



WELCOME

*ISMYPAA*

The 6th

International Service Meeting  
of Young People in

Alcoholics Anonymous

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Presenter: Phillip C., Nashville, Tennessee, USA, Chair, ICYPAA advisory council

On behalf of the ICYPAA Advisory Council, welcome to the 6th Annual International Service Meeting of Young People in A.A., known as ISMYPAA. My name is Phillip C., I'm an alcoholic, and I currently sit as Chair of the ICYPAA Advisory Council. Please help me open the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

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.

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.

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.

This year's ISMYPAA has become an international collaboration with leadership from around the globe and is working on ISMYPAA becoming an independent resource. This year's organizing committee includes active participation from AA members from Japan, Singapore, Hawaii, Ireland, Scotland, Finland, and USA, 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.

I will now turn it over to Martin B. for the Statement of Purpose.

# STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Presenter: Martin B., Leeds, United Kingdom

Hello, my name is Martin B. and I am an alcoholic. I currently serve as telephone responder on the UK AA phone line.

## *Statement of Purpose*

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

Modeled after the World Service Meeting, the purpose of ISMYPAA is to improve communication between YPAA committees in all countries 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. The planning committee's intentions are to continue meeting monthly and welcome those interested to join us.

I will now turn it over to Rob M., Gold Coast, Australia, for the Theme Session.

# THEME SESSION

Presenter: Rob M., Gold Coast, Australia

Hello, my name is Rob M. and I am an alcoholic. I currently serve as Chair of the Gold Coast Men's Retreat.

Welcome to the Theme session. The topic of this session is "Leadership in AA."

This session will feature four 10 -minute speakers to address the theme from multiple points of view. Deano S., West Riding Intergroup Mini-Convention Chair, will keep time.

- Antti L./Finland (EURYPAA rep) – YPAA Committee Leadership
- Roger W./USA (past Belgium delegate) - Being a Young GSR and YPAA liaison to General Service
- Richard H./USA (co-founding member of AZYPAA) – Starting a YPAA Group/Event
- Madeleine P./USA (past Pacific regional trustee) – Tradition Two

Next are Committee Highlights and Chip H., Covington, Louisiana, USA is our presenter.

# COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

Presenter: Chip H., Covington, Louisiana, USA

Hello, my name Chip H., and I am an alcoholic. I currently serve as the chairperson of the Into Action Online Homegroup.

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.

- First Name, Last Initial only
- YPAA Entity

Participants: The timekeeper, Hiromi A., member of AZYPAA committee, from Yokohama, will alert you when you're at the last 30 second mark.

# COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

[Chip H.]: Please introduce each participant by committee and name. The timekeeper will gently alert you at the last 30 second mark.]

AZYPAA, Asia Convention: Lihito H.

EURYPAA, European Convention:

7th Southwestern Area YPAA (SWACYPAA): Sonny C.

Chairperson of Singapore Young People's Group – Luke H.

[Presenter: Thank you to everyone who shared. Now moving on to roll call and general sharing.]

# ROLL CALL AND GENERAL SHARING SESSION

Presenter: John W., Louisville, Kentucky, USA

Hello, my name is John W. and I am an alcoholic. I currently serve as Chair of the Kentucky Bid Committee for ICYPAA.

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, if you have other people with you who would like to share, please let us know. 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. The committee will reply to your questions and concerns in a post-event follow-up. 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 audio only is being recorded and will be made available online on the ICYPAA website <https://www.icypaa.org/ismypaa>. When you hear your name, please make sure you are un-muted, say hello and begin your introduction and share. Please raise your virtual hand to be called on.

[Names will be called by John W.]

# 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 John W. and Martin B., telephone responder on the UK AA phone line, will keep time]

Thank you everyone! Juenlee B. will now say a few closing remarks.



# CLOSING REMARKS

Presenter: Juenlee B., Lahaina, Hawaii, USA

Hello, my name is Juenlee B. and I am an alcoholic. I currently serve as the Chair of the ISMYPAA Planning Committee.

Thank you all for attend the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual International Service Meeting of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous! I would like to thank the ISMYPAA Planning Committee – Mallory M., Benjamin L., Hiroyuki K., Deano S., Stephanie T., Rob M., Martin B. While ICYPAA provided the web conferencing service and general support, all the decisions that have created this event were made by the collective conscience of our planning committee. Our goal has been to have participation from the international YPAA community. Holding this once a year event is just the beginning of what we can do to support YPAAs on an international arena. This year we have compiled a database of emails from attendees who attended this meeting. We invite you to continue your participation in international unity. Please join us in some forum: on our Secret Facebook group - friend request me and let me know to add you to the ISMYPAA Group, send us an email to [ismypaa@gmail.com](mailto:ismypaa@gmail.com) to request to be added to our email list and attend our monthly meetings. We will discuss and consider other ways to be of service in the international YPAA community to carry the AA Message to all that seek help regardless of age. No one is too young or too old for AA. Sometime later, in our monthly meeting, we also will begin to plan the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual ISMYPAA. Our next meeting is September 13, 2020. The meeting ID and password are the same as this event.

Finally, thanks to all that participated in today's event. Our hope is that you learned something new, were moved by what someone said, and became inspired by this experience to continue to share AA's Three Legacies of Recovery, Unity, and Service. We will now close with the AA Responsibility Statement.

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# AA Responsibility Statement

I am responsible...  
When anyone, anywhere,  
reaches out for help, I  
want the hand of A.A.  
always to be there.  
And for that: I am  
responsible.