

WACYPAA Midyear 8/16/08

Introductions

In attendance: Kevin D., Sarah B., Kim G., Teresa W., Alonzo C., Louise Z., Ben S., Casey L., Anna F., Josh S., Sarah G., Jonathan P., Robbie P.

Secretary reads minutes from conference

Sarah B. - Motion to accept

Casey – Second

Motion passes

Sarah G. clarifies 2 bylaw changes that were in the conference minutes

Lauren unable to attend, Jonathan reads her treasurer's report and email she sent last night

hello. i have a long report. as you may know, our treasurer is a lot smaller than it should be. :) Attached to this email, id the most recent history of our finances. The bold part at the bottom is what I have witnessed since becoming Treasurer in Boise. I have the receipts. For some reason, we are a few dollars short of what we should be? I have the check book. I still do not have online access to the account, Kim does...we talk semi regularly. It is difficult to get access because i live on the east coast where there is no wells Fargo. we will fix it at the conference.

Just in case you all do not know, we are extremely low in finances. And lost lots of money at the last conference. Not to mention, had a very challenging time getting an money back in the first place.

First and foremost, it is our job, and specifically my job serving as Treasurer, to make sure the host committee understands their financial obligations after hosting the conference. Also, as kim and I have done this year...we must provide guidance for our host committees budgets. We can't afford to continue to loose money.

in my opinion the current budget definitely should be adjusted our groups most important expenses, but also, in my opinion...we should be frugal for the next few years and save to at least have a prudent reserve...then we can look into other fun expenses, ie. travel, food, hotel rooms, etc.

Ive been talking to Dalton, the Treasurer from ICYPAA and he has shared some helpful experience. First off, they define prudent reserve as twice the amount of the upcoming years projected expenses. Twice! In this case, if they had a bad year and had to use their reserve they would not be at zero. So a item up for discussion: how does WACYPAA define 'prudent reserve' and how much do we want to keep saved?

Other things I've thought about when going down the current budget, looking to save:-Who pays the PO Box? Where is it? Do we need to pay again for this year?-Is \$200 actually reasonable for upkeep of the website? -We need to get new insurance this year i believe? Who does that? Me perhaps... Also, ICYPAA not only has liability insurance but also Directors/Officers Insurance that is supposedly important for federally recognized non profits...which WACYPAA is. (in a situation like this year when we did not receive the monies owed from Boise, we would be able to be protected by our insurance and collect what WACYPAA earned.) So, do we want that? I vote yes, especially after this years fiasco. And are we willing to pay for it? Do we even have enough? I will do more research on that and present it to the group...-Why are we budgeting for postage and copies? For

what? Where does it go?-ICYPAA does not have a mailings chair, they believe it is the host committees responsibility. What do we think about that?-Should archives be a core expense?

Honestly my friends, from what i understand wacypaa is financially struggling. Our current numbers put us on the edge. So, I present this situation and welcome feedback and ideas about how to tighten our budget and live a smart and frugal few years as the conference's advisors. Dalton from icypaa is more than willing to continue to share experience. I will continue to reach out to past wac treasurers and other YPaa Treasures. Please call or email if you have any questions. i am deeply sorry to not be there this weekend.

Thanks for letting me serve-lauren bille

Numbers

Ending balance as of right now...\$5223.48 figured balance; real \$5217.41

Discussed Treasurer's report

Sarah B. Motion to accept
Casey – Second

Other Reports

Chair Kim working with Lauren through the year and funneling out emails she has been getting through the year...NSDY PAA bidding but concerned about GSDY PAA having conf 5 years ago. EBYPAA here this weekend...LA bidding, outreach to WY 2 assemblies, interest in attending but not bidding; host comm. in WY, Regina, treasurer.

Co chair Weezie

Tucson bidding again; stronger than ever, keep bidding; AK trying to put together a token bid but they have no idea what WAC is or what they are doing, contact has been busy getting married but a group will prob come from AK. Not prudent to go to AK right now. Trying to get PHX excited but they just bid for ICYPAA. WACY PAA did its job by bringing a lot to PHX

Jonathan-WEB

Made Website; got Kevin on advisory list; scanned all the archives, has not put them all on the website yet; questions about how much we want to have minutes on the website since deliberations are on there. Online registration for Reno just got up and Jon has checked it out.

Josh Mailing Chair

Just did mailouts in June while he had mono...should we do them twice a year? Return address is the PO Box in Phoenix, cost under \$100. Has had thoughts about the mailings going through email instead of snail mail.

Jonathan added something about Reno's myspace involvement

Ben Native Liaison, has not done too much just trying to get contacts right now. Looking into rehab centers on reservations. Has contacts on every res in MT. Has had marginal success with the reservations. Working with MTYPAA but no one wants to bid yet.

Alonzo Hispanic – Contacted AA.org who is going to send him a printed list of every Hispanic intergroup locally and in the nation. Wants to increase scope of outreach. Got a resume from a potential Mexican Liaison. Heard that NSDYPAA that they voted against bidding. Has flyers for Vegas event

Anna Archives

Kelley sending her the rest of the stuff and will work on organizing the stuff. Will work on finalizing the WACYPAA Experience form. BCYPAA having its second conference in November and will outreach WAC there. She is bidding for ICYPAA

Kevin bidding for ICYPAA with Seattle, committee is called APSYPAA All Puget Sound YP...ESCYPAA disbanded...Alaska gave him really bad feedback to emails he sent, saying, “this is not AA we do not want this type of AA here, we are not separate.” Took the high road when comm. with them. Had knee surgery and got married so did some outreaching but had a lot going on so did what he could. Has not been working since March, just went back. Has contacts in Tacoma.

Sarah B. shared that she enjoyed share from Mickey Bush he did give a good plug to YPAA. Wants a co-treasurer position.

Teresa here to report that she is here. Explained she is confused about what happened with her conference...

Casey – Boise has held a number of different meetings. Everyone afterward tried to go separate ways...registrations at 562. Breakfast Sunday morning was a positive money maker. Hotel charged for 160 people at breakfast
Merch – got passed at comm. mtg but shouldn't have was going over budget....merch should have broken even or gotten close. WAMU has been contacted by Caseyshould have made more money...does not know where money went or how long it took to get deposited is concerning to us...
SICYPAA attendance died down...events are still going on with a core group. Is now intergroup chairperson. Talk of YP Liaison in Area 18 that would be really cool. In contact with Australia to have ICYPAA there and liaise with them.

Robbie – SICYPAA put on bid and then requested the hard copies of the reports from the treasury. Motion got passed to see that and has not been provided yet.

Break

Moment of Silence 11:18

Old Business

1. Travel reimbursement – motion to table, changed motion to move to new business Sarah moves; josh seconds; amended and seconded
2. Open deliberations – Anna reads minutes from Boise Q and A and the parts relating to the open deliberations issue

WACY PAA 11: Q & A
Friday, January 18, 2008
4:10 PM

Open with a moment of silence and serenity prayer.
Introductions

Moshe- We have this meeting to answer questions about how to bid for WACY PAA and are open to feedback about how to conduct the deliberations process.

Ideas- Make things identical to ICYPAA's process, add a bid city rep to be included behind the doors and keep the surprise, open deliberations keep tally of votes secret, open deliberations no bid city rep, keep things the same and make minutes available to read.

Feedback-

"I like the secret. Doesn't know what it feels like to not win. Likes the bid city rep, without a vote, just listening."

"What's the biggest winning force and the thing that makes a committee not win the conference?"
"the hotel package and the service and committee experience"

"What's missing from a hotel package?"

"paying too much money, we can afford at most \$2000 for the weekend...inexpensive room rates....meeting space for 1000 person meeting....11 hotel contracts and bid packages are available to look at...realistic room block, comping room blocks/meeting space...Perfect hotel package: \$100 or less per nite per room rate/ small amount room block with free conference space"

"How many people vote, how is it decided who votes, how is wacy paa growing?"

Advisory are past host members, WACY PAA fluctuates, we don't care if its small....want it to be self supporting and go to a place that has the need."

"Its not that one city wasn't ready or didn't get picked...its just that someone else got the conference...sometimes you did nothing wrong."

Would open deliberations make a difference?

"Yes, it would make a negative difference, wrong focus."

"The process of bidding is actually more important. The work that happens in order to get ready to bid for WACY PAA. The point is to make the community a better place."

"What is the voting process?"

"We usually go around and say our top 2 picks, then do 3rd legacy process...often we pick from a hat. Advisory council wants all the committees to host the conference. We can only pick one city. There is no community too remote, too small for WACY PAA. We want to reach communities that

haven't been reached before...

Josh bid 7 times, was always disappointed but never destroyed the bid committee, we always came back to bid.

Sending paper to ask questions and put down contact info.

A guy from New Mexico shared his experience about the process of bidding and not getting the conference being positive.

"How would you suggest on getting my area interested in bidding for a young people's conference."

"You only need 3 people together to bid, drag people to the conference. Just bidding to bid is the best thing to do. Its hard work. Some communities are harder to crack."

Meiko shared his experience about only having a few people bidding and not really getting more involvement until people came to the conference.

"How many times has the conference been awarded to a first time bid?"

"Portland was the first bid, San Carlos Mexico-made up of AZ past host committees. Once maybe...twice."

"What happens if our presentation isn't as long as 20 min?"

"Please take less than that, 20 is the max."

Comment made about trusting the closed deliberation process. It's a spiritual process....profoundly great way of doing it. Thank you guys for being of service.

"Why is Texas not in the Western Area? How can they become added can El Paso be added?"

Texas was added for a few months once. Texas is in our region, and also goes into the east coast. It has been a big issue. No answer. It could be voted in again. Bring it up if it continues to be an important subject.

"It was helpful to hear from people who had watched the open deliberations in figuring out how to bid for wac. Likes the idea about open deliberations."

"Come talk to us during the year and after the meeting to hear feedback about your bid package if you were not awarded the conference."

"Its not necessary to open the deliberations. It is really neat that Advisory is opening up the communication about the process."

"How many people on Advisory council really know the purpose of bid requirement #7, why does it exist?"

"The reason for that is as a non profit entity has a non tax ID. Without it everything will need to be taxed. Usually the bid packets just say what the state tax rate is. Many bid cities are confused about this. We just need the tax info to cover the conference and advisory since we don't pay taxes. Maybe the wording needs to be clearer in the bid requirement. Call your local chamber of

commerce and read the requirement. Put what they tell you in your bid package.

"When do bid cities who are not awarded the conference get feedback?"
Saturday nite after the meeting.

"How does GSO determine where the international conference goes? Does it go against the concepts?"

GSO is not done in open session. We don't know the answer. This has been designed by young people's in aa and now we are looking back to see if this is right...is this in line with the 12 traditions?

"This is an AA conference, not a home group or AA assembly. It was initially designed from the ICYPAA's way of deliberation. There is no right answer."

"When they print out the minutes from World conference, do they put in the names of the people who are voting? I would like to see the minutes but have names remain anonymous."

Kim passes out bid packets. See all bid cities tomorrow. If you have bid packets please drop them off at the Riverside Room. We need about 14, 15 of them. We will talk to you guys tonight about your bid packages. We will ask hard questions tonight. It's helpful if your hotel chair is there. Prayer and then have some fun.

Alonzo has opinion that we should consider that we already discussed this, but we should keep in mind that we had a lot of people that would feel they would not be able to be open. Proposes having committees be able to be there for delib but not voting

Ben liked involving the greater whole wants an area where you can get feedback. We have that it is the Q and A

Weez – does this break a tradition?

Discussion ensues...we are not really sure why we are talking about this....

Sarah G reads the minutes from the last midyear where open delib was originally brought up. Sarah G mentions possibly tables to the next conference

Casey brings up same pros and cons as Alonzo

Anna – ICYPAA is ironing out kinks, next year BCRs are viewing delib but cannot vote

Sarah motioned to end discussion, Weezie seconded
Sarah withdraws motion and weez withdraws second

Discussion ended halleluiah

3. Mexican liaison

Alonzo hands out resume for Erika Cervantes. Sarah G proposes having the girl come to WACY PAA and see that she is willing.

Alonzo gives his reasons for why she would be good

Sarah G wants to make sure this woman would be able to make an impact in Mexico...

Jonathan asks if she just knows a guy or if she is really involved in Mexico

Alonzo says she is a participant in conferences in Mexico but more s. mexico

Casey says the position is not well defined

Sarah B thank you Alonzo for making sure she is a good fit and doing good work

She is okay with voting today

Kevin we have no one else and an opportunity today, give her a chance

Motion:

Alonzo moves that we meet Erika C at WAC 12 and vote on whether she will be Mex Liaison at that time

Weenie seconds

Discussion on the motion

12 for

0 against

1 abstained

motion passed

New Business

1. Discuss Treasury

a. Prudent reserve and what it is and what it should be

Discussion of core expenses and

Kevin passes

Robbie did not understand the bidding requirement; the number is not listed anywhere, cannot be understood

We want to go through line by line and see what we really need to have and reevaluate our prudent

Jon – our budget needs to be looked at every year, should we wait for receipts?

Robbie – we need to do this anyway and make a list of delinquent areas

Going to read down list of expenses....

Simple majority to decide core expenses

Expenses

Budget

Seed Money \$1000

PO Box \$ --- we don't know how much it costs and why does Fuzzy Mike have the key
Website - \$200 budgeted now...Jon says too much cost \$356.35 included domain transfer and hosting for 5 years so this is a budget of 12/27/07 costs \$72 every year...add this to budget every year

\$80 a year for web budget

Ben says we might have a webmaster who does not know html and then we would have expenses for development

Casey says jon has set up website easier than it used to be

Robbie we need to evaluate budget every year

Insurance budget – needs to be looked into

Postage and copies – for secretary copies

Sarah B. says Change to copies and leave at \$100

Mailings, must be done once a year and can be done twice with finances being the only concern...Alonzo brings up having to send stuff to mexico...leave at \$280

Outreach budget – \$800 right now – keep that way

Remove the delegate information from bylaws and from budget

Weezie sent hilar pic of Robbie

Bank account service charges

Wells Fargo is expensive so we should check with Lauren

Rent

Do we have to pay this? Last time we paid was in Montana WAC 6 2002. We will budget \$200

Archives includes \$200 ... problems with getting stuff across the border; could look like working in US...we will leave it at \$200 until we look at how much it will cost from Canada

We said the same thing 4 times moving on

How can we decide when we change the budget...via email, formal process....we need to talk about this later

Travel Expenses

Have budgeted \$1200 have been spending \$3400...increase to **\$3200** for the midyear reimbursement expense that we should have included before.

Conference calls – have not been budgeted for – taking off

Misc budget - \$100 stands

Pre-conference events – taking off

501c3 – ask Lauren

Hospitality Suite- taking off

WAC Literature...Kim reads by law

Sarah G says we should print this for the host committee

Robbie says we should consolidate budget ... add all of these things together
Add \$50 to copies, taking out literature

Banner

Josh says we should keep it...no one is gonna take that shit
We need to get back from host committee

Food at conferences

Casey thinks we should pay for our own; sarah b says too

Anna says we should put it toward our budget so we can see what we should work toward

Alonzo says to be realistic we should put it in there

Everyone agrees

\$1000 for food 11 for, 0 against, 1 abstain

Break for lunch

Meeting reopens at 1:50

Core expenses have been reestimated to **\$2935**

Operating expenses which include core expenses **\$8700**

Need to rework bylaws

Prudent reserve suggestion: \$6000 suggestion from Alonzo which is double core
Prudent reserve suggestion from Kim is \$8700 and then \$3000 in addition to that for the
Conference fund...Then we would need to acquire additional operating expenses
throughout the year

Discussion on why we have prudent reserve

Discussion on how we can increase our prudent reserve

Discussion on wording of 6.4 in bylaws

**AC shall endeavor to maintain a prudent reserve which is determined at each annual
budget review session**

Sarah G. moves to add a budget review session to the agenda to occur annually at the
midyear meeting, where the budget will be prepared by the treasurer and reviewed line by
line by the council and accepted by a 2/3 majority.

Sarah B. 2nds

Teresa moves to add to today's agenda

2nd Alonzo

6 for

5 against

1 abstain

motion fails; moves to next agenda

Alonzo moves to add a co-treasurer position that will take on the same responsibilities of the treasurer but will work as their co.

Teresa 2nds

Alonzo moves to add to agenda

Teresa seconds

10 for

Discussion:

Bylaw Change

Weezie motions to table discussion until a formal description is written

Casey 2nds

D. Insurance company – needs to be worked on by Kim and Lauren

2. Bid Requirement 8 (Robbie) – said their Boise committee misunderstood the bidding requirement

Ben said that the bidding requirements should be changed not the bylaws

Robbie is going to table the discussion of this bidding requirement

Sarah B seconds

Passes

Bid Requirement 4 – Large scale AA event

Eric from Eugene has been approaching Kim about this requirement for a long time....clear up letter of assurance...this will save time and confusion at the assemblies

Discussion

Sarah G Area 03 is a whole state this is hard

Sarah B says this might not even be important anymore

Anna moves to write a letter to Eugene bid committee to clarify what we mean by large scale conference for them to take to their general service body

Weezie seconds

Jonathan is making a WAC letterhead that we can use

13 for

unanimous

Territory assignments

Ben – Mentions outreach chair for the Council – on agenda for next meeting
Territories – Assign today at end of meeting

Kevin – WA, OR

Ben – MT, Native Nations

Weez – Alaska, Arizona

Alonzo – Mexico, Spanish-speaking Nations

Sarah B. – Hawaii, S. Cal

Meiko – Yukon, AK

Anna – Alberta, BC

Josh – WA, OR

Sarah G. – AZ, New Mexico

Casey – UT, ID

Robbie – N. Cal, S. Cal

Teresa – UT, ID

Jon – CO, NM

Kim – WY, NV

Jonathans additions: Meetings on the website? Suggestions are to make the minutes anonymous; Jonathan said he would do this...

Myspace: Casey has rules about this issue from GSO...we will look into this and talk about at next meeting

Thursday evening 5 pm proposal

Accepted

Co – treasurer wording proposal –

Co-chair will no longer be a signer on the account and change number to 4.7 moving them all down

Sarah B. moves to elect a co treasurer today

Casey 2nds

Discussion: Weez does think it's important to make sure everyone is informed, do we call Meiko?

Casey, meeting will be too crowded if we don't do this now

Ben is curious if he is even able to stay on? His position is four years....

Further discussion about whether or not we should elect a co-position today

Sarah G calls to question

Vote on the motion on the floor 10 to vote

We are voting

4 for
8 against
1 abstain

minority opinion – Sarah B. we are here let's do it, one vote changes

Motion to close failed

Host committee finances, \$21,000 Kim said she wants people to go with her to talk to them about this

Kim is going to pull up the budget they sent us

We are going to formally review the budget with Reno at 9am this Sunday

Another discussion about raising our core expenses one time for this conference

Talk of asking them for \$6000
Discussion ensues...
Discussion of core vs. operating expenses
How much do we ask for from committee?

We decided not to ask them for anything different than we normally would at this time.

We need to have a discussion with Reno about all of this stuff with donations and the budget...

Alonzo proposes talking about the budget formally with the host committee and reviewing it and signing off about the budget like we do with the hotel contract. Committee thinks that is a good idea. Decision to put on conference agenda.

Motion to close
4:30 responsibility pledge