Chair (Southern California, Washington, Alaska)

- Not present.

John G. - Secretary (California, New Mexico, Texas, Utah)

- Not present.

Tom D. - Treasurer (Northern California, Utah)

- I’ve talked to Sam (host treasurer), once we get final numbers we’ll get core expenses taken care of. Next we’ll work on getting the split taken care of. I’ve talked to Mike (host facilities) about insurance, that’s all taken care of. 4 day conference, \$1 million coverage for \$378. \$3,400 to be split among present advisory members for travel and expenses. We’ve been very prudent this year.
- Balance at conference call: \$12,982.71

- Current balance: \$12,604.71 not including reimbursements.

Questions

- Mark: Where's my check?

Mark C. – Co-Treasurer (Oregon, Hawaii) *Voluntarily Resignation in not present*

- Super stoked on being in Hawaii. Seems like there's been some great participate, has created a lot of unity on the big island and inter-island. Couldn't commend AC more on awarding the conference to Hawaii. As far as Oregon, PORCYPAA is extra stoked, here in force. I am rotating off.

Lorie R. - Mailing Chair (Idaho, Nevada, Texas) *Voluntarily Resignation in not present*

- Not present.

Mary - Non-Host Mexican Liaison/ Webmaster (Mexico) *Voluntarily Resignation in not present*

- Sooooo, yeah Mexico. We're working on it. This year I have a former delegate and trustee in my region. Kind of supporting the thing, has some doubts. Mexican Congresso is expecting 45,000 people, would like to go, and needs some help. Knocking on doors, "do you have a minute to talk about YPAA?" Really important for host committees to understand there are 6 Mexican states and they need to be working to outreach them. As well, did create Spanish flier, uploaded to Yahoo! Group and Facebook—it is everyone's job to outreach the Spanish community in the U.S.

Aaron M. - Outreach (Arizona, Hawai'i, Washington)

- So we have our two bids, Sacramento and Portland. I was in contact with Sarah from Alaska, doesn't seem like she will be here. I did see that there will be someone from Alaska here, may try to find them. Haven't been terribly active on outreach since midyear. Kelli and Alexander have contacts. Canada has stuff going on, BC and Edmonton putting in token bids. Flagstaff got ASCYPAA, this past year it was in Prescott. SWACYPAA will be in Phoenix. One last thing, I spoke with the chair last night and wanted to check our wording for First Nation Chair by-law, possibly wording 'Native Hawaiian'.

Eryka - Archivist

- Thank you very much for allowing me to serve as your archivist. On my report, Melissa is a flight attendant and gave me 75% off to shop all the archives. I would like advisory to consider getting a special kind of box for archives, water proof. I have a budget for that and will go get them. I have been

talking with someone who is qualified for the position as non-host native America—Alex. I think he'll be a great candidate. Planning on attending the national Mexican Congresso with Mary.

Steve R. Non-host Native American Liaison Outreach - *Voluntarily Resignation in not present*

- First, I want to say thank you for letting me serve. Had never heard of WACY PAA before I was a host member. This conference has changed everything about my sobriety. I'm rotating off, it's been slow to make new contacts in Montana. I wasn't able to make it to the Native American conference. Have struggled to get young Natives involved, but feel like I may have more success when I rotate off. This will forever be one of the best things I've ever done.

Eddie P. – Member at large (Arizona, Utah) *Voluntarily Resignation in not present*

- Resigned position.

Beth F. – Member at large (New Mexico, Montana, Wyoming) *Voluntarily Resignation in not present*

- Resigned position.

Alexander D. – Member at large - *Voluntarily Resignation in not present*

- Texas is very stoked, expect to see Austin bidding next year. Edmonton will be putting in a token bid we imagine. Have some contacts in Montana, so excited to be working with AC this year.

Billy W. - Member at large - *Voluntarily Resignation in not present*

- Involuntarily resigned.

Nate L. – Member at large - *Voluntarily Resignation in not present*

- Involuntarily resigned.

Melissa M. (Utah, Southern CA, Nevada)

Kelli P.

- Served WACY PAA in Tucson, served ICYPAA advisory outreach. Really, really, really excited to be serving. Very sick person, needs lots of commitments. :)

Special Orders of Business

As per section 4.2 Operating Committee – Eligibility

Council Members must have been members of the Advisory Council for at least one previous conference during their current term before being eligible to serve on the Operating Committee. Any advisory member eligible to stand for an advisory council position may stand for that position by proxy upon approval by the Advisory Council.

Positions to Elect:

- Co-Chair
- Treasurer
- Co-treasurer
- Mailing Chair
- Spanish Speaking Liaison
- Native Liaison
- Non-Host City Representation from a Native American/First Nations Liaison to be voted on Sunday after it has been announced to the WACYPA body at the main meetings and the by-laws for the position have been voted on.

Discussion

- Lindsey is interested in standing for mailing chair via proxy.— Motion to allow Lindsey to stand via proxy. Motion passes unanimously.
- Lindsey is elected mailing chair.
- Tom is nominated for Treasurer. Asked to speak to personal finances.— Still have a credit score of 800, takes care of personal finances.
- Tom is elected treasurer.
- Discussing Aaron as co-chair and/or co-treasurer.— He’s more comfortable being co-treasurer, always is chair and feels like he could learn things.
- Aaron is elected co-treasurer.
- Discussing Lindsey as co-chair.
- Lindsey elected as co-chair.
- Discussing Spanish-speaking Liaison.— Motion to table these elections.— Motion passes.
- Discussing Native Liaison.— Motion to table this election.— Motion passes.
- Motion to suspend Non-Host Native Liaison voting until Mid-Year.— Mark made a friendly amendment to suspend voting UNLESS someone suitable and willing makes themselves available at the conference.— Tom is against, minority opinion: preferred it before the amendment, even if we find a qualified person we aren’t doing due diligence. Feels like it would be more inclusive to find the absolute best.— Motion does not pass.

- Motion to postpone election until Mid-Year to outreach the position and allow for more participation by Kelli, seconded by Mary.—

Old Business

From Bylaw subcommittee

Changes to 5.6 Non-host City Representation

Currently reads as:

5.6 The advisory council will seek non-host city representation from two Mexican National Liaison AA members and they may reside in Mexico or other areas of the WACY PAA region. The term will be for four traveling conferences, and will be eligible to serve an additional two traveling conferences on the operating committee.

Motion to change to:

The Advisory Council will seek non-host city representation from two *one* Mexican National Liaison Alcoholics Anonymous member. Term will be for four traveling conferences and will be eligible to serve a full Advisory Council Term.

From Bylaw Subcommittee

Currently read as:

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 WACY PAA region. The term will be for four traveling conferences, and will be eligible to serve an additional two traveling conferences on the operating committee.

- Discussion moves in direction of having an acting member and an alternate that has a training period, can vote if main member is not present. Is very important to have people that are available to act in the interest of the position. Able to 'pass on' the expected requirements.
- Motion to vote on motion, passes.
- Group vote, motion dies.

Motion: Bylaw change to 5.7

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

The advisory council will seek non-host city representation from two *one* Native American/First Nations Alcoholic Anonymous member that reside in the WAYPAA region.

- Motion to vote on motion, passes.
- Group vote, motion dies.

Motion: Bylaw change to 7.1

Ryan: This is basically a house-cleaning motion. We had already made this change to another section, and are trying to do this to create consistency in the by-laws.

Currently Reads as:

Conference site selection shall be done by “Third Legacy Procedure” (see AA Service Manual).

Motion to Change to:

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.

This change was made to section 8.3. The motion is to have the bylaw consistent in both sections.

- No discussion. Motion passes.

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 WACY PAA 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 WACY PAA. 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.

- Discussion: Some members feel that the first piece (*treating each membership place as a separate election*) is not necessary. If Third Legacy is followed, then each member election should be done separately anyway. Brought up often: we should trust each committee's group conscience to deliver us people that they trust.
- No second for the motion. Motion dies.

Discussion of allowing Skype for Mid-Year for the members that reside in Hawaii.

- Discussion: How do we make this exception? It can't be Hawaii only, but we need to be careful who we grant this to. Is it really unfair to expect Hawaii to adhere to the same expectations as other members?

Motion: Allow Hawaiian advisory council members to attend Mid-Year Summit via Skype. Attendance must be for the full-length and participation of the business meeting to be considered in-attendance. Alexander makes the motion.

- Eryka seconds this motion.
- Motion passes.

Discussion of \$50 check from Robbie Plaster

- Motion: Do not cash the checks from Robbie Plaster. Mark makes the motion.
- Discussion on motion: Eryka feels like we should consult an attorney about the implications of cashing the check.
- Motion passes.

Discussion extending territories.

- Discussion: Adding Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota. Some are worried that it will dilute the region.
- Motion: Motion to include the states of Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota into the WACYPAA region. Motion by Kelli, seconded by Steve.
- Discussion: Geographically, these states encompass half of the U.S., half on Canada. Some are concerned that some Mexican states should be included in this, although taking this line down is almost all of Mexico. Concern that adding areas such as Monterrey and Mexico City would be premature and may cause a real stir.
- Motion passes.

New Business