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THE 61ST ICYPAA FORUM REPORT

Opening

- Serenity Prayer
- Opening Remarks (Advisory Council Chair)
- Advisory Council Introductions

Reports:

Chair (Lindsay) 5 minutes:

- Host Committee
 - Made myself available to answer any questions/concerns that came up throughout the year
 - Facilitated Host Committee Elections, attended site visits, advised regarding Host Committee Guidelines, budget, outreach strategy, graphics, website, program, service activities, pre-conference event, merchandise sales, and committee unity
 - Collected and communicated Advisory Council feedback on key Host items
 - Kept informed through reading Host Committee meeting minutes and maintaining consistent communication with the Host Committee Chairperson
- Bid Committees
 - Made myself available to answer any questions/concerns that came up throughout the year
 - Attended ICY-Connect Sessions as well as Bid Committee 1:1 sessions
- Advisory Council
 - Appointed Committee chairs and members
 - Scheduled Quarterly Business Meetings
 - Met with the Operating Committee monthly
 - Signed hotel and AV contracts
 - Sat in on subcommittee meetings and did my best to keep up to date with the activities of those I couldn't make
 - Worked with the Operating Committee to review a claim under our NDAH policy, developed proposed responses, participated in investigations, and attempted to communicate with complainants and complainees.
 - Served as one of the Admins for the ICYPAA Facebook Group, reviewed posts and removed posts
 - Organized this year's Past & Present Advisory Council Breakfast for the 61st ICYPAA in Boston
 - Met with the Advisory Council quarterly: eight motions were passed at these meetings:
 - Adopted the proposed 2019 Council Operating Budget
 - Adopted the by-law revisions reflecting the changes approved in Motion B from 2018 Annual Business Meeting
 - Allocated \$5000 for the Host Committee video project
 - Allocated \$5000 for the Host Committee Grapevine/La Vina project



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- Adopted by-law revisions reflecting the changes to the Archivist Position Description
- Reduced the requirement of printed books to two copies
- Allocated \$500 for two members of the Advisory Council to attend the National AA Technology Workshop in September 2019
- Resolved an NDAH complaint

Summary of actions since the May Quarterly Meeting:

- Host Committee
 - Communicated with Host Chair regularly about final details leading up to Conference
 - Pre-Conference Event announced
 - Video project undertaken and completed
 - Merchandise ordered and pre-sales were made available online
 - GSO representatives confirmed
 - Program finalized, approved, loaded to the app and printed
 - As of 08/10/19:
 - Registrations: 1,831
 - Pre-conference event tickets sold: 134
 - Scholarship fund: \$1,809
 - Marriott pickup: 1925 room nights
 - Overflow pickup: 48 room nights
- Advisory Council
 - Attended and gave introductory welcome for ISMYPAA
 - Sat in on subcommittee meetings and did my best to keep up to date with the activities of those I couldn't make
 - Attended all subcommittee IGR call s
 - Remained available to assist subcommittee chairs and AC members throughout the year

Thanks for letting me serve

In Love & Service,

Lindsay S.

Treasurer (James) 5 minutes:

I am incredibly grateful to have served as your treasurer for the past two years. I feel confident that the finances of ICYPAA are as strong as ever and that we continue to engage in accurate, transparent, and appropriate financial reporting. This year we continued to manage our prudent reserve in accordance with advisory council bylaws and continued to invest surplus funds in much needed capital improvements to the ICYPAA website, including a better and more secure e-commerce structure. We



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improved our annual budgeting process, conducting a thorough budget-to-spend analysis.

- **Advisory Budget and Spend for 2018:**

For the Council Year 2018 we had the following budget to spend:

2018 Advisory Operating Budget: \$19,500.00
2018 Advisory Council Operating Spend: \$17,061.75

For Council Year 2018 we have the following budget to spend so far:

2019 Advisory Council Operating Budget: \$19,087.00
2018 Advisory Council Current Spend: \$2,925.12

- **Surplus Funds Balance and Allocations**

Below is a summary of open allocations for Advisory Council Surplus Funds. Surplus Funds are added whenever the conference nets greater than its cost after host committee distributions, whenever the Advisory Council spends below budget, and if adjustments are made to the prudent reserve. Last year we added significant surplus funds from the 60th ICYPAA in Baltimore which performed significantly above expectations. \$25,941.97 were added to the Surplus Funds from the 60th ICYPAA. Additionally \$2400 were added because the Advisory Council spent below budget in 2018. This year funds were spent from the Surplus Funds to improve ICYPAA.org, consult with our attorneys on changes to our NDAH policy, fund a video project produced by the 61st Host Committee. Additionally we anticipate spending surplus funds to attend the AA Technology Conference and for a Grapevine Service project at the 61st ICYPAA. Currently the following allocations from our surplus funds are open. We currently have \$22,074.50 in unallocated surplus funds with several requests on the agenda for our Annual Business Meeting.

Attorney Fees	Operating Committee	\$ 2,319.00
Video Project	General Service Committee	\$ 3,702.50
Grapevine Project	General Service Committee	\$ 5,000.00
Website Improvements	Technology Committee	\$ 3,713.00
Tech Conference	Technology Committee	\$ 500.00



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- **Cash on Hand**

As of Sunday Aug, 11 ICYPAA had the following cash on hand across our various bank accounts. This cash represented, our prudent reserves, advisory council operating funds, surplus funds, and host committee operating cash.

Chase: \$124,696.37

B of A: \$11,022.52

- **Miscellaneous**

60th ICYPAA: Baltimore had a great ICYPAA and ended up returning significant amount to Surplus Funds after making a distribution of 20% of their net income. We learned some interesting things regarding handling hotel rebates that will be passed along to future treasurer's and hotel chairs.

BANKING: For another year we were in a city without a Chase account and so this year we opened a second checking account with Bank of America to cover host expenses in Boston Based on the coverage of Chase and the need to be flexible, we will most likely continue to maintain one account with Bank of America. Additionally, I conducted some much needed administrative clean-up with our bank accounts.

MERCHANT ACCOUNT: Our merchant account continues unchanged and our rates continue to be competitive when compared to other providers in the marketplace.

BUDGET: Our budgeting process took yet another step forward as we budgeted based on reviewing our actual spend to our budget in 2018. This process led to a more accurate budget.

HOST: This year I helped review the Host budget, stayed in contact with the Host treasurer and purchased GL insurance for the conference. I assisted Host in reviewing certain scenarios related to A/V and overflow to make sound financial decisions.

PRUDENT RESERVE: I worked with the Finance Committee to analyze our prudent reserve based on our bylaws and determined that we were holding about \$13,000 too much in our prudent reserves after our minimum balances in our accounts were considered. This amount was added to unallocated funds.

INSURANCE: I reviewed Council's Insurance Policies and renewed our D&O and Crime insurance with Chubb.



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MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES: I filed our “periodic report” with the Colorado Secretary of State to maintain our non-profit status. I signed and filed our 2017 Tax Return with the IRS.

Yours in love and service,

James H.

Co-Chair (Phillip) 2 minutes:

- Attended all Operating Committee Meetings
 - Drafted various motions originating from the Operating Committee
- Assisted with Host Committee Elections in Boston
- Participated in an NDAH investigation
- Have been available to assist our Chair Lindsay as needed with input on various topics
- Have stayed current on Bid Committee and Host Committees via meeting minutes
- Assisted Host Committee with various items as needed
- Chaired the Hotel and A/V Subcommittee
- Served on the Technology Subcommittee
- Served as Ex Officio member of the Bid Dev Committee on behalf of the AC Chair

Secretary (Trey) 2 minutes:

- Created, updated, archived and posted all minutes, documents and forms related to the 60th ICYPAA in Baltimore, MD
- Compiled the 2018 ICYPAA Forum Annual Report and sent the report out via our email distribution list
- Created, archived and posted monthly minutes of the operating committee meetings
- Communicated with our attorney regarding NDAH questions
- Communicated with our attorney regarding Trademark Renewal
- Communicated with our attorney regarding Crisis Management & Active Shooter Plans
- Participated in the NDAH investigations process
- Drafted Motions, Discussion Points and Worked on ICYPAA documents as necessary
- Served as an ICYPAA Facebook Admin approving or deleting posts according to our Facebook group policies which evolved throughout the year.
- Prepared documents for the 2019 Annual Meeting of the ICYPAA Advisory Council
- Responded as needed to advisory@icypaa.org emails
- Attended 3 Advisory Council Member Weddings

Prepared by,

Trey V.



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Archivist (David) 2 minutes:

I am pleased to report that your entire received ICYPAA archives collection is safe and secure at my home in Atlanta, GA. The updates for year are as follows:

- I first want to thank advisory council for their review, discussion, and approval of the ICYPAA archives policies and guidelines developed from the AA Archives documents used by GSO. Using these approved guidelines, this year I have reviewed the entire archives collection. The final result is the collection has been grouped into one of three different categories.
 - Traveling Exhibits
 - Repository Routine
 - Repository Endangered
- I would be happy to discuss each of these categories and provide examples of each outside of this two minute presentation. I would like to expound slightly on the Endangered Repository. This consists of priceless and unique original items that need professional protection and preservation. An example is the 1976 ICYPAA Philadelphia banner. This banner is in a state of severe deterioration and without immediate intervention will become lost to the hands of time. I want to thank the Georgia Bid for ICYPAA for their support and energy they provided to help slow down this items deterioration.
- Since ICYPAA Baltimore we have added a few items to the collection
 - A. One banner used at the ICYPAA Atlanta conference
 - B. One shirt and one program from Maryland conference.
- As always, I welcome any additional items members would like to add to the collection.
- Additionally, I welcome digital or photographic documentation of items that members would like to add to the collection but do not wish to donate the item directly.
- Finally, I continue to partner with the archivist at GSO. She has forwarded a couple of research requests from members who have reached out to GSO for ICYPAA and young people's AA archival information. She felt we were best equipped to respond to these requests. I personally performed the research and responded to the members directly and followed up with GSO to notify them of the outcome. It remains my desire to continue to foster this relationship with GSO and the entire AA Archive community. To that end, I hope that in the future ICYPAA will be able to support a representative to attend the annual National Archives Conference.

It continues to be a pleasure serving ICYPAA as your archivist and I truly welcome any and all feedback on additional support the ICYPAA Archives can provide to you. Thank you for letting me be of service.

David N
Atlanta, GA.



60th ICYPAA Chair (Katie) 2 minutes:

The 60th ICYPAA was held August 30th-September 2nd, 2018 at the Hilton Baltimore. The conference was a great success without many issues to report. The host committee strived to program a fun, safe, diverse, recovery focused conference with something for everyone.

● **Registration**

- Original attendance projections were at 2750 and final registration count was 2950. Roughly 67% (1,990) of registrations were pre-registrations, with about 33% (990) on-site.

ICYPAA Registrations	2,950 Registered	2,235 Picked Up	\$80,000
Scholarship Fund			\$2,008.55
Total			\$82,008.55

	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	TOTAL
	8/28/18	8/29/18	8/30/18	8/31/18	9/1/18	9/2/18	9/2/18	
CONTRACTED	0	71	428	529	529	128	80	1765
Total Pick-Up	6	97	309	493	484	79	8	1476

● **Facilities**

- The relationship with the Hilton Baltimore was nothing short of amazing. The weekend went smoothly and the staff was amazing. As an added bonus, the meeting space was getting remodeled so any damage was not really an issue.

Room night pickup:

- Grand Total: 1476

We filled 83% of our total 1,765 room block. Guest room minimum in the contract was 70% (1,236 nights).



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- **Program**
 - The committee really wanted to help put the “I back in ICYPAA” and put a huge focus on speakers from all over the world that also met our criteria for main speakers. In July we received notice that our Sunday speaker had to cancel and the program committee went into a bit of a panic. We looked at our options for speakers that would fill this void and ended up getting just the right person. Overall everything went very smooth and had great feedback all weekend from attendees. We offered a variety of topics and diversity through panel topics including international panelists in attendance. Entertainment throughout the conference was great and ran rather smoothly. The program committee did their best to offer something for everybody, from tarot readings and movie marathons to the drag show and dances.
- **Service**
 - As a committee we pulled our efforts together and committed to completing the service video, grapevine project, and a well-rounded service program. The video stayed within our idea of putting the “I back in ICYPAA” and our theme which included service points of view from around the globe that was played before our first international speaker Friday night. We hosted a scavenger hunt and handed our grapevine/ la vina subscriptions to the participants and purchased backend orders we distributed to local institutions.
- **Outreach**
 - Our outreach team killed it this year and even outreached EURYPAA and IREYPAA. The committee sent out packets that included business cards cut to the shape of our brain logo. We put a large focus on local outreach as well as to the YPAA community. Our outreach team also utilized bid committees to help outreach at conferences we personally could not attend.
- **Merchandise**
 - The committee decided to continue with online sales but opted out of shipping merchandise prior to the conference which wasn’t met with that many complaints. We were happy with the decision as it made the process a bit easier. We opted for a 60th Anniversary design shirt that seemed to have sold well as well as 2 other designs outside of our theme.

Total Income:	\$29,651.88
Total Expenses:	\$16,881.61
Total Net Profit:	\$12,770.27



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- **A/V**
 - We were able to use PSAV for the conference and overall was a great start to a possible continued relationship. We had a few unexpected costs during the conference for last minute items but nothing that hurt our budget.

PSAV: \$36,556.92

- **Finance Report: unaudited**

Total Revenues: \$138,724.33
Total Expenses: \$106,171.03
Net Profit: \$32,553.30

In Love and Service,

Katie E.
60th ICYPAA Chair

Hotel/AV Subcommittee Chair (Phillip) 2 minutes:

Chair: Phillip C.

Committee Members: Joel S., James H., Shannon C., Mary Kate R., and Kelsey B.

- Underwent site selection for the 61st ICYPAA, visiting and negotiating with 4 properties in Boston.
- Selected the Marriott Copley Place as the site for the 61 st ICYPAA.
- Transitioned the facility relationship to host, who did a fine job managing it throughout the year.
- Assigned various Subcommittee members to specific Bid Committees as Hotel/AV Liaisons, tasked with communicating frequently with Bid Committee Facilities Chairs
- Updated the Hotel and AV Manual found in the RBD section of ICYPAA.org
- Created an A/V RFP for use by Bid Committees when soliciting AV proposals
- Conducted an RFP process for A/V vendors, reviewing proposals from 3 qualified bidders.
- Selected PSAV as the A/V Provider for the 61st ICYPAA
- Obtained an overflow room block at Sheraton Boston for the 61 st ICYPAA
- Completed Early Bid Review for 8 Bid Committees: 278, DAYPAA, Georgia, LAYPAA, PA, Phoenix, Twin Cities and Nor Cal
- Completed IGR for Bid Requirements 11 and 12 for 12 Bid Committees

Bid Development Subcommittee Chair (Rachel) 2 minutes:

Chair: Rachel B.

Committee Members: Chris B., Jared M., Mo H., Tamara S., and Tyler S.

- Focused on creating 5 ICY Connect Sessions that encourage participation and interaction as well as content that is geared towards a better understanding of the bid



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requirements. We collaborated with other subcommittees who had specific experience and knowledge regarding some of the requirements.

The topics presented:

- What to Expect and How Does It Work?
- All About That Service Work
- Hotels - The Good Stuff
- Theme, Graphics, and How It All Goes Together With the Bid Book
- Finance
- Continued the tradition of offering to host a 1.5-hour individual webinar with the Bid Committees who requested these sessions. This year we hosted 8 individual webinars with Bid Committees.
 - Those committees were:
 1. Pennsylvania
 2. Desert Cities
 3. Twin Cities
 4. 278
 5. Hawaii
 6. Georgia
 7. Nor Cal
 8. Louisiana
- Provided audio recordings of each presentation with PDFs of slides. These were uploaded to the ICYPAA.org website and available to everyone.
- Received several Bid Requirement submissions at the deadline for early review.
- Compiled detailed and specific feedback for each Bid Requirement and returned our notes to the Bid Committees in a timely manner.
- Each member was assigned bid committees and were encouraged to reach out to them every month. Reports were given at each business meeting regarding their interactions. We chose to do this to encourage more communication between Council and Bid Committees.
- Put forth a motion to change the required amount of bid books printed in the hopes of relieving stress from bids and to be more eco friendly. This motion was passed and was reported to the bid committees via email, and Facebook posts.
- Answered emails, phone calls, and texts from bid committee members throughout the year and directed members to specific subcommittees that were related to their questions.
- Conducted an IGR session where we gave thorough feedback on bid requirements 5 and 9. Taking into consideration all aspects of each bid's submissions.

It was an honor to serve in this capacity.

Your Friend in Service,

Rachel B.



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General Service Subcommittee Chair (Shannon) 2 minutes:

Chair: Shannon C.

Committee Members: Trey V., Joel S., Tamara S., Veronica O., Katie E., Tyler S., plus Mahrya H., and Joe R. from the 61st Host Committee

Since the last Advisory Council Meeting at the 60th ICYPAA, the General Service Subcommittee met ten (10) times, and took the following actions:

- General Service Subcommittee Service Project
 - We discussed many projects of how we, as a subcommittee, could be of service to AA as a whole. Upon reaching out to GSO, it was suggested to reach out to delegate areas to see where we could be most useful. Each member of the subcommittee reached out to his/her delegate and asked how we could be of service. Responses came in throughout the year and have been compiled into a list as options for next year's committee to tackle.
- Grapevine Project at the 61st
 - Throughout the year we worked with the Host Committee to develop a Grapevine Project at the 61st ICYPAA. They decided to use an allocation of \$5,000.00 of surplus funds to create a Grapevine Giveaway at the 61st ICYPAA where subscriptions were randomly placed under chairs at the Friday night main meeting for the attendees in those seats.
- Service Program at the 61st
 - Throughout the year we worked with the Host Committee to develop the Service Program at the 61st ICYPAA. We reviewed and commented upon the proposed service program, and subsequent updates and changes made. We monitored their progress obtaining participation AAWS/GV staff, and selecting and scheduling GSO speakers. We gave feedback on the workshops and presentations planned.
- Host Committee Video Project
 - The Host Committee asked the subcommittee for approval to move forward with production of a professional video to be shown at the 61st ICYPAA, as well as submitted for inclusion in the Young People's Video Project, about Young People and AA service. They had a producer and budget prepared. The project was green-lighted by the Advisory Council at our conference call in November. Since then, the Host Committee was given its requested allocation, and the subcommittee kept track of the production, which concluded successfully.
- ISMYPAA



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- With the newly added responsibilities of our committee to absorb the IPCC Ad-hoc committee, the General Service Subcommittee decided early on to take a step further in having ISMYPAA become its own conference, outside of the confines of the ICYPAA Advisory Council. Elections were set up for multiple meetings but there was ultimately a lack of participation. ISMYPAA was planned by a small group of members, both on the Advisory Council and AA members, and set for July 21st at 7am CST. Elections for next year's planning committee will take place October 27th, 2019 at 7am CST. We are currently working on getting the recordings posted soon from this year's call.
- Early Bid Review Feedback
 - We completed early bid review of submitted items from the Louisiana, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Phoenix, 278, and Nor Cal Bid Committees and returned feedback to those groups.
- IGR
 - We held one IGR-related conference call on 8/5/19 to review bid packages submitted by bid committees for the 62nd ICYPAA.

As always, your questions and comments are welcomed. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shannon C.

Finance Subcommittee Chair (Chris) 2 minutes:

Chair: Chris B.

Committee Members: Mary Kate R., James H., Spencer W., and Kelsey B.

- Identified our goals for the year which included building ICYPAA's credit, improving oversight over the host committee budget, helping bidders deliver high quality budget and finance related bid requirements, and overall stewardship of ICYPAA's finances.
- Prepared and presented a budget for operating expenses to Advisory Council for approval through the process brought forth from the previous Finance Committee. This consisted of outreach to each of the subcommittee chairs as well as the Archivist, working with the Treasurer to do a budget analysis of the prior budget, and verifying that all budgeted expenses are up to date.
- Reviewed the treasurer's report, cash position, budget and actual spend, surplus funds projects and phasing.
- Discussed the credit project and decided on next steps - namely to encourage the future host committees to apply for credit at awarded hotels and with major vendors. We decided that paying for a subscription with credit reporting agencies is not the best use of AA's money, but did document all usernames and passwords in case future council should pursue this avenue.



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- Prepared the presentation for and ultimately conducted the March ICY Connect on budgets and finances.
- Responded to bid committees on finance related queries
- Conducted early bid review for 8 bid committees (up from 3 last year) and IGR on Requirements 2, 7, and 10 for all 12 bids.
- Brought three motions to this Annual Business meeting regarding distribution of surplus funds to the Service Structure as well as funds to support a hospitality suite at the 2020 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous.

The budgeting process continues to work well, building on the success of last year's efforts. We do recommend that future finance subcommittees do a formal review of the Host Committee budget when it is first issued as a best practice.

It has been a pleasure serving ICYPAA in this capacity.

In Love & Service,

Chris B.

Tech Subcommittee Chair (Spencer) 2 minutes:

Chair: Spencer W.

Committee Members: Trey V., Rachel B., Mo H., Jared M., Katie E., and Phillip C.

- Committee has met monthly over the course of the year, excluding 2 months where the agenda didn't dictate a meeting was required.
- Created and updated email accounts and distribution lists for Advisory Council and Host Committee members.
- Edited and uploaded all audio recordings from the 60th ICYPAA.
- Completed changeover of website hosting for icypaa.org from Bluehost to Knownhost.
- Engaged and coordinated with the app developer to successfully launch the app for the 61st ICYPAA.
- Processed all refunds approved by the Host Committee
- Updated all documents and changes to icypaa.org
- Changed web@icypaa.org to tech@icypaa.org to reflect the committee's new name
- Assisted various Advisory members with troubleshooting backend website issues.
- Updated archive documents for various conferences and added documents to RBD section of the website.
- Procured Square readers for the next host committee to use with new payment gateway.
- Successfully scheduled and secured funds for ICYPAA's representation at the 2019 NAATW Conference with inclusion into the conferences program



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- Provided guidance to the Host Committee web chair on multiple topics and facilitated relationships with multiple vendors
- Made entries in the ICYPAA store for Pre-Conference Event tickets and Pre-Sale Merchandise for the 61st ICYPAA
- Provided feedback in Early Bid Review to 7 Bid Committees
- Completed IGR Review for Requirements 1 & 8 for 12 Bid Committees
- Answered all inquiries that came to web@icypaa.org
- Assisted with various other items throughout the year

It was a successful year for the Technology Subcommittee. We were able to get a lot accomplished as a team and it was a pleasure serving ICYPAA in this capacity.

In Love & Service,

Spencer W.

Questions and Answers - Alternating Questions (floor, email, and ask-it-basket)

Timed questions from the floor (2 minutes):

Q1: I was wondering about the National AA tech conference and what is planned for ICYPAA portion of program?

Response: Phillip - Streaming Experience Answers and some of our Experience to share with the broad AA community

Q2: In Trey's report – the Active Shooter Plan – how did it come about and what was the result?

Response: In our OC meeting, the idea was discussed whether we need to have an official response to events such as Acts of Violence in Progress, Medical or Weather emergencies, Theft, etc. The Operating Committee discussed with our Attorney, other Non-Profit Organization and each other. We went through an exercise of determining what could be (in some cases) mandatory or optional responses to those events. We discussed that exercise with the rest of Advisory Council who thought it would be a good process to continue to explore developing.

Q3: Interested in hearing the end of Katie's Report

Response: Katie concludes her report.



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Q4: AI Anon Participation – I hope this will be an opportunity to learn.
Is ICYPAA familiar with AI-Anon Conference Guidelines?

Response: James - Yes

Q5: What do we suggest if member needs to seek outside psychiatric help during our conference?

Response: Phillip – Please contact professionals in the field. Feel free to seek out security or host committee to help get needed help locally.

Q6: Does the advisory council review AI Anon as a part of the ICYPAA program or a separate fellowship.

Response: James – as a valued fellowship. ICYPAA council believes in our custodial oversight which extends to AI Anon activities at ICYPAA and as part of the ICYPAA Program.

Q7: Is there a list of archives of ICYPAA and is it accessible to members or attendees?
How do we know if something is missing?

Response: David – No digital repository but working on one. I will find you to discuss what occurs if something is missing one on one.

Q8: Given recent developments of opioid epidemic – any discussion to overcome overdoses and what is planned in event?

Response: Phillip – No, we would rely on professionals and local experts as we are not trained to handle.

Q9: In host site selection, two contracts submitted – does the AC pick the Host Hotel or does Host Pick?

Response: Phillip – The AC hotel committee visits in site selection with two members of Host Committee and that group together decides and makes a recommendation to Advisory Council Chair to sign contract.

Q10: Participated in 3/5 ISMYPAA's and last 2 recordings have not been posted and request to do that. Discussion to have ISMYPAA branch off and hoping to write some reports and recordings posted and support for another year from Advisory Council.

Response: Shannon – Those recordings will be posted soon. ISMYPAA -we as a council have supported for some time and have elections for ISMYPAA scheduled on Oct 27th at 7am and hope many will participate including those here!

Q11: What other items are endangered in Archives?

Response: David – Banner from '76 and some buttons are rusting as well. That banner is the biggest concern.



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Q12: NDAH – aware of legal ramification through FCC and is it inclusive in our policy?

Response: Phillip – Not sure I follow. I would be happy to look at policy with you

Q13: I will be submitting packet describing our experience as AI Anons with ICYPAA to our representative with Newton MA – According to Advisory – you say you have oversight over our participation – which is in conflict with our principle of autonomy.

Response: Thank you for your feedback.

Q14: From bidding to hosting to advisory – your experience – what are you most excited about, in fear of and what would you tell your younger self?

Response: Joel – No more subcommittee meetings, J/K.. Bandwidth to take care of other parts of life. Spent 20 years of life here. Tell younger self to squeeze every bit of experience out.

Q15: I am a member of AI Anon – thrilled to be here with all of these young people expanding. As a member of AI Anon – got idea of it not working well. Don't like the idea that you are hearing of one voice of liaison only. For myself, that is not the voice of al anon. Way to work together with this incredible group. Have access to other people within al anon.

Response: Thank you for your feedback.

Q16: As an AI Anon – Theme is “Entire psychic change” – perhaps it is time to allow al anon to carry message to al anon at ICYPAA. Allow us to have jurisdiction over our program.

Response: Thank you for feedback.

Q17: I'm really grateful to have an opportunity to share. AI Anon for 16 years. I am sadly disappointed that ICYPAA advisory is not understanding of their violation over jurisdiction over the AI Anon programming at ICYPAA.

Response: Thank you for your feedback

Q18: When are you guys going to put I in ICYPAA?

Response: Joel – Extensive resources on learning how to bid, bid development and continue to have an involvement in International Service Meeting depending on continued service to come. We are all for any ideas on how to continue or expand.

Q19: Same question came up last year. Members from Canada last year and not here this year. How do we outreach international and the effect of EURYPAA and others?

Response: Rachel – ISMYPAA is a way that we try to foster relationships across the world. How to start a YPAA doc. is also a great document we provide to others. We try to be available for outreach – which shows in our 12 bid committees currently.



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Q20: Any Conversations to change name to North American Conference of Young People and any YPAA organizations or committees in South America?

Response: Phillip - I don't believe so and am not aware of South American YPAAs. Sure there are some but not sure. Willing to google it for you.

Q21: Curious about number of bid committees – any action or policy change that has provided that result of more committees?

Response: Rachel – not sure of any policy changes that affected this year's outcome. Everyone on Bid Dev was super excited to be on Bid Dev and remained accessible. Instituted this year, we assigned bid committees and checked in with them monthly. A lot of people on council and a lot of our attendees go to conferences - that is how many learn or get excited about ICYPAA.

Q22: Read another member of al anon statement – older Al Anon and District Manager – on Aug 10th– on call and AA speaker was interrupted by noisy person I found out was the Chair of ICYPAA Host Committee. Would like this individual to apologize and cease this behavior.

Response: Thank you for your feedback

Q23: Can someone provide some background context?

Response: James – There are clearly different interpretations to any situation. Same here. The Advisory Council within Host Responsibilities places programming in Host Committees' hands. All host committees have extended to al anon which is not a requirement. Many Host Committees include an Al Anon Liaison in Host positions. That is by Host Committee document. This year, HOST created position Al Anon Liaison. There were disagreements between Liaison and Host Subcommittee. As is practice, HOST submitted draft of program to Advisory Council which provides feedback. That feedback considered by HOST – can accept, challenge or decline – then continue to make adjustments to program. By our by-laws, we retain right of refusal on program. Submitted to Advisory Council with Al Anon programing. There was feedback on Al Anon title on portion of program along with many other items submitted back to Host. The liaison was extremely unhappy with feedback and responded back to AC directly. Sent back to Host which is appropriate place for that conflict. Ultimately, Host was unable to resolve that conflict. Raised to Advisory multiple times. Liaison created a subcommittee outside structure of Host. Those individuals resigned from HOST and went out and solicited other members of Al Anon and reached out to multiple members of Al Anon to not participate in ICYPAA due to Al Anon traditions. There was also a conference call scheduled with the Al Anon community which we did not participate on that call. There are differing accounts of that call. Those are the circumstances as I understand them. We have had strong al anon participation at ICYPAA. There is participation at this ICYPAA. I am sure that we will continue to extend the invitation and members of the Operating Committee will address the issues raised in this Forum.



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Q24: When will you be available?

Response: Phillip – immediately

Q25: In terms of outreaching, before have we had an outreach position on an International Level?

Response: Phillip – in past 6 years or so, we did have an Outreach/Hype position – but is now handled at Host Level.

Q26: I understand that WACYPAA assigns outreach to solicit bids from regions on the Advisory level. I understand you are busy. Is there a budget to create for a similar type position?

Response: No I don't think it has been considered. We will be going through budget soon and look at forum in an effort to consider all items.

Q27: Oversight. Since AC feels by guidelines they have oversight of al anon programming – what do you understand of Alateen Safety Standards. Have you read them?

Response: Yes we do review the guidelines regularly.

Questions from email/internet (Timed answers 2 minutes):

Q1: Is there a way to make available financial liabilities of future host committee

Response: James – Struggling a bit to understand. Host committee never enters into financial or contractual obligations. Usually entered into by ICYPAA and signed by the chair. There is a budget provided for. Hosts have no obligations or financial liabilities.

Q2: Can we change IGR scale to include YEET and OOF into rating scale?

Response: Rachel - No

If time runs out, anyone remaining at the floor mic is encouraged to write down his/her question and put it in the Ask-It-Basket so it can be answered in the Final Report.

The Final Forum Report will include all individual reports as well as all questions & answers from the Forum. It will be posted on the ICYPAA web site and emailed out to the MailChimp list within 30 days of the conference.

Closing

- Serenity Prayer