

AYLF
February 18, 2010
Meeting Minutes

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February Minutes:

Approved- Tracy; 2nd- Teri

New Business: Recruitment for YLF

How does your state recruit Delegates for YLF?

California

- mailing list to high schools
- DRS listserv
- youth conferences
- distribute flyers with link to electronic application
- have an outreach work group to get the word out
- Alumni follow up with schools in their district

Over 1,000 schools, general receive approx. 150 app., accepts 60 students

Idaho

- mailing address to SpEd Teachers by name (otherwise may not reach target)
 - Set up a table at statewide conference for SpEd Teachers
 - Alumni talk about YLF at state transition forum
 - get added to local newspaper's community calendar; news channels (FREE) ~ 3 phone calls as a result of activity
- Gen. get 20-25 app; last yr. 12- stepping up this yr. w/list serves, web posting, newsletters, direct mail, and phone calls

Michigan

- past- generic electronic notice to H.S.
- Target- 30 students; stepping up this yr. w/ transition services, CILs, Parent organizations (bypassing schools which haven't been reliable in the past)

Virginia

- produced a recruitment video (can be seen on Youtube)
- Barrier- teachers nominating students; state school superintendent emphasis it is not a nomination and encourages to teachers to let their students decide if they should apply

Oklahoma

* See addition to minutes

Iowa

Students have to be a client of Voc. Rehab to apply to YLF

- Work with counselors to make applying to YLF apart of IEP (whether or not student is accepted to YLF)
- SpEd Teachers help students download and fill in most of the app.

Reimbursement to attend YLF

Idaho

Pays all expenses and makes travel arrangements- burrow vans & buses from state hospitals; enlist volunteer drivers; reimburse plane tickets; gas for parents who drop off/pick up

Michigan

Reimburse IF requested

* California model says Can Not charge to attend YLF

California

Coordinate transportation methods (plane, train, bus, parent)

Arkansas

Used to pay double, but now pay one time to/from YLF

Idaho

- Enlist volunteers if parents can not bring/pick up students (pay for volunteers lodging and food if necessary)
- Borrow state vehicles from agencies

Iowa

- Reimburse for mileage
- Use volunteers

Virginia

- Ask about transportation need on the application (1/3 need asst.)
- Reimburse parents to/from YLF if requested (unless local to YLF)
- Arrange/Encourage carpool with area student/staff attending YLF
- Reimburse for plane, train, etc.

How do Alumni help?

Oklahoma

- distribute posters in the community; brochures in schools
YLF graduates receive posters at graduation & encouraged to put the distribution of them as their first Blue Card achievement
- mentor applicants/new delegates before YLF-answer questions/concerns about YLF (also incl. parent to parent)

Idaho

- volunteer to speak at conferences

Michigan

- Sent YLF applications to share with friends & schools

Virginia

- volunteer to speak at conferences
- Use Blue Card activity in consideration for becoming Alumni staff (along with application) & recognition of "Alumni of the Year" award

Old Business:

- ☑ AYLF 5 Year Plan Committee- (Teri) will have something to report out in the March call. Committee will schedule another call before the March teleconference

- ☑ 2010 AYLF National Meeting Committee- plans for Fall 2010 tabled because of budget cuts nationwide. *(Carl) motioned to discuss plans for 2011 national conference (or alternative) at a later date, Charlie 2nd.*

- ☑ Website/Newsletter/Communications Committee- (Cheryl) attempted to get information from Bill about the establishment of the AYLF website. She will contact Joe who works on the site.

- ☑ YLF Investigation Committee- (Kara) reported out for Donna and Belle whom were not on the call. Donna contacted the first nine states on the AYLF website via phone and found that all information on the site is up to date. Donna will contact the second half of the list since Belle was out sick and put together a spread sheet in the next two weeks of who the contacts are, their website/email, their YLF date and deadline to apply. What are next steps? Will the information be posted to the AYLF website? (Teri) need to confirm the contact information of states having a YLF and inquire about their interest in joining and participating in AYLF. Not prepared for posting til there is a confirmed rooster. Discussion from this committee to be continued. *18 states on the AYLF website, more found on the Montana YLF website.*

These states are having a YLF:

	<u>June</u>
Idaho	22-26
Kansas	7-12
Michigan	19-23
Oklahoma	15-19

	<u>July</u>
Arkansas	12-16
California	24-29
Connecticut	26-29
Florida	21-25
Iowa	11-16
Maryland	20-23

Massachusetts 7-9
Wyoming 12-15
Tennessee 5-8

AYLF Budget- (Tracy) nothing has changed since the January report with exception of possibly receiving additional dues. Not able to get an update from fiduciary (Michigan) prior to this month's teleconference. Annual dues are on a federal fiscal year Oct. 1-Sept. 30 with no deadline. Difficult to keep track of states that pay between Oct. and Sept. Should states be prorated for payments within the fiscal year? What are the benefits of joining AYLF? (discussion for the 5 year planning committee). Tracy would like to hold an Executive Committee Meeting to review the bylaws and discuss: 1. Treasurer and Fiduciary relationship between states 2. Annual Dues

Next Teleconference:

March 18, 2010 @ 2pm EST

On the Agenda:

Finding Funders for YLF (skipped in Feb.)

YLF Activities and Presenters

Adjourn!