

ISCYPAA Advisory Business Meeting
07-12-2021 @ 7:30 PM
Zoom Meeting

Attendance: Sid, Ryan, Steph, Jeanette, Ben, James P, Michelle D, Daniel, James R, Meg
Absent: Annie, Emily, Kelly

1. Meeting Opening/Prayer

2. Approval of June 7 Minutes

Seconded and Passed

3. Committee Reports

- Chairperson - Sid
 - No Report
- Co-Chairperson - James P
 - No Report
- Secretary - Steph
 - Have not received any minutes from the bids or Host since our last meeting, will be reaching out to secretaries to see if we can help in any way. Have not ever received or seen anything from Chicago since elections, planning on reaching out to see how they're doing
- Treasurer - Daniel
 - Meredith has more money for us for disbursement that she did not deposit before the account was transferred, will know what the disbursements are after we have that and after voting if there is a change in prudent reserve
 - Will be getting together with Sid and James just to go through past finances, asking for accountability with doing that.
- Archivist - Meg
 - Made some decisions in subco as far as what would be displayed on the website - highlight on the last 5 years but will make all years that we have any materials accessible for viewing
 - Will be in touch with Annie
 - Need to get the banner from James and Michelle
- Hotels - Ryan
 - Host chose Sheridan in Lisle for their Hotel, will be looking through that proposal and giving any feedback where it can be improved
 - James P - Tara had reached out, had attended their business meeting - some issues with the Open being more than 4 weeks but we will discuss in new business
- Outreach - Ben
 - Reached out to Host about the Panel for Illinois State Conference and had a meeting with a couple people with Host about outreach pointers, especially at conferences
 - Sat in on business meeting also

- Have not been able to reach out to Peoria and Chicago yet, will be working with James R to make contact and help with coordinating Advisory presence at their events
- Webmaster - Annie (not present, sent report)
 - Site has been updated with suggestions from Subco
- Advisory Committee Information Packet Subcommittee -Steph
 - Please check out the documents in the Drive
 - Will be meeting again July 19th at 7:30pm
 - Hoping to have a finalized document to present in the next month or two but will need to meet more frequently for that to happen

4. Old Business

- Ryan - Illinois State Conference service opportunities/panels. Panel names are “Living Traditionally” “What will be our legacy” “Young sober and of service” Panels will be Saturday Afternoon August 28. One person from Advisory would be the moderator for each panel. Will need 9 speakers, one from each Area for each panel.
 - Idea of having each of the Bid and Host Committees participate.
 - This is an opportunity for us to mend relationship between State conference and ISCY as well as advisory and the bids working together
 - Michelle - suggests we vote someone to reach out to each of the committees and have them pick speakers
 - Steph - comfortable with Ryan taking the Right of Decision with coordinating this.
 - Discussion - Council members will help with getting numbers and suggesting people
 - Michelle - clarifying points, issues of us being too controlling with this
 - Discussion - Advisory was asked to moderate and pick speakers with this
 - Group consensus - Ryan and Ben will take the lead with Advisory being moderators and panelists being those involved either presently or past with ISCY service structure

5. New Business

- Steph - Motion to increase the prudent reserve by \$2,000
 - Clarification that it is a majority vote per or bylaws
 - Emergency would increase from \$10,000 to \$12,000. Currently our prudent reserve is \$3,000 operating expenses (filing fees, insurance, etc), \$2,000 seed money for Host, and \$10,000 emergency funds.
 - Prudent reserve was last increased in 2015 after WSB had profitable conference
 - James - we need a reason to say why we raised it
 - Ryan - we want to compete in larger markets. Bid committee in Chicago, more risk is involved and we want to be prepared
 - Jeanette - we need to keep up with inflation
 - Ben - agrees we should have a response for when people ask why we raised it
 - Sid - Advisory has not had to help a Host committee financially since 2014, just for history

- James - believes we should raise it more than \$2,000, believes it should be \$20,000 total to counter the argument against union dues for Chicago hotel contracts
- Steph - against raising it more, believes that we do not need to sit on money. There is no guarantee that Chicago will Host.
- James - since it is a majority vote we can call for a vote to increase reserve again for a Chicago Host year if needed. Calls for a vote.

Restates motion to increase prudent reserve by \$2,000 bringing our emergency fund to \$12,000
Motion seconded and passes - unanimous

- James - Host would like to host the Open more than 4 weeks before the conference to avoid conflicts with Wicypaa and We Are Not Saints Conference
 - James - why are they required to be 1-4 weeks before?
 - Steph - Advisory elections happen usually at the Open, there are reasons that Advisory elections should not take place too early before the conference. But personally believe we can be flexible
 - Ben - is it something we can vote to change just for this year? (yes)
 - Sid - it is not clear in the Host Packet that it has to be 1-4 weeks, only in the Bid Packet
 - Michelle - start the conversation of Advisory elections if it's going to be far out from the conference
 - Jeanette - makes sense to reach out and start that conversations so they know they have that flexibility if needed

Motion to allow this Host Committee to have the Open up to 8 weeks before the conference
Motion seconded and passes - unanimous

James will communicate that with the Host Committee

6. Announcements from the floor

7. Closing (Motion/Prayer)

Meeting ends: 8:40

Next Advisory Meeting will be Monday, August 2nd at 7:30pm.