

## **Advisory Council Mid-Year Meeting May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2002 in Billings Montana**

In attendance: Latifa, Croper, Amen, SteakKnife, Ass Cobra, HedgeHog, SistahSoul, Linda, YouWantFriesWithThatShake, The Caped Avenger, & The Butcher

Meeting opened at 9:15am with a moment of silence.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Latifa** (Chair)- Announced a meeting with the host committee today at 3:00pm, we will take a lunch at noon.

- ◆ Would like to move the by-law changes to the end of the day and if it takes too long we can make up an ad hawk committee to finish them.
- ◆ Is concerned about the lack of bid committees. There are no new ones generated. Would like everyone to make an effort to contact people in your area and encourage them to bid. Recreated the bid packet and made copies of the bid packet for everyone. LA may bid, sent them a bid packet.
- ◆ We need to update FAP in Spanish (discussion) SteakKnife will make sure that happens
- ◆ Some of the Colorado Host Committee suggested that the treasurer speak with the host committee treasurers and explain to them the costs and needs and what is donated to the Advisory council. (Linda) Has a motion typed up that will be discussed in new business.
- ◆ The Colorado Host Committee also expressed some concerns about the advisory council, they felt we were demanding and some of us had attitude (discussion) (conclusion) We need to let the host committee know how good they are doing and that we are not here to check up on them. Let them know that we were all on host committees at one time and we are here to share our experience and help with anything they may need.

**SistahSoul** (Standing in Secretary)- Read past minutes.

Amen made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Ass Cobra seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Latifa**- Made changes to the host committee packet and has copies if anyone wants one. Also handed out other YPAA conference guidelines for all of us to look over and see what we would like to incorporate.

- ◆ The YPAA list for the web site and mailing, we need to contact each group individually and ask them if they would like to be on the web site.
- ◆ There will be a new meeting at ICYPAA if you attend & express your opinion do it as a member of Alcoholics Anonymous not as WACY PAA Advisory without a group conscience.
- ◆ Marc resigned and may not find someone to replace him. It is only one meeting so if he doesn't it will be fine.
- ◆ Expressed disappointment about people not being able to make it, I know some things do happen and it is something you can not help. (discussion)

**Croper** (Co-Chair)- Latifa updated the delegate's list and there is a lot that was outdated and we don't have the info. (Handed out the list) We need your help in getting this updated. Went through the list.

**Linda**- No formal report. Became legally the treasurer only a week ago and barley received the bank statement.

- ◆ We have not had any mail forwarded to us yet from AZ.
- ◆ Working to get the insurance premiums down and have been speaking with some of the ICYPAA advisory council
- ◆ We haven't received the money yet from the Colorado Host Committee they are still waiting for some checks to clear.
- ◆ Received a formal letter back from Steve, (ACYPAA advisory council member) Although he does not agree with our decision about not having set dates for WACYPAA, he thanked us for discussion the issue.

**SteakKnife** (Hispanic Liaison) - Missed the conference in Juariez- did try to make it. Watching for other conferences.

- ◆ Latifa hooked her up with some email addresses of some contacts in Mexico, emailed a them and one replied and said he may be able to help us out
- ◆ The host committee and no Hispanic liaison and may be able to hook them up with a meeting. SteakKnife met someone outside of the hotel she is staying at today who led her to a Hispanic meeting.
- ◆ Would like to put a letter in the mailing for the Hispanics and see if we are reaching the Hispanic areas
- ◆ Please send SteakKnife your Hispanic contacts from your host committees
- ◆ Going to Vegas in a few months and that is her territory but has no contacts there (Amen) Bre from Colorado just moved there will give SteakKnife contact info

**HedgeHog** (Archivist)- Archives are intact

- ◆ Would like to buy stuff to display the archives and store them
- ◆ (Linda) asked for it to be priced out and she will give the money ahead of time
- ◆ As far as delegate's report, spoke with Dave in Wyoming, he is discouraged about AA in Wyoming. May have a contact moving from his home group to Alaska, he may be willing to be the delegate there. (Discussion) (Latifa) asked to contact their Inter group and see if we can get a YP group contact.

**SistahSoul** (Mailing Chair) - The mailing is ready to go, wants to wait until after this meeting incase there are any changes to the flyers or mailing add ins. Plus needs a flyer that is all on one page.

- ◆ (Croper) received a few Idaho contacts from the host committee from the night before and made a suggestion to contact them and see about delegates in that area.
- ◆ Only doing one mailing this year

**Ass Cobra** (Web Administrator) - Disappointed about the web site and how it looks. He put a lot of time into it. Got the email section working. Is working on a private section of the web site. Has had some complaints about the email list, did a few test emails and it seems to be working fine. HedgeHog has helped out a lot and is going to work with him on the interface. When we are done there will be a survey to see if you like it or not. Bid committees can post flyers and contact info on there. (Discussion about adding the Banner back on) (HedgeHog) we will add the banner back on the site, we will also put flyers on a PDF file that way they will be easily downloaded a printable. (Amen) will you then add a link for Acrobat on the site.

- ◆ ACYPAA web site guy asked for my help building a contact database to include meetings and events

**YouWantFriesWithThatShake** (General Committee Member)- Hawaii is still bidding. There may not be as many people at WAC this year from Hawaii. They don't seem to be fired up this year, they have had a few struggles.

- ◆ Is getting some contact info for the delegate for the Yukon.

**Amen** (General Committee Member)- Spoke to Hyden to see if he would like to be the Native American Liaison. He seemed interested.

- ◆ Asked if there is a delegate responsibility sheet - (Croper) Would like to outline one from the new wording in the by-laws.

**Latifa**- Asked everyone look through the bid committee packet and let me know your thoughts.

**The Butcher** (General Committee Member)- Outreaching in Colorado.

- ◆ Would like to discuss the Delegate situation. Discussion on having your territory in a place where you live or you can easily be? (Discussion) (Conclusion) Our job is to be available for questions and support and encourage the delegate in our territory to help outreach and hopefully form a bid in their State. To get them flyers and anything else they may need to outreach their State, we don't necessarily need to be there.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Latifa**- we need to add the Banner to our bylaws. Does anyone know who has the banner? Will call Fuzzy and find out where it is. Linda will come up for the wording to add the banner to our bylaws (see attached bylaw changes)

- ◆ Went through some old minutes and there are a few things that we discussed and passed and nothing ever happened after that. (Discussion)
- ◆ We need to discuss the Native Liaison position (Discussion) (Ass Cobra) Made a motion- We change the bylaws to specify that a Native Liaison is chosen from our community who will be able to serve best. Seconded by The Butcher. Linda offers friendly amendment, Ass Cobra accepts but The Butcher does not. (Discussion) Motion Fails.

- ◆ Croper (on Native Liaison discussion) Made a motion to change the by law to read the same until the pretence and then to read

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To a past host committee member of native decent

To any non-native member or non-native past host committee member who has an interest in serving this position.

Motion Seconded by HedgeHog (discussion) Motion

Failed

**Linda-** (passed out budget) Has to sign a new insurance policy before the next conference, needs suggestions on a new policy, this one is really expensive (discussion) Linda will email everyone before signing a new contract. Is looking more in the range of 1200 to 1600 a year. Everyone please give her any suggestions you may have on insurance policies.

- ◆ Read through the budget. Amen made a motion to accept the budget. SteakKnife seconded the motion. Motion Passed unanimously.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Latifa-** Handed out conference guidelines from different conferences so everyone could see what they do. (discussion) (Amen) Made a motion that Latifa drafts up the conference guidelines and brings them to the next meeting. Motion Seconded by Ass Cobra (discussion) Motion passed unanimously.

- ◆ Amen & Latifa attended EACYPAA. (Latifa shared her experience at the conference) (Linda) Was given a letter at ACYPAA to us.
- ◆ (Linda read the letter asking us to include all States west of the Mississippi River)
- ◆ (Latifa) Suggested the group not to make any decisions on this today but for us to learn from what EACYPAA did and take this back to people in our area and get feed back from them, we are here to represent them. Would also like for us to contact some people in these states and see how they feel about being included. (A lot of discussion)
- ◆ (SistahSoul) Made a motion to include Texas in our region. SteakKnife seconded Motion. (A lot of Discussion) Amen makes a Friendly amendment to include all of the States west of the Mississippi River. Amendment not accepted. Vote- 9 for 1 opposed. Minority opinion, if we include Texas we should include all. No one changes their vote and motion passes.
- ◆ (Latifa) go back to our area and contact people and tell them we are including Texas and are considering other states as well get some feed back. Will email a letter on the YPAA sharing list and a letter to EACYPAA, will first put it out to all of you to be approved. Asked Ass Cobra to put something on the web site about Texas
- ◆ (Individual council members assigned to certain states to contact)

- ◆ Would like to discuss ways to become more accountable to your region. (Croper) would like to move that we table item until later if time allows. Seconded by Linda and passes
- ◆ Do we want to post our minutes & phone list on the web site? (discussion) (Linda) Made a motion to post minutes on the web site. Ass Cobra seconded. HedgeHog made a friendly amendment to substitute names with generic axioms. Amendment accepted by Ass Cobra & Linda. Motion Passes.
  - ◆ (Ass Cobra) Made a motion to include phone list on the web site under a section that would be password protected, it would be available to Advisory Council, the Host Committee and Delegates. (SistahSoul) seconded the motion. (The Caped Avenger) Offers Friendly amendment that we add to that to change the password each year. Ass Cobra & SistahSoul accept that. (Discussion) (Croper) makes friendly amendment and is not accepted. (Discussion) Motion passes- Minority opinion given, 1 person wants to change their vote-
  - ◆ Re vote and motion passes.

**Linda-** Make a motion to change the bidding requirement #8 8. If awarded the conference, the new host committee must agree that all proceeds, after expenses and donations of up to 2% of net proceeds to AA service bodies in their area, will be turned over the WACYPAAs advisory council for their disposition following the conference.

CHANGE TO:

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 net proceeds to AA service bodies in their area, will be turned over to the WACYPAAs advisory council for their disposition following the conference.

(Linda passed out an explanation of how and why this would benefit WACYPAAs) Croper seconded the motion. Amen made a friendly amendment to start this at WACYPAAs 7. Linda & Croper accepted. (Discussion) Motion Passes.

**Croper-**Made a motion to make a change to the bylaw re: Delegate structure (See attached bylaw changes) Amen seconded and motion passed

**The Butcher-** Would like to make a motion to get rid of the Quorum. Motion Seconded by The Caped Avenger.

(Discussion) Amen made a friendly amendment to make the Quorum 50%. Was accepted by The Caped Avenger and The Butcher (Discussion) Item tabled until latter we need to meet with Host Committee

**Meeting Adjourned at 3:00pm Next Meeting tonight @ 11:00pm**

**Meeting Opened @ 11:20pm with a moment of Silence**

(Picked up where we left off with the motion of the Quorum.) Motion voted on and failed.

**Croper-** We have had some problems with the signers on the bank account the bank runs a credit check on everyone that is a signer and some of us do not have great credit. Made a motion to add bylaw changes (see attached bylaw changes) Ass Cobra seconded the motion and Motion Passes

**Latifa- Changes on the structure of the advisory council (Discussion) Linda made a suggestion and Croper made a motion with Linda's changes (NO MORE INFO ON THIS DOES ANYONE REMEMBER?)**

**Latifa-** (discussion on all proposed bylaw changes) Motion made by HedgeHog to accept the bylaw changes (see attached bylaw changes) and has Latifa retype them. Motion seconded by The Butcher and Motion Passes

**Amen-** made a motion to reword 4.3 The Caped Avenger Seconded. Linda made a suggestion to Amen to re-write the section and bring it to the next meeting. Amen and The Caped Avenger are in agreement with that.

**Meeting Closes at 12:45am Next Meeting at the Conference!**