

AYLF meeting minutes - September 16, 2010

Attendance: Tracy – Idaho, Christina – California, Susan – Massachusetts, Carl – Arkansas, Jenifer – Oklahoma, Stephanie – Iowa

- May minutes approved – Jen motioned to approve and Tracy seconded it.
- Committee reports deferred to next month.
- Tracy reported on budget – current account balance is 5821.09. Need to send notice out about dues this month. Dues cover fed fiscal year October through September. Tracy will prepare notice and send to Stephanie for distribution to AYLF member states.

- ✓ Carl – After delegate recruitment, had a few drop out early, but 10 who completed. The forum went well.

- ✓ Massachusetts - 25 delegates, best turn out ever. 10 peer leaders were involved this year and that was very successful. Everything went well. MA rehab commission provides funding now, but looking at how to sustain funding through other sources.

- ✓ Idaho – Recruited 24 delegates and had 22 complete the program, best turn out ever for Idaho. Great week with Mark Zupan opening the forum and spending time with delegates doing wheelchair sports. Had a very good capitol visit and great interaction between delegates and policymakers. We had some YLF Alumni back as staff this year and hopeful that starts a trend of more being involved each year. The career day and job shadowing activities were excellent with two delegates getting employment from their visits.

- ✓ California – 61 delegates, ADA celebration week, Capitol events, baseball game, different shirts (polo) for capitol visit and designed a baseball shirt. A lot of media coverage. Can see the footage on CA YLF Facebook page and Alumni page. Delegates created policy agenda. This year’s agenda was to have legislature pass disability history during YLF/ADA week. Campaign is a way for YLF delegates to stay in touch. Created materials about awareness and promotion of disability history week.
Yodisabledproud.org – lists youth activities. Best curriculum so far is what West Virginia is using and they will be tweaking that. Used in limited disability history classes this year. YLF delegate went back to her school and advocated to have the class in her school. christina@cfilc.org

- ✓ Oklahoma – 25 delegates recruited, 22 completed. Amazing summer, everything went very well. Sent letter ahead to all delegate’s legislators and some came and hung out. Good feedback from legislators. Alumni presentation was great and ranked high among delegates. Water war well received.
- ✓ Michigan – 26 students, 5 students with autism – most ever. Fundraising went well and had a little left over for next year. Selected a bill to debate at capitol.

To share your state YLF agenda with everyone, please email it to Jenifer by September 30th.

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- National Survey – please send surveys back to Stephanie. Jenifer has link to online survey version for use by delegates. Info is confidential and Jen has log-in capability to get information.
- Jenifer – Can a state make a change to the original plan/curriculum or does it have to be done nationally through the association? Discussion about alignment to base core principles and what was the original core curriculum. As long as states are following the core principles/priorities and have planned activities to meet the desired outcomes that is good.
- Jenifer is working on student leadership study about Oklahoma’s YLF (research study). If other states are interested in participating, please email Jenifer.
- Future agenda items – suggestion: instead of topic listing have different presenters share information during the calls. Everyone thought that was a good idea.

Next meeting Oct 21st