

WELCOME

to ISMYPAA

The 1st International Service Meeting for
Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous

August 1, 2015

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Presenter: Laura S., Chair, ICYPAA Advisory Council

On behalf of the ICYPAA Advisory Council, welcome to ISMYPAA. Thank you for being here, at the First International Service Meeting for Young People in A.A. My name is Laura S., alcoholic and I currently serve as Chair of the ICYPAA Advisory Council.

In just over a month, ICYPAA will host its 57th annual convention. We are experiencing an all time high in attendance — with over 4,000 attendees at three of our conventions since 2010. Between the well-established regional YPAA conventions, including WACYPAA, EACYPAA, NECYPAA and SERCYPAA, and the recent creations of SWACYPAA and HACYPAA, and the many state YPAA conventions and local YPAA service committees, YPAA in the United States appears to be thriving.

The number of international YPAA organizations is also on the rise. The great enthusiasm generated by the creation of EURYPAA and AZYPAA is evident at YPAA convention outreach tables and in many YPAA private Facebook groups. Through the great efforts of their organizers, these conventions are ensuring that the life-saving message of Alcoholics Anonymous is carried to young people around the world.

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From ICYPAA's perspective, the histories, struggles and achievements of these other YPAA communities are largely unknown. We hope that today's event will help bring to light and honor the A.A. service work performed by these committees.

While organizing ISMYPAA, we learned of 18 different YPAA committees/communities outside of the U.S., many of which are represented here on this webinar. We hope that today's exchange of experience, strength and hope will encourage a new and lasting era of international communication and collaboration between YPAA communities.

As the number of international YPAA committees and conventions continues to grow, we wish you the best and will offer any support that we can. If you need anything from ICYPAA, please ask anytime.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Presenter: Rich H., AZYPAA

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

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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 message of Alcoholics Anonymous is carried to all those in need.

ROLL CALL

Presenter: Morten N., Co-chair, EURYPAA

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

Welcome to the roll call 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, the YPAA entity you serve, your service position, and current city/country.

Please introduce yourself by first name and last initial only. This event is being recorded and may be distributed online.

When you hear your name, please make sure you are un-muted and say hello. If you have other people with you, please let us know. Names will be called in the order they logged into the meeting.

ROLL CALL

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

[Names will be called by gotowebinar organizers.]

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

COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

Presenter: Olivia H., KIWYPAA 2016

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 international 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

57th ICYPAA — Brian C.

ACTYPAA — Jesse B.

AZYPAA — Hiro K.

BALYPAA — Marnie S.

EDYPAA — Pauline L.

EURYPAA — Morten B.

IREYPAA — Paul D.

KIWYPAA — Dave B.

MEXCYPAA — Marytere R.

SCANCYPAA — Anita S. B.

TOYPAA — Zack K.

VANYPAA — Kirsten M.

UKYPAA — Patrick R.

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THEME SESSION

Presenter: Guillermo T., MEXCYPAA

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 “Relationships Between A.A. and YPAA.” Relationships between YPAA committees and local A.A. service structures can sometimes be difficult, fraught with misunderstanding, miscommunication and mistrust. How can these strained relationships be improved? What practical steps can be taken to develop understanding, increase communication and build trust between YPAA committees and A.A.? This session will include sharing from multiple points of view from around the globe. Each speaker will have 2 minutes to share their experience, strength and hope on the theme.

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Theme Session: “Relationships between A.A. and YPAA”

57th ICYPAA — Kristy W.

ACTYPAA — Jesse B.

AZYPAA — Ethan E. / Taka

BALYPAA — Tim B.

EDYPAA — Kyle F.

EURYPAA — Morten B. with Matt H.

IREYPAA — Noely P.

KIWYPAA — Geoff C.

MEXCYPAA — Polo R.

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GENERAL SHARING SESSION

Presenter: James H., Chair, 57th ICYPAA

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

Welcome to the General Sharing session. The topic of this session 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.

Each attendee will have 1 minute to share. Sharing is not required. Feel free to pass if you wish. As a reminder, please introduce yourself by first name and last initial only. When you hear your name, please make sure you are un-muted, say hello and begin your share. If you have other people with you, please let us know. Names will be called in the order they logged into the meeting.

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CLOSING REMARKS

Presenter: Darren F., Chair, Ad Hoc International Participation and Communication Committee

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

Thank you all for attending the 1st International Service Meeting for Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous! I would like to thank the members of the Ad Hoc International Participation and Communication committee, Stacey H., Joel S., and Chris L. with the participation of Laura S., who have been responsible for conceiving and organizing ISMYPAA. My thanks to the committee for their important work.

Further 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. While the historic import of this event is yet to be determined, in the past few hours, 12 international YPAA communities shared with each other their experience, strength and hope.

Simply by listening to this sharing, we have been changed. By participating in this event, our collective conscience has been informed in new and exciting ways. I look forward to seeing how this new information and new understanding affects our conventions, communities and our lives going forward.

CLOSING REMARKS

It is our goal that this event become entirely collaborative in future years. We hope that each YPAA community will continue to work with us over the next year to improve our collective communication. If your committee is interested in taking the lead on hosting ISMYPAA next year, please let us know.

Thank you for your service.

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