

Scope of Conference.

The scope of the Conference shall cover the following areas: the American states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming; the Canadian provinces of Alberta, British Columbia, and the Yukon Territory; and the Mexican states of Baja California Norte, Baja California Sur, Chihuahua, Durango, Sinaloa, and Sonora.

Advisory Council

The members of the WACYPAA Advisory Council, have formed for the purpose of establishing a rotating body of past WACYPAA Host Committee members who shall act as guardians of the conference integrity and experience. The WACYPAA Advisory Council is a service body, which is directly responsible to all AA members who wish to participate in anything having to do with WACYPAA. *In all its proceedings, the WACYPAA Advisory Council shall observe the spirit of the A.A. Tradition, taking great care that the Conference never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principle; that none of the Advisory Council members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any of the others; that all important decisions be reached by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that no Advisory Council action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy; that though the Advisory Council may act for the service of WACYPAA, it shall never perform any acts of government; and that, like the society of Alcoholics Anonymous which it serves, the Advisory Council itself will always remain democratic in thought and action. As such, it will make itself available to answer questions from any AA member who wishes. It also places itself at the disposal of the current Host Committee, and all Bid Committees to offer any assistance, which is within its power to provide. We recognize that not all AA members will find our conference necessary to their recovery from alcoholism; we aim only to serve those who desire our assistance.

Bid Committees:

Each year at the annual Western Area Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous bid committees attend from all over the western area in hopes of being granted the opportunity to host a WACYPAA in their area. In order to be considered a potential site for next year's conference:

- Some members of the committee must attend the conference.
- A bid package which demonstrates the completion of all 10 bid requirements must be turned in to advisory council by midnight on Friday the night before the bid session.
- The committee must attend the bid session (usually Saturday) and present their committee to the advisory council and the rest of the conference in whatever manner they see fit. After which the Council will have the opportunity to ask them questions about their committee and the 10 requirements. After all of the bids have been presented, the advisory council (a rotating body made up of past WACYPAA host committee members) convenes to choose, by third legacy procedure, the site for next years conference. The announcement is made at the main meeting.

Bidding Requirements for WACYPAA

1. Each bidding committee must have at least three AA members who have been continuously sober for a minimum of one year.
2. Bidders must have commitments from at least two appropriate facilities (Hotels, Universities, Convention Centers, Gymnasiums, etc.) so sized as to accommodate the entire conference. Please include proposed dates for the conference and a showing of available meeting space. The cost of the facility must be included. Bidders must provide information regarding housing for attendees, including cost and accessibility to the proposed conference site. If awarded the conference, the host committee agrees to have a signed contract within 45 days.
3. Bidders must provide a permanent mailing address for their committee, and if available provide an email address also.

4. A letter of assurance from a local AA service body (district, intergroup, etc.) and state YPAA conference advisory council, if applicable, that no large scale AA activity will be held in the proposed general service area within a period of 30 days before, and 30 days after the proposed conference dates, is required.

5. Please demonstrate how the bid committee has been involved with General Service (some have chosen to get a letter of support, or to show how their group was active in area or district service).

6. Bid committees should be able to demonstrate financial autonomy and responsibility, within the spirit of the 12 Traditions of AA.

7. Bidders must show the WACYPAA Advisory Council that they have compiled the necessary research to determine the effects that Federal, State, Provincial, and/or local taxes would have on the proposed conference.

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 the remaining proceeds to AA service bodies in their area, will be turned over to the WACYPAA Advisory Council for their disposition following the conference.

9. Bids can take no longer than 20 minutes to present.

10. Please draft a statement illustrating the reasons why you wish to host a WACYPAA in your area.

The WACYPAA Advisory Council suggests that you meet with the Advisory Council member assigned to your area to study the annual AA calendar in Western North America to find a time that will offer the least potential for conflict with other AA functions. Bidders should do the research necessary to determine the months with the least amount of conflict with other AA conferences in their region. All potential bidding cities are encouraged to consider the entire region for the purpose of making realistic preparation for any non-prevalent languages at the conference.