

Advisory Meeting – April 28, 2019

Attendees: Steph, James, Laken, Steven, Grace, Kelly, Sid, Nicki

Call-in attendees: Victoria, Annie, Josh, Meredith, Ben

Other attendees: John G

Nicki running late – Sid calls meeting to order

Treasurer (Grace)

- 2018 payouts have been completed as follows:

10% GSO	\$937.10
50% Southern Illinois Area	\$3,123.68
20% remaining Areas	NIA - \$624.74, CASO - \$624.74
5% District 19	\$468.55
5% R Club	\$468.55

- All 2019 bids have turned in money except Mesypaa
- Bank account is in positive balance – prepared to give incoming host their seed money.
- Template is created for next year

Secretary (Steph)

- In the process of transferring responsibilities and past documents
- Host Resources binder created with past reports and insights to give to incoming Host committee

Hotels (Jason)

- Not present – no report

Outreach (Steven)

- Spreadsheet for bid elections created on the Google Drive.
- Has been discussing an “outreach calander” to put on the website. This will have all bid and host events. Will work with Sid to get this done.
- We have a lot of bids this year (Chicago, Lakey, Swsy, Central IL, Blo-No, Champaign, Spicy, McHenry, Desy,

- Discussion of which bids do not have an advisory member committed to attending elections – Josh volunteers for Bloomington-Normal and Victoria volunteers for Champaign. McHenry does not have a flyer – unsure if the date provided is confirmed. If anyone is going to a bid election please have bid packets with you and let committees know all info can be found on www.iscypaa.org

Website (Sid)

- Most all the information has been converted to say MESYPAA Host.
- All election flyers on website and updated packets will be uploaded

Archives (Ben)

- Archives are safe and secure
- Meredith – another box of archives stuff found, will give to Ben

Co-Chair (Meredith)

- Chicago Bid was formed

Old Business

- Advisory workshop
 - Discussion of dates and location. Possibly doing two workshops with one closer to the conference so bids can bring their hotel proposals and bid packets for review and feedback

Motion to create subcommittee for Advisory Workshop in Ottawa in September and bring details to committee in one month

Motion seconded and passed (Steph will head subcommittee)

Discussion of having second workshop tabled

- Updating ISCYPAA website to include an interactive map showing where ISCYPAA has been held
 - Sid will look into this to see if/how that could be achieved
- Nicki - Illinois State Conference is August 9-11 in Lisle. ISCYPAA is hosting a Friday night dance. General service wants to see a ypaa presence – hoping that this will become a standard.
 - Clarification of who exactly is hosting the dance – advisory is hosting, but Illinois State Conference is paying for it. Hoping we have participation from host & the bids.

- Communicate with host that they should have a hospitality slot at State Conference
- Work on holding each other accountable to connect with general service
- Discussion about having our next advisory mtg on Friday of the state conference before the dance, instead of Saturday – discussion tabled until closer to conference.

New Business

- Steph - increasing transparency as advisory. Suggests posting meeting minutes on the website and announcing our meetings.
- Discussion of past issues with people being disruptive in meetings. Reading of bylaws, “General business meetings of the Council are considered to be open to observation, and all members of Alcoholics Anonymous may attend. However, only present members of the Council may participate in these meetings. Any disruptive individuals will be asked to leave.”
- Grace – making financial information public may put us at risk for fraud. Clarify that if somebody asks Grace for financial itemizations, it can be given to them. Suggests making minutes that do not have account balances or any identification numbers.

Motion to create public minutes that include a utilization report that discloses profits and distributions to be posted on website.

Motion seconded and passed.

Kelly - to re-word bylaws and clarification of advisory’s duties. Specifically looking at other advisory committees that state their purpose is to “provide guidance”. Our bylaws are unclear and somewhat contradictory.

- Victoria suggests assigning liaisons for each committee. Discussion has been had in the past, determined it could be ineffective or unfair
- Nicki – suggests having a “communication log” so advisory members let each other know when a bid is reaching out
- Point of order – topic at hand is the bylaws are unclear/ineffective.
- Grace – seems an issue of personal responsibility – is it necessary to edit bylaws
- Kelly – important to say because it matters we are all on the same page. Issues such as violating traditions or a committee struggling have been brought up in the past, and were told, “we can’t reach out to them unless they ask.” We are in positions to help and be trusted servants. Trying to be more hands-on without micro-managing

Motion to form subcommittee to draft revisions to advisory bylaws

Motion seconded and passed (James will head subcommittee)

Next meeting: Illinois State Conference, August 9-11 Lisle IL - exact date & time TBA