

WELCOME

to ISMYPAA

The 5th International Service Meeting for
Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous

July 21, 2019

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Presenter: Lindsay S., Chair, ICYPAA Advisory Council

On behalf of the ICYPAA Advisory Council, welcome to the 5th Annual International Service Meeting for Young People in A.A., known as ISMYPAA. My name is Lindsay S., I'm an alcoholic, and I currently serve as Chair of the ICYPAA Advisory Council.

ISMYPAA was created in 2015 as a response to several requests from ICYPAA attendees to provide greater support for YPAAs based outside of the United States. ISMYPAA is based on the World Service Meeting, where representatives from international GSOs meet to share experience, strength, and hope from their respective countries. ISMYPAA seeks to do the same for YPAA groups, committees, conventions, and communities around the world.

The first ISMYPAA took place on August 1st, 2015 via video conference, and included participation by individuals representing 12 international YPAA committees on 5 continents. The program included introductions, committee highlights, sharing on the theme "Relationships Between A.A. and YPAA," and an open sharing session. Every international YPAA committee, convention, and community known to us was invited to attend and participate.

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Those in attendance heard an unprecedented variety of experience by young people in AA around the world. We learned of struggles for acceptance in Ireland and Mexico, exciting successes by new YPAA committees in New Zealand and Australia, and the maturation of YPAA conventions in Asia and Europe. The question, “How to start a YPAA?” was raised and discussed from several perspectives. Gratitude and understanding was cultivated through honest sharing of experience and it was decided that ISMYPAA should happen again.

While ICYPAA’s International Participation and Communication Committee organized the first several ISMYPAA’s, we hope that future ISMYPAA’s become international collaborations with leadership in equal parts from around the globe, and that one day soon ISMYPAA will be taken out from underneath the ICYPAA umbrella. The second, third and fourth ISMYPAA’s have been a huge step forward in this respect. This year’s organizing committee includes active participation from AA members all over the world and we hope to see ISMYPAA continue to diversify.

ICYPAA is proud to be a part of this vibrant international community of young people in AA. We are hopeful that participation in ISMYPAA will help deepen our collective understanding of the principles of the AA program, and strengthen our ability to carry the message of recovery from alcoholism. Thank you all for being here and welcome to ISMYPAA.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Presenter: Hiroyuki K., ISMYPAA Planning Committee

Hello, my name is *[first name, last initial]* and I am alcoholic. I currently serve as *[service position]*.

Statement of Purpose

ISMYPAA, the International Service Meeting of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous, is an annual, online gathering for international YPAA conventions, committees and communities. All A.A. members are welcome to attend.

Modeled after the GSO's World Service Meeting, the purpose of ISMYPAA is to improve communication between international YPAA committees through the sharing of experience, strength and hope.

As new YPAA committees and conventions form around the globe, we hope that they can find hopeful support and spiritual strength from their fellows and join us to help ensure that the message of Alcoholics Anonymous is carried to all those in need.

THEME SESSION

Presenter: Juenlee, ISMPYAA Planning Committee

Hello, my name is *[first name, last initial]* and I am alcoholic. I currently serve as *[service position]*.

Welcome to the Theme session. The topic of this session is “YPAA’s Impact on the Local Structure.”

This session will feature two 10 -minute speakers to address the theme from multiple points of view.

THEME SESSION

[Presenter: Please introduce each participant by committee and name. Time the speakers and a give gentle interruption when their time is up.]

Theme Session: “YPAA’s Impact on the Local Structure.”

10-minute speaker: Doug G Japan/US

10-minute speaker: Vivian G (Malta)

Thank you to everyone who shared. I will now turn the meeting back to the organizers.

COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

Presenter: Tamara S., ICYPAA

Hello, my name is *[first name, last initial]* and I am alcoholic. I currently serve as *[service position]*.

Welcome to the committee highlights session. In this session, we will hear reports from each participating YPAA convention, committee and community. Each speaker will have 2 minutes to report on the highlights of their recent activities.

Participants: Please watch the timer on the screen and make sure to stop speaking when your 2 minutes are up.

COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

[Presenter: Please introduce each participant by committee and name. At the 2 minute mark, please gently interrupt the speaking participant, then wait for them to finish their sentence.]

Committee Highlights Session

ACYPAA- Emily L & Maddy D

ASCYPAA- Brandon M

AZYPAA- Hiroyuki K.

DMVYPAA- Ashland S.

EACYPAA- Mitchell T.

EURYPAA- Angela L.

FCYPAA- Albert C.

Finypaa (Finland)- Antti P.

HACYPAA- Allison P.

IAYPAA- Faraji H.

61st ICYPAA Joe R. & Kailey V.

ITALYPAA- Michela P.

KIWYPAA- Hayley P.

LASCYPAA- Layla M.

MECYPAA- Shannon H.

MNYPAA- Jared H.

NCCYPAA- William B.

NECYPAA- Nat S.

NJYPAA- Allison R.

PENSCYPAA- Jill W.

RYUKYPAA- Tomoya N. & Takayuki Y.

SCANCYPAA- Sunna

SERCYPAA- Joe N.

STOCKYPAA- Peter S.

SWACYPAA- Becca H. & Samantha L.

TCYPAA- Devin V.

VSCYPAA- Emily C. & Jesse K.

WACYPAA- Maya D.

Thank you to everyone who shared. I will now turn the meeting back to the organizers.

ROLL CALL AND GENERAL SHARING SESSION

Presenter:

Hello, my name is *[first name, last initial]* and I am alcoholic. I currently serve as *[service position]*.

Welcome to the Roll Call and General Sharing Session. In this session, every person in attendance will have the opportunity to introduce themselves briefly. Please state your name, sobriety date, age you got sober, service position, YPAA entity, and current city/country location.

Once you have introduced yourself, you will have the option to share for 1 minute. The topic for sharing is entirely up to you. Feel free to share experience, pose questions, express concerns, make requests or describe your spiritual condition in the moment. No responses or answers will be given. This is simply an opportunity for us all to hear what is on your mind. Sharing is not required. Feel free to pass if you wish.

As a reminder, please introduce yourself by first name and last initial only. The event is being recorded, and may be distributed online. When you hear your name, please make sure you are un-muted, say hello and begin your introduction and share. If you have other people with you, please let us know. Names will be called in the order they logged into the meeting.

[Names will be called by gotowebinar organizers.]

Thank you to everyone who shared. I will now turn the meeting back to the organizers.

ROLL CALL AND GENERAL SHARING SESSION

All Attendees will have the opportunity to introduce themselves:

- First Name, Last Initial only
- Sobriety Date
- Age You Got Sober
- Service Position
- YPAA Entity
- Current City/Country Location
- Optional One Minute Share

[Names will be called by gotowebinar organizers.]

Welcome everyone! I will now turn the meeting back to the organizers.

CLOSING REMARKS

Presenter: Tyler S., ICYPAA

Hello, my name is *[first name, last initial]* and I am alcoholic. I currently serve as *[service position]*

Thank you all for attending the 5th International Service Meeting for Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous! I would like to thank the members of the General Service committee, Joel S, Trey V., Tamara S., Shannon C. and Veronica O. with the participation of Lindsay S. We also had members of the AA community helping this year, Hiroyuki K, Juenlee and Doug. This year for the fourth time, ISMYPAA was organized by an international committee of volunteers from YPAA committees around the world. While ICYPAA provides the web conferencing service and general support, all the decisions that have created this event were made by the collective conscience of our organizing committee. Continued international participation has allowed ICYPAA to be, but one voice in a delegation of equal partners. Our goal has been to have participation from every international YPAA committee. To help ISMYPAA become independent of ICYPAA advisory council, we would like to hold elections to form a committee on October 27, 2019. Please contact us at service@icypaa.org if you have any questions.

Finally, thanks to all of the participating YPAA communities for all the service you do. The great contribution that YPAAs make to A.A. is to ensure that the A.A. message is carried to ALL those in need, regardless of age. No one is too young or too old for A.A.

CLOSING REMARKS

In these few hours we have all shared, we have affected and touched the lives of those that may need the most. We have a common bond and each of our experiences can help those that really need it. So thank you for taking the time out today and hopefully in the upcoming year to continue the efforts to help new to YPAA, or those struggling in their communities.

Thank you for your service.

General Service Committee, ICYPAA Advisory Council

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