

WACYPAA Advisory Council Minutes San Carlos, Sonora, MX August 7, 2004

Present: 9 members

Not Present: 5 members

Opened at 10am with Moment of Silence followed by Serenity Prayer

Called missing members by telephone.

Tami **motioned to suspend quorum for the mid-year meeting. 2nd by member PASSED**

Minutes read. **Motion to accept with amendments. 2nd PASSED**

(Member has Hawaii and Yukon, Member was re-elected to Hispanic liaison)

Chair- feels she hasn't been able to share experience with host committee like she would like to but feels the rest of AC is stepping up. We may get a New Mexico bid. Seattle needs help, Hawaii needs help. We have been doing a better job of outreach than in the past. We really need to continue to outreach the bid cities. Unable to outreach Yukon.

Co-chair-No report

Secretary- member reported that member has been helping member with the website.

Treasurer -(see attached) Current balance is \$11,445.58. Recently got online to get access to account online. SD host committee donated extra money to Mexico committee that was supposed to come to AC. Need to talk to SD and MX treasurers to find out what happened. Will clarify with future host committees is disbanded and money is given to the AC. **Motion to accept Treasurer Report 2nd PASSED** Colorado is very excited about WACYPAA in Mexico.

Hispanic Liaison -I've been working on my Spanish. Mexico and Las Vegas. Lots of contact with Vegas. Some of the committees in Vegas are falling apart.

Native American Liaison- Rode down with outreach chair. She feels like she has a good handle on outreaching natives in New Mexico. Very difficult to mix Tribal AA's. Very difficult process. Attempt to contact the Native GSO. Going to Vancouver in 3 weeks. They are very excited about their bid. Idaho is not very active in forming a bid this year. Looking at tax exempt stuff for WAC. Isn't as complicated as it has seemed. Has a native contact. Member will continue to make contacts with Natives in Montana to help outreach the reservations in MT and WY

Mailing Chair- Working with host com on travel regulations and registration flyer. There is a hold up because of the mix-up in travel regulations. Working to find out what people need to know to get to MX. Need a photo ID and Certified Birth Certificate or a passport to get a tourist card. There is a \$20 fee for a tourist card. Will send out requirements. A person driving across the border is required to pay 24 bucks for a permit. But, this was not

charged yesterday either. If the 24 dollar fee is charged you need a credit card. Under 18 and traveling without parents you need a notarized letter from both parents. You don't need a guardian, only the letter. Felons are not allowed but they have no way to see if you are one. I updated the cover letter to reflect this specific conference. I will send a map with the mailing. A problem I ran into was finding multiple PO Boxes for WACYCAA. One is valid. I have contacts in Sheridan and Cheyenne. Talked about meeting there. I will be going to events there.

Website Chair- I know how to add and subtract people to the e-mail list. I don't know how to do anything else. Changing the entire website. It's really nice but it's still in transition. It's hard for me to do anything. I would need to hire people to change things on the website. Impotent as website chair. Met people from Northern Idaho. Wants the contact for New Mexico. Has a contact in Reno. Wants to light a fire there. Spending 4 hours a day on the website.

Archivist-(position to be filled)-We all have paraphernalia from previous WAC's. We need to fill this position. We will store the stuff at house until an archivist is elected.

MTYCAA is next weekend. Will outreach. I have heard a few people are getting travel arrangements made to get to Mex. I will send some flyers up to Alaska.

Seattle is bidding. They are going through transition. Translated the FAP's into Spanish better. Will continue to update those.

I have a program on my computer that translates English to Spanish. Very cool. I would feel better if I could be the S. California territory person. I have no contacts.

Old Business

Sing happy birthday to Val (8 years) and Shannon (21 years)

PO Box Discussion-leave it where it's at for now

Conference Guidelines-Unable to find out more information about this. Conference Guidelines are for the host committee. We have a host committee packet.

Conference Inventory-Ad Hoc committee doesn't recommend a conference inventory. We suggest tabling. We want to find out what the conference attendees think about the conference. **Motion to table a conference inventory 2nd PASSED**

New Business

Mexico Insurance -I have sought out information from an insurance agent and a friend who travels between MX and US. He researched insurance here. Suggestions to keep

US policy. Unable to find insurance for Mexico because of the court system in Mexico. We could ask the host committee to have a waiver to sign with registration. We need to stress to the host committee that safety and security are very important push to the conference attendees. Please email with anymore concerns or ideas regarding insurance coverage for Mexico.

WACYPAA use or non-use by the Mexico committee-A Mexican delegate did not want the conference to be WACYPAA. They wanted it to be a conference put on by the Mexican service group in unity with WACYPAA. Is this current information? This is a WACYPAA event. We are liable. We need to find out more information. **Motion to table this discussion until tonight or tomorrow morning 2nd PASSED**

Saturday Night at San Diego- Feels that this event has affected WACYPAA's name and AA as a whole. GSO mentioned it. When LA bid for ICYPAA, it was brought up by AC members to the committee. Says 5 or 6 people have complained to her. Multiple people came up after the meeting. Many people did not see it. Wrote apology letters. Group feels we should drop this.

Bid cities and general service -A member from CA, active in General Service contacted and said that YP come just to get a letter from Area but never follow up with those people. Suggested looking into a change in the bid requirement to show how the bid committee is active in general service. **Motion to table until Conference meeting because of the effects of this discussion 2nd PASSED**

AC as a terminal position -When WAC was started ad hoc advisors elected to serve council until advisory could stand on its own. Now the conference is more mature. Terminal positions would promote the spirit of rotation and create a healthier conference. Discussion regarding not wanting to act out of fear. **Motion to make advisory council a terminal position and to add to the bylaws "The person has never served on Advisory Council for WACYPAA" as a requirement to be elected to AC. 2nd 6 for 2 opposed PASSED**

"Any person who consumes alcohol" -This leaves out anyone who takes drugs. **Motion to change bylaw 3.4 to read "any member who relapses" 2nd 6 for 1 opposed 1 abstain PASSED**

Incorporation as Non Profit -We are currently incorporated but we have not paid any taxes. There is a lawyer in Phoenix that is willing to help us. He suggests we should re-incorporate and suggested that we have a person on AC to be responsible for this. We should think about not re-incorporating but instead finding out what we would have to do to clean up with the IRS. This is very complicated. The closer we get to non-profit the more questions the government asks, but the fewer taxes we pay. The members of AC will be financial liable to WAC if we continue to not be current with the government.

LLC-limited liability company (AC members are still personally liable), 501(c)(3)-tax exempt status, lots of forms to fill out, no tax liability. Will be on ad hoc committee for this issue. **Motion to budget \$500 to incorporate WACYPAA 2nd PASSED**

AA World Convention-We have been asked to share responsibility of the suite in Toronto with ICYPAA. In Minneapolis we donated \$800. Group says yes to participating. We'll figure out money later.

Support and Stay in Touch with Bid Cities over the year -Has been discussed during conference calls.

Reimburse travel expenses -Many AA service committees reimburse travel expenses. Many people cannot come because of travel expenses. **Motion to table discussion 2nd PASSED**

Motion to table suggestion to consolidate 5.6 and 5.8. 2nd PASSED

Number of AC members to rotate on when co-hosting WACYPAA-Want to heavily promote Mexican host committee members elected to AC. Are there Mexicans on the host co.? We don't want this to be a one year thing. We want Mexico to be involved in WACYPAA. Bylaw 3.2 already allows AC to choose 2 indigenous Mexicans to serve a full 4 year term on AC. We will ask host committee for suggestions and bring back ideas to conference.

Motion to table "moving bylaw 4.4 to section 5 as 5.7" and "new advisory council position of Custodian" 2nd PASSED

Reimbursement-We don't use Delegate Budget. Could we remove this and create an AC travel reimbursement fund. **Motion to change delegate expense budget to an AC Travel Expense of \$1200, not to exceed \$200 per advisor per year. Funds will be available on a first come basis to any advisory council member needing financial assistance for travel to either the mid-year or conference meeting. 2nd PASSED**

Archives position- YEAH!!!!!! Possible discussion of changing it to a two year position.

Motion to add agenda item submitted regarding hiring a bookkeeper or an accountant. FAILED

Motion to add agenda item submitted regarding conference calls. 2nd PASSED. Conference call business should be considered valid if quorum is met.
Motion to consider a conference call in which quorum is met as a fully legitimate business meeting. 2nd PASSED
Motion to close meeting 2nd PASSED