

**WACYPAA ADVISORY COUNCIL  
BUSINESS MEETING  
JANUARY 1, 2009  
RENO, NV**

Advisory Meeting opens at 5:15 pm  
Opens with Serenity Prayer

Roll Call

Kim G., Anna F., Kevin C., Weezie D., Marissa H., Jonathon P., Robbie P., Kevin D., Alonzo C., Sarah G., Casey L., Ben S., Teresa W., Josh S., Lauren B., Sarah B. (late)

Read Agenda all together Anna reads out loud  
Read Bylaws as a group

**Secretary's Report: Sarah G. reads minutes**

Kevin Motioned to accept minutes with corrections and inserts that Lauren will send again  
Ben 2nds

**Treasurer's Report**

Lauren B. –  
Current Balance \$5394.87 as of 1/1/08

This has been quite a year of cleanup and fixing what was left behind. She just recently became a signer on the account, and got online access. This was hard to do from NYC, but it got done.

Fuzzy Mike has the PO Box and changed the address but we did not get the checks changed...discussion over where to keep the PO box...Mike is moving

Lauren went over some expenses over the past year

We are still very far below our prudent reserve  
\$892 received from Boise...less than seed money

We had no insurance...it had lapsed and we did not know. We got special event insurance. \$3 million in coverage for the weekend.

Philadelphia Insurance Company – They are non-profit and we will work with them more following.

Questions about should we insure the host committees' events and have annual insurance or simply event insurance? Lauren will discuss with the ICYPAA treasurer what they do and share with all of us.

**Two Thousand Eight**

1/17/2008	sending of checks to conference	(\$40.99)
1/19/2008	archives	(\$244.54)
1/19/2008	food at deliberations	(\$180.00)
1/20/2008	seed money to Reno	(\$1,000.00)
1/20/2008	WACYPAA 11 Speaker tapes	(\$23.00)
1/20/2008	WACYPAA 11 CD set	(\$38.00)
1/29/2008	Website for Jonathan	(\$355.66)

figured balance **\$5,223.48**

	midyear	real balance	
			\$5,217.41
8/17/2008	Idaho Money	\$892.00	\$6,109.41
5/21/2008	Mailing (josh Stohl)	(\$150.00)	
10/10/2008	PO Box (mike Salzar)	(\$52.00)	
10/27/2008	faxing of meeting minutes to hotel	(\$12.31)	
12/31/2008	Reno Insurance	(\$430.00)	
1/1/2009	Archives (Kelly)	(\$54.24)	\$5,410.86
1/1/2009	Donation from Idaho	\$159.00	
	1/1/2009 conference balance		\$5,569.86
1/2/2009	faxing oof inurance (lauren)	(\$8.00)	
1/3/2009	Food (Kim)	(\$275.66)	
1/3/2009	Copies (Anna)	(\$8.21)	
1/4/2009	WACY PAA XIII Seed Money (Oregon)	(\$1,000.00)	
1/4/2009	WACY PAA XII CD`	(\$16.00)	
			\$4,261.99

#### **Kim – Chair Report**

We have a lot of stuff to talk about. Host committee has been great to work with. Has been in contact with Bid committees as well. EACY PAA wants to make amends to our committee? Kim said we could give them 20 minutes of our time. Reading the bylaws has been a good thing we haven't followed them in 2 years.

#### **Weezie – Co - Chair Report**

Emails have been undeliverable. Nothing new to report. Alaska has not been responsive. Guy Hari from San Diego has a different group So Cal Group. He communicated with Weez and said he would come and put in a token bid.

#### **Jonathan – Website Report**

Website is up and works. Needs to get with Sarah G. to update materials on website. Open to suggestions for improving website. Jonathan tried to resign position but he really has not done it for 2 years so shut up.

#### **Josh – Mailing Chair**

Was unfamiliar with all of the requirements of the position and setting up a YP email list. Will work on that for next year as well as utilizing technology and not snail mail.

#### **Ben – Native American Liaison**

Learning about Native American culture and hard to get in when not Native. Outreached to some treatment centers.

#### **Alonzo – Hispanic Liaison**

Wants to know how he can get money to go on outreach trips. We will find them if we can vote on it. Had a hard time doing anything otherwise

**Anna – Archivist**

Archives room at this conference. 3 archives boxes did not make it across border but did go to Josh's house so thank you Josh. Did not do the written report b/c was unaware. Feedback forms will be done. Reno has photos in their archives will need to be taken out.

**Kevin D. -**

ICYPAA bid committee fell apart. WA is falling apart. Warm fuzzies from Kevin

**Sarah B.-**

Came up for Advisory elections and ran those. San Diego is not bidding for WAC but LA is. Tucson is not bidding. Guy from Hawaii still trying to get excitement.

**Teresa W.-**

Talked with people from SLC and they are bidding.

**Robbie P.-**

No report

**Casey L.-**

Went to SLC for an event. They were slightly disorganized but are bidding ☺ SICYPAA almost fell apart but coming together. He has bank statements from his conference and has money from t-shirts ID has made to get some money back for WAC Advisory.

**Marissa H.-**

Nothing to report

Break

Meeting reopens

**Old Business****1. Travel Reimbursement**

Alonzo moves to table to midyear

**2. Mexican Liaison**

Erika C. is not at the meeting today but she will be here at the conference. She will come to lunch with us Saturday

**3. Co-treasurer election**

*\*Actually happened after Treasury Discussion due to looking for description of position. See below.*

**4. Treasury Discussion**

Weezie feels that the treasurer is the trusted servant and should do the budget on their own.

Casey feels that we should do this because it is important to know what we are spending.

Should we add an annual budget review to the bylaws?

Sarah B. seconds motion that we talk about this bylaw change

Anna wants to say that we already did this

Sarah G too

Weez and Jon say this should be in this treasurer's responsibility and in their job responsibility

Rob and Kevin – review this is pertinent

Casey ensure financial discipline

Lauren – budget may need to change

Jon adds amendment on behalf of Weezie to section 4.6

***AC shall endeavor to maintain a prudent reserve which is determined at each annual budget session. A budget review session will be added 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.***

Casey calls to question

Fails

Sarah withdraws amendment

**This will go after 5.4 and numbers moved down**

In favor: 14

Abstain: 1

4.7 moving everything down

**Co-treasurer shall, in the absence of the treasurer, accept the full duties of the treasurer; carry out the various duties assigned by the Operating Committee; and be one of the three signatures on all bank accounts.**

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

Sarah B. stands...Sarah B. wins

Discussion that the co-chair would be a signer in the event there was no chair

Break for pizza

#### **4. Host committee budget**

Alonzo wants to have the host committee make a budget at midyear and then go over it with advisory and get signed off

Josh wants to be more informal and be advisors. Informally review.

Casey wants to uphold the bylaws and use more discipline

Sarah B says it's already in the bylaws

Robbie wants to informally review.

Marissa said formal meeting would have really helped them prepare earlier.

Weezie says we need to pay more attention to what is really in the bylaws.

Sarah G. says we need more structure in our midyear meeting

Anna says we could have a review in midyear that would be really good.

Host committee packet does say they need a budget but is that effective?

Robbie says we need to work to hold them accountable b/c they don't know what to ask?

Lauren wants to have the host committee have autonomy but wants there to be more accountability from her

Lauren moves that we add into the bylaws in the 5s section that at midyear meetings operating committee and any other members who wish meet with the host committee to advise about their budget.

Sarah seconds.

### **5. Boise Treasury**

Unpaid bill for merchandise got paid by SICYPAA. Raised money to get money back to council. Proof of unauthorized and fraudulent charges on bank statements to things like victoria's secret, etc.

Anna- Letter is good

Sarah – why can't we sue? Public controversy

Jonathon – write a letter

Kevin – frothy emotional appeal rarely works

Robbie – thinks writing a letter would help AA as a whole

Sarah B. – stupid if we don't need a letter

Alonzo – consequences will come just not from us

Teresa is this woman's sponsor and she does not really want an involvement in this situation

Josh – would world service let this go? He does not think so.

Are we doing this out of a feeling of being taken from? What are we doing here?

What does WAC do in this situation? Not focus on what to do about this girl in particular?

Further discussion about what to do in this particular situation and setting a precedent.

**Robbie makes a motion stating that a lawyer will write a letter stating that WACYPAA Advisory reserves the right to take legal action regarding the stolen money and that the letter be served through certified mail and to find out what GSO has done previously by creating an Ad Hoc committee that Robbie will head up.**

Members:

Weezie

Ben

Alonzo

Sarah B seconds

Casey wants to approach the person personally but they have not yet. Lauren thought they would already do this.

Robbie says they have approached her in hopes of getting resolution and they did not get it so he does not want to be involved anymore.

All in favor

11 in favor

1 opposed

3 abstained

Motion passed

Kim and Lauren will take care of getting the attorney to write the letter. They will send it out.

## **6. Myspace (Casey)**

GSO says do not use Myspace and Facebook

We made multiple suggestions to the host committee to not do this but they did anyway

They broke what GSO "suggests" and what do we do about this?

Announce something in main meeting reiterating what we would like to see as a Council.

End of discussion

## **7. Insurance (Lauren)**

Rate difference b/w annual and special event.

Lauren will contact them tomorrow to find out what we need to be insured for.

We need to decide who will cover those situations. Will the host committee be responsible for their own incidents or will the umbrella of wacypaa be responsible?

Kim - WAC Advisory is like the board of directors. If WAC is not insured then we individually can be sued.

## **8. Bid Requirement 8 (Robbie)**

Casey - core expenses we should direct them to talk to Treasurer

**If awarded the conference the new host committee must agree to turn over, to WACYPAA Advisory Council, within 60 days following the conference 50% of all proceeds Above and Beyond conference expenses and advisory council core expenses (see Advisory Treasurer). The remaining 50% may be donated to AA service bodies in their area.**

Josh - we want our money we need to explain this to the host

Motion passes

Break

Meeting reopens

## **10. Outreach Chair (Ben)**

Ben proposes addition to bylaws for a true Native American to be the liaison even if they are not currently on Advisory

Pause for former AC members to come in and discuss embezzlement experience  
Matt H and Jim W

Matt says that his experience with hiring attorneys and getting police involved has never gone well and ended up costing more money than they ever wanted  
Reads Concept 12, which is the preamble for WAC. Says to be careful with what we get involved in with being punitive.

Need Directors and Officers insurance

Gives recommendations for what we can do as a committee to elect qualified treasurers.

Jim says that AA has to be different and we have to be welcoming in the service structure. What is good for the common good of AA.

Letter could be good for the person and more likely to get the money.

Serenity prayer again

Native Liaison – opinion is they do not want to be a part of us, what do we keep doing there?

Jonathan – founding member was native so that helped us. He can ask him how we can best serve.

\*Non Host City Representation from indigenous Native American member. The advisory council will seek non-host city representation up to two indigenous Native American Liaison

**Motion to table Outreach Chair position to midyear by Sarah B.**

Kevin seconds

**Kevin has a task to have an Ad Hoc committee**

10 for

5 abstain

**New Business**

**1. Bylaws review (Sarah G)**

Does Sarah have the autonomy to change the bylaws

Alonzo moves that under section 4.7 Secretary should have the autonomy to change the grammatical aspects of the bylaws with approval from Council

Kevin seconds

**2. Position on Council (Meiko, Kim)**

Meiko first:

Josh: this is in the bylaws that it is two consecutive meetings

Robbie wants to remember that we made this commitment to this meeting.

Sarah B moves that due to misinformation being given to the committee member we do not accept Meiko's voluntary resignation as stated in bylaw number 3.2 \*2.

Weezie seconds

Doing a simple majority vote

Meiko stays

Lauren also has missed two non-consecutive meetings. Kim suggests we overlook this now.

Kim – Operating Committee

Sarah B. motions to table until midyear Anna seconds

All in favor

**3. Host committee bank signatures – Meiko**

Take off agenda because we discussed having the people review the budget

Meiko can bring back up again if he would like to

Tabled until midyear

Jonathan had a point he needs to remember

**4. 501c3 status, Tax ID (Lauren)**

Lauren is trying to find out what happened with our incorporation. I do not think we are actually a 501c3.

We do not file taxes because we do not make enough money

Going to work with Sarah B. to find out what they need to do as treasurers to either incorporate us or do 501c3. Lauren needs more information to figure out what to do.

Louise made a motion to close was not seconded

**Territory Assignments (I think I missed some of these)**

Kevin C. – NV

Ben – MT, Native Nations

Weez – AK, AZ

Kevin D – WA, OR

Marissa – NV

Erica – N. Cal

Weez – AK, AZ

Alonzo – Mexican Nations

Meiko – Yukon, AK

Kim – WY, MT

Jon – CO, NM

Josh – OR, WA

Brandy – BC, Alberta

Teresa, UT, ID

Sarah G. – AZ, NM

**Sarah B. moves that we write a letter as a council on our letterhead to said person asking for the money back to be approved by council (thus negating the letter from the lawyer previous motion) delivered by certified mail.**

Robbie seconded.

Alonzo says we should have a meeting in person with select AC members.

13 for

1 opposed

1 abstention

Motion Passes

Kim will write the letter. She will send it out for review. Casey will help gather the actual numbers. Jon will provide letterhead.

**Motion to add bylaw change about indigenous Native American – did not pass, tabled until Midyear meeting**

**Motion to add to agenda to change Secretary's description that Secretary has autonomy to change:**

Alonzo moves that under section 4.7 Secretary should have the autonomy to change the grammatical aspects of the bylaws with approval from Council

7 for  
not 2/3  
motion fails, tabled until Midyear meeting

**P.O. Box**

Alonzo moves that P.O. Box gets changed to Sarah B. from Phoenix since right now someone on Council does not have access.  
Sarah G seconds  
Motion passes  
Sarah B can get the key

Unanimous

**Discuss section 8.5 in bylaws next meeting**

Lauren asks when are we meeting with Host and everyone

Friday 4pm how to bid Carson Room Q and A

Sarah B. motions to close  
Teresa Seconds

Meeting closes 12:40 am

**ADDITION TO MINUTES:**

**ELECTION AND DISCUSSION OF MEXICAN LIAISON**  
January 3, 2009

Erika C. stood for position; we met her at an Advisory lunch earlier.

Discussion:

Sarah B. – thank you Alonzo for finding this person

Josh S. – A person like this would be a great asset to the Council

Kevin: Motion to elect Erika C. as the indigenous Mexican member

Nimco – Seconds

Questions regarding conference hosting experience. Discussion.

Kevin calls to question.

We vote: Unanimous decision – she will be at midyear. Financials and time obligations have already been discussed with her.

Additional discussion regarding speaker's political views. Should we say something as a Council? Decided no...we have no opinion on outside issues, nor on this speaker's opinions.

**Other things I wrote down that some of the members and I talked about as additions to midyear agenda:**

Bid requirement 5 – showing their involvement in service. Can this be on the agenda to make this more clear? Seems some committees were confused about what we are looking for there.

Timer on AC questions during bid sessions. Some groups we asked a lot of questions, some we asked none. Could we fix this by putting a timer on?

Recycling of hotels in bids. This was brought up because the Reno hotel did not recycle at all.

Check into wording of bylaws for Hispanic member/indigenous members. Can they serve other positions on Council or just serve their term and they are done?