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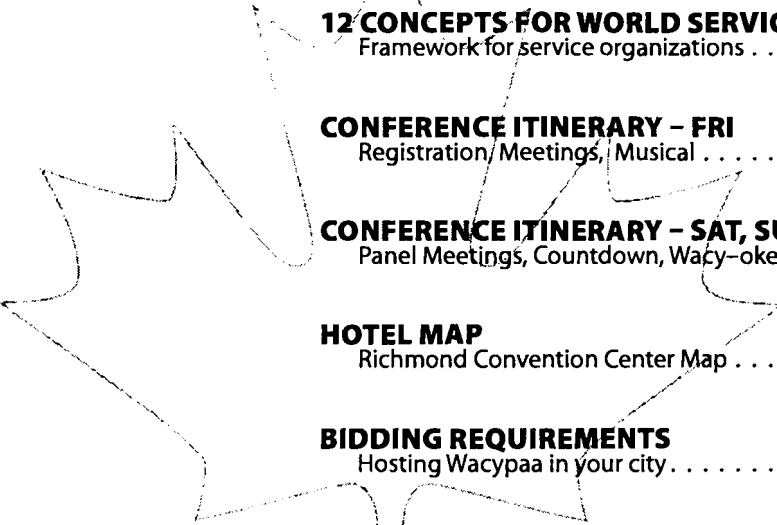
WESTERN AREA CONFERENCE OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN AA

WACYPAA IX

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FACTS, AIMS & PURPOSES

WACYPAA was conceived at the 1996 ASCYPAA (Arizona State Conference of Young People in AA), and was later founded in Anaheim, California on September 8th, 1996 at the 39th ICYPAA (International Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous) in a meeting of AA members from around the region to be served by WACYPAA. At that meeting the region was defined as the states of: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming; as well as Baja California Norte, Baja California Sur, Chihuahua, Durango, Sinaloa, Sonora, the Canadian Provinces of British Columbia, Alberta and the Yukon. Each year, the conference must be held within this region.

The purpose of WACYPAA is to build and strengthen unity in Young Peoples Groups in Alcoholics Anonymous in the western area of North America and Hawaii. The focus is especially to reach those areas which historically had little exposure to such conferences. The WACYPAA Advisory Council and the members of the Conference will encourage the participation from all states, provinces, and countries within the scope of the Conference. All bids will be given equal consideration regardless of size, population, or location. We recognize that not all AA members will find our conference necessary to their recovery from alcoholism, we seek only to provide it for those who find it desirable.

At the Anaheim meeting, the state of Arizona was tentatively chosen as the site for the first WACYPAA. The Arizona group was to present their bid in February 1997 at the All California Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous.

In San Francisco, seven AA members volunteered to attend and serve as a temporary advisory council for the purpose of approving Arizona's bid, or to solicit further bids at a later date if the Arizona bid was not deemed to serve the best interests of the region. Once an initial site is chosen, a bid session will be held annually at each subsequent WACYPAA where a site will be chosen for the next year's conference. Any group of three or more AA members from within the region is welcome and encouraged to bid for a chance to host a WACYPAA in their local area.

Each year, AA conferences provide overwhelming evidence that large numbers of alcoholics are achieving a lasting and comfortable sobriety in Alcoholics Anonymous. These conferences offer an environment for celebration of our sobriety, as well as an opportunity to meet and share experience, strength, and hope with AA members who reside in areas other than their own.

12 CONCEPTS FOR WORLD SERVICE

CONCEPT 1

Final Responsibility and ultimate authority for AA world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.

CONCEPT 2

The General Service Conference of AA has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs.

CONCEPT 3

To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of AA—the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives—with a traditional “Right of Decision.”

CONCEPT 4

At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional “Right of Participation,” allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

CONCEPT 5

Throughout our structure, a traditional “Right of Appeal” ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.

CONCEPT 6

The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.

CONCEPT 7

The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the AA purse for final effectiveness.

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CONCEPT 8

The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of overall policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.

CONCEPT 9

Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.

CONCEPT 10

Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.

CONCEPT 11

The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern.

CONCEPT 12

The Conference shall observe the spirit of AA tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

CONFERENCE ITINERARY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2005



Marathon Meetings Begin
1 p.m. onward
Room #286



How to Bid for WACYPAA
3 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Westminster 2 and 3



Q and A
4 p.m.
Westminster 2 and 3



WACYPAA IX Registration
5 p.m.
Hotel Front Lobby



Main Speaker – Clara S. (L.A.)
8:00 p.m.
Minoru Ballroom



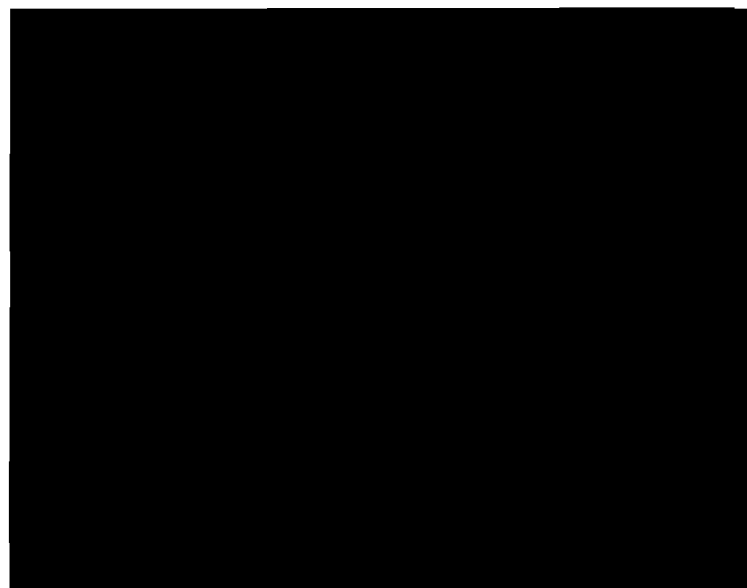
Musical – “Alice in Soberland”
10 p.m.
Minoru Ballroom



DJ Dance
11:30 p.m. to 3 a.m.
Westminster



DJ Dance
1 a.m. to 3 a.m.
Minoru Ballroom



CONFERENCE ITINERARY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31ST, 2005



2006 Bidding Sessions

8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Minoru C



Sober & Successful, Who Needs Meetings?

Cheryl B. (Toronto, Ont); Kurt E. (Toronto, Ont);
Penny G. (Van, BC); Casey L. (Boise, ID)

9 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Minoru A

Gay & Lesbian Panel

Fionna C. (Van, BC); Jimmy M. (Burbank, CA);
Laura S. (Oakland, CA); Tom H. (Van, BC)

9 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Minoru B



Women's Panel Meeting

Joulene T. (Van, BC); Marnie R. (Toronto, Ont);
Thia B. (L.A., CA); Andrea S. (Abbotsford, BC)

10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Minoru A

Men's Panel Meeting

Alonzo C. (Phoenix, AZ); Jessie C. (Van, BC);
Jimmy C. (Santa Barbara, CA); Mike A. (Oakland, CA)

10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Minoru B



Lunch Break

11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Boy Meets Girl on AA Campus

Aaron C. (L.A., CA); Eric V. (Eugene, OR);
Elaine C. (Van, BC); Ed. P. (Tucson, AZ)

1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Minoru A

The Spiritual Life is not a Theory

Cee Jai' C. (Van, BC); David W. (Oakland, CA);
Joshua M. (Toronto, Ont); Melissa S. (L.A., CA)

1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Minoru B



Alanon - A New Freedom

Ruby M. (Van, BC); Nancy C. (Van, BC);
Janice N. (Van, BC); Sara M. (Van, BC)

2:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Minoru A

AA in Remote Communities

Jack A. (Kitimat, BC); Jacque (New Aynish, BC);
Jackie (Kitimat, BC)

2:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Minoru B

CONFERENCE ITINERARY

SATURDAY CONTINUED



Banquet
5 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.
Westminster



Main Meeting
Todd T. (Chicago, IL)
8 p.m.
Minoru Ballroom



WACY-OKE
10 p.m. till late
Westminster-Banquet Tables



DJ Dance
11 p.m. to 3 a.m.
Minoru Ballroom

SUNDAY JANUARY 1st, 2006



Meditation Meeting
8 a.m. to 9 a.m.
Westminster 3



Final Marathon Meeting
9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Room #286



Closing Spiritual Speaker
Marty M. (Los Angeles, CA)
10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (doors open at 9:45 a.m.)
Minoru Ballroom

Main Meeting Chairs

WACYPAA BIDDING REQUIREMENTS

1. Each bidding committee must have at least three AA members who have been continuously sober for a minimum of one year.
2. Bidders must have commitments from at least two appropriate facilities (Hotels, Universities, Convention Centers, Gymnasiums, etc.) so sized as to accommodate the entire conference. Please include proposed dates for the conference and a showing of available meeting space. The cost of the facility must be included. Bidders must provide information regarding housing for attendees, including cost and accessibility to the proposed conference site. If awarded the conference, the host committee agrees to have a signed contract within 45 days.
3. Bidders must provide a permanent mailing address for their committee, and if available provide an email address also.
4. A letter of assurance from a local AA service body (district, intergroup, etc.) and state YPAA conference advisory council, if applicable, that no large scale AA activity will be held in the proposed general service area within a period of 30 days before, and 30 days after the proposed conference dates, is required.
5. Please also provide a statement of interest or support from the AA area assembly where the conference will be held.
6. Bid committees should be able to demonstrate financial autonomy and responsibility, within the spirit of the 12 Traditions of AA.
7. Bidders must show the WACYPAA Advisory Council that they have compiled the necessary research to determine the effects that Federal, State, Provincial, and/or local taxes would have on the proposed conference.
8. If awarded the conference, the new host committee must agree that all proceeds, after conference and "core" advisory expenses and donations of up to 50% of the remaining proceeds to AA service bodies in their area, will be turned over to the WACYPAA Advisory Council for their disposition following the conference.
9. Bids can take no longer than 20 minutes to present.
10. Please draft a statement illustrating the reasons why you wish to host a WACYPAA in your area.

IX HOST COMMITTEE

Chair – Morgan M

Co-Chair – Niki H

Secretary – Evan P

Treasurer – Jason B

Hotel Chair – Sean C

Registration Chair – Mark H

Program Chair – Jessie C

Banquet Chair – Preetika V

General Service Liason – Rob S

Events Chair – Meiko A

Outreach Chair – Rob W

Arts & Graphics Chair – Jenn A

Traditions Chair – Brandy G

Prayer Chair – Char S

Webmaster – Kelly M

"... in recent years I have found nothing for greater inspiration than the knowledge that AA of tomorrow will be safe, and certainly magnificent, in the keeping of you who are the younger generation of AA today."

- Bill Wilson, June 15, 1969, in a letter to ICYPAA

WACYPA IX PRE-CONFERENCE EVENT

