

AYLF
Meeting Agenda
February 19, 2009 ~ 2:00 p.m. Eastern
1-888-387-8686 Room 3572428

- I. Attendance: Alabama (Becky); Arkansas (Carl); California (Charlie); Idaho (Tracy); Maryland (Trish); Oklahoma (Jenifer); Rhode Island (Susan); South Dakota (Bev); Virginia (Kara);

- II. Minutes - Add Iowa (Mike Williams) as Parliamentarian to minutes

- III. Old Business
 - a. Committee Reports: AYLF 5 Year Plan - Michigan (Crystal), Iowa (Steph), Montana (June) - No report as no one from committee present.
 - b. 2009 National Meeting - Maryland (Trish & Robert), Arkansas (Carl), California (Dani), Michigan (Crystal) - No further information from Robert; The cost was estimated to be around \$150, same as last year. Several members mentioned that out of state travel has been restricted because of the economy and/or their requests for going to the conference have been or would be turned down because of the state of the economy. Susan from Rhode Island made the motion and it was seconded by Trish from Maryland....to ask for a 'virtual show of hands' of those members who could/would/are planning to attend a meeting should one be held and, if so, how many people would they be bringing with them.
 - c. Web Site / Newsletter / Communication - Michigan (Bill), Arkansas (Carl), Rhode Island (Beth) - Anything you would like posted on the AYLF website, e-mail Michigan (Bill): milzarskiw@michigan.gov ; If you haven't checked out the website yet, do so! It's great! www.aylf.org

- d. AYLF Membership - how do we get all the states on the call to become members of the organization? It was discussed to find out how many states are current with dues. Dues are \$300/year, running from 10/1 to 9/30. Dues cover our conference calls, website, and sharing.

IV. New Business

- a. Presentation - Getting Ready for Your Next YLF - sharing resources and speakers, activities, tricks of the trade and tools to help build a positive atmosphere and have a successful YLF. Some awesome ideas given today! California (Charlie) discussed how California YLF organizes (Steering Committee and smaller committees for differing tasks to be completed); Arkansas (Carl) talked about a resource book he has put together for his delegates. He includes things in his book that would answer the question, "Why didn't anyone tell me that" such as dieting issues, banking, credit cards/protection; body images; acne problems; etc.). South Dakota (Bev) mentioned that their delegates will be volunteering at an organization during YLF. Idaho (Tracy) mentioned having a whole day for career and employment. Rhode Island (Susan) is adding volunteering in their YLF. California (Charlie) mentioned Alumni Sharing sessions during YLF. Alumni host small discussion groups over topics of interest to the youth (relationships, independent living, going to college). Each session is about 45 minutes long and no adults are allowed. Oklahoma (Jen) shared about having a Graduate Academy on the last full day of YLF. Alumni will attend their own session learning about the M.A.P.S process in the a.m. and then join with the delegates in the afternoon for a new session titled "Tell Your Story."

V. Other:

- a. Ideas how to accommodate and include students who have visual impairments? California (Charlie) discussed using assisted listening devices for videos to help describe what's going on. South Dakota (Bev) mentioned utilizing nursing students at nearby college to help delegates that may need assistance. Virginia (Kara) suggested asking library for the blind or blind services for assistance.
- b. Alabama (Becky) was curious how long most YLFs were and the number of students and staff.

VI. Next AYLF Meetings: @ 2:00 Eastern

Thursday, March 19

Thursday, April 16

Thursday, May 21

June and July - No meeting - YLF's in action

Thursday, August 20

Thursday, September 17 *Don't forget annual dues! (10/1 - 9/30)

Thursday, October 15

Thursday, November 19

December - No meeting