

## 4/25/04 Conference Call

Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer

### Conference Update:

Moshe: complications

1. American host committee does things that may be insulting to Mexico AA eg. Flyers are not accepted in Mexico
2. (someone called Manuel to complain) imposing conference on Mexico, however, host committee is developing a good relationship with Mexico committee (Jose Luis got half the seed \$=\$500).
3. Mexico committee agreed to co-host conference but wanted to change name (maybe backed down from request).
4. Mexican ex-patriots may quit the committee
5. Logistics-2 different host committees (Phoenix and Mexico) do things diff. eg. Mexico-huge speaker mtgs. All day long and everyone attends.

Kelley: 1. Phoenix committee confused about their part.  
2. Chente has invited many members up from Mexico and vice versa.  
3. Confidence in Mexico group?  
4. Chente, difficult to contact (asked Val to contact)  
5. Question to council-How name thing is going to work?

Tami: No comment

Danny: No comment

Frank: Name WACYPAA, established org. question-Can we change the name?

Rosie: No Comment

Grace: 1. Name on flyer  
2. question-Do we want to include info about regulations into Mexico with the mailing?

Dennis: 1. Can put Mexico entry regs. On web  
2. can email contacts via web

Daniela: No comment

Rhonda: 1. Do midyear as soon as possible. Experience last year-went to Mexico and difficult to get young people's support.  
2. Feel it's a Phoenix committee-big concern.  
3. Question-Has name been resolved?

Kelley: answered "No"

Shannon: No Comment

Phil: Idea-statement of purpose translated to explain how the BID ended up in Mexico even though Mexico was not there to address concerns.

Sydney: absent

Valerie: 1. like Phil's idea-support it  
2. name the Mexicans would call it- international event of youth in AA of south in unity with WACYPAA. Have problems with name because we are WACYPAA.

Kelley: Went to S. Sonora delegate, the one who supported WAC, gave letter in bid. Gave permission to have him announce it as they wish but if there would be any name change it would have to go through advisory council.

Moshe: San Carlos-Much better place to spend the weekend  
 Rhonda: June better, go to San Carlos. Lots of us are anxious to see the location and have us all at the same location.  
 Danny: Aug. -don't think I can make June (surgery). If Mexico doesn't have host-committee yet, wait til Aug. Wherever we can meet both committees.  
 Tami: agree with Dan-give them more time to get put together, if no host committee now. No preference for place.  
 Kim: go to place where the conference is going to be. Last week of June or first wk of Aug.  
 Kelley: Not sure if Mexico committee will have elected positions, not how they do it.  
 Shannon: June dates. Trouble with Aug 7-8. Need to go to location of conference  
 Valerie: Be in Mexico, Phoenix is not an option. No preference when. Go wherever as long as it's in Mexico  
 Rosie: Not June, Aug better. Anywhere it needs to go  
 Moshe: I don't think we know there's a host committee in Mexico. Clear dates with Phoenix host committee  
 Kelley: Phoenix committee said any date. According to Phoenix there is a host Committee in Mexico.  
 June dates work best for everyone except Danny and Rosie  
 Frank: should go as far away as possible to give them time. Drove down, or buses, get a feel for Mexican host committee-in favor of later Aug.  
 Phil: San Carlos preferable, like earlier dates, may be the unifying event, earlier may most benefit the conference.  
 Kelley: Got to Mexico and go to San Carlos, will add another day or two to trip. Want co-chair to be able to go-can't go in June.  
 Frank: ask dates  
 Moshe: vote  
 Kelley: everyone vote once

Aug 7-8

Tami, Danny, Frank, Rosie,  
 Grace, Kim, Daniela (7)

June

Dennis, Moshe, Rhonda, Shannon, Phil, Val (6)

Kelley: Most can go Aug 7-8, if can't make it, can have a quarum.

WAC Insurance:

Tami: probably should get insurance in Mexico. Need someone to call that speaks Spanish to translate WAC policy. Insurance want \$500 and more for each event. Asked on host committee and nobody's helped other than Frank (cry for help).  
 Kelley: Val and Shannon?  
 Shannon: difficult because on pain meds and doesn't help Spanish  
 Valerie: Available, but don't speak fluent Spanish but could look for someone to help. Sent email to Jose and haven't heard back from him to help.  
 Moshe: Jose Luis is fluent in English and business man in Mexico and I have phone # to call him.

Kelley: He's the voted in chair of the Mexican host committee

Tami: policy is not difficult, commercial liability policy for \$1mill-not difficult

Kelley: Question-should we try to insure conference only (cheaper) or any events in Mexico?

Danny: Conference only

Rosie: Conference only

Dennis: don't need insurance at all

Daniela: What do we normally do?

Tami: If something were to happen in Mexico at the conference or an event:

-will go to Mexico court

-will get sued down there and sued in U.S. (phoenix) where we're incorporated

I do think we should insure for the conference.

Kelley: Does anyone have any other comments?

Phil: We have a policy with a broker, what does he say?

Tami: Nobody in U.S. will underwrite a liability policy in Mexico. Won't do it-we're on our own.

Kelley: Do the best you can, Shannon. Val, work with Tami to translate-will contact Jose Luis.

#### Mexico Bid:

Kelley: email about dib-wrongfully forwarded to host committee. Talked to individuals on host committee. Want to clarify before we discuss it.

1. Could have changed Matt Hayner's name and it was unprofessional
2. put too much on bid committee because they're disbanded
3. host committee has done an amazing job
4. goal:hope to help future host committees and bid cities
5. need to know our bid cities and work with them throughout the year and stop this situation from happening again

Options: taking the conference from the Mexico dib hands (can talk about at mid-year unless need to talk now).

Need to have more people from advisory with host committee (don't trust Kelley, some don't, offended by what I said)

Phil: Comment on email communication in general-hard to distill facts from subjective comment. We should try to distill email (more impo.to use email to relay pertinent stuff-instead of reflection and summaries).

Daniela: Appropriate to bring up these issues at advisory level, something I've been thinking about.

Moshe: table til midyear. Think it's inappropriate to talk about these sensitive issues with others, outside of advisory ie. ICYPAA

Tami: Disagree with Moshe, asking people with experience, strength and hope to help us. Look to them for experience, strength and hope. That's what we need to do.

Kelley: clarify-did not go to current ICYPAA advisory with this

Frank: Should discuss with council before talking to others

Danny: Agree with Frank, filter first email and be careful about emails we send

Delegates have the problem-perhaps they want to have their part in controlling the conference.

Valerie: Hold firm that we are WACYPAA

Moshe: 1. doesn't think there was discussion of changing name but wanted to co-host event (like two home groups putting on a conference together).

2. Mexico committee felt uncomfortable about American conference (Moshe's opinion).

Mexico area hosts congresso

3. Everyone is going to have to bend in uncomfortable ways to make this happen.

4. More Mexican involvement than in history of WAC

5. Host committee will help conference

6. No flyers-they tell each other where to go-talk to outreach on host committee about mailings

7. Draft statement is risky-shouldn't make any moves before talking to host committee-don't talk about where we *won't* bend.

Kim: not there

Kelley: Discussion more by email. More discussion?

Frank: 1. worried about co-hosting with Mexico-do they want to split it financially?

2. Don't think we should bend-try to outreach

consider it's our liability, financial implications, our name on hotel contract

Kelley: Neither Chente nor Manuel have given an answer on this

Phil: relay quick history on WAC, not including opinion, use as a reference to by-laws and history

Kim: Question to council-Who's making the decision to con-host?

Kelley: Presented info to delegates in Mazatlan-delegates went into a closed mtg. -said they would support it but would want to co-host.

Kim: Who are the Mexican host committee a part of?

Kelley: only the delegates made this statement. Young people will go without delegates' support, but if not with delegates support, drastically reduce outreach.

#### Mid-year Dates:

Kelley: 1. Aug 7-8 or Aug 14-15, or dates in June.

2. hoping to do it in Mexico-Norvalis? (close to Tuscon airport)

Hermosillo? (airport there)

Dennis: Preference 6wks away from when we decide and in Mexico

Daniela: not particular, if not in San Carlos, should be in Phoenix

Phil: June is better

Grace: Aug 7-8. Conference site

Frank: no preference, conference site

Moshe: June dates. Should do it in Mexico. San Carlos is only an 1 ½ hr. n. of Obregon, so Mexico host committee will get there. Could fly to Tuscon, 6 hrs. s. and rent car. Could fly to Phoenix and drive together. More \$ for MT people. Sna Carlos, duable goal but hoops to jump through.

Kelley: Phoenix host committee would want to go as well

Grace: Decision was made-group conscience gave bid to Mexico and shouldn't talk about after bid is given

Rhonda: Was bid hotel and price different than in bid?

Kelley: haven't seen and bid price, same as reality. Young people excited, didn't have time to do because they were only together for 2 months.  
Table til mid-year.

Dennis: Mtgs on the beach!

#### Archives:

Kelley: Question-What happened to archives and what can we do to help replenish them?

Phil: Archives were stolen, unaware and unprepared to handle the archives, probably due to my negligence, gave archives to Daniel to give to Daniela and roommate put in alley and stolen.

Could ship archives, get WAC UPS account to have a clear way to get them all together (shipping and receiving method).

Question-Are archives covered, claim and use \$ to set up shipping?

Kelley: Can we bring stuff to mid-year? Can we set this up in the next couple of weeks?

Phil: If we have a UPS account then they can use the acct. # and a mtg place. Will figure out how to get stuff from mid-year.

Tami: Can you look into it and email me the estimate of cost?

Kelley: If we ship to P.O. Box needs to p-u every week.

Danny: cannot ship to P.O.

Kelley: try to replace as much as we can. Up to Phil

Phil: Up for suggestions-how to handle archives

#### Agenda topics for Mid-Year:

\*Kelley will post agenda topics and sent via email, separate from this report.

#### Closing:

Kelley: Let me know over the next 3 to 4 weeks for agenda

Frank: Potential bid cities?

Kelley: will email contact info and please contact bid committees.

Frank: EACYPAA has no home, need to focus on Bids.