

AYLF
April 21, 2011
Meeting Minutes

Host: Virginia

Lead: Jenifer (Oklahoma)

Minutes: Kara (Virginia)

On The Call:

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- ☎ Kara White (Virginia) kara.white@vbpd.virginia.gov

February Minutes:

Approved- Belle; 2nd- Tracy

Old Business: Committee Reports

- ❖ Website: liaison volunteer- Donna
 - Confirm state contact information and YLF dates on spreadsheet and on AYLF website with Donna donna.foster@rsc.state.oh.us
 - Need volunteers to investigate which states have YLF- choose a state and report finding to Donna –inquire with funding agencies [DRS, CIL, DD Councils, UCEDDs] (see chart to know who’s investigating which state and which still need info)
- ❖ Log on to www.AYLF.proboards.com to join coordinator discussion boards
 - Also contains alumni discussion board
 - Network with other YLFs and national organizations
 - Encourage alumni to log on and join the discussion
 - Link site on Facebook
 - Includes references (ex. scholarships, newsletter)
- ❖ By-laws: Has not been changed **Needs to be updated**

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- Not in compliance to get more members
- Website links to include by-laws for members only
- Clarify membership purpose
- ❖ Treasurer: Tracy
 - Current account balance \$5,924.90
 - Have not received current bill from webmaster
 - Use money to support further leadership opportunities for alumni; post secondary education; conferences and training

New Business

- ❖ Council on Exceptional Children (Career Development and Transition)
 - The audience is primarily Special Ed professionals
 - Conference October 13-15 in Kansas City
 - Jen putting proposal together to speak & rep AYLF- Colleen will help
 - YLF has not presented at conference before
- ❖ Distribute the NYLN newsletter to alumni
- ❖ AYLF Newsletter:
 - Include articles by alumni
 - Raise awareness and Promote connection of YLFs state to state
 - Send articles by/about alumni
 - Recruiting tool for other states to join AYLF

Mary (VA)- creating template (send briefing on what your YLF is up to and/or article by/about alumni) mary_mcadam@msn.com
- ❖ Fundraising:
 - Oklahoma- fully funded by DD Council
 - Idaho- DD Council ½ and DOE ½; looking to put together a sponsorship package for future use
 - Georgia- Gov. Council on DD and looking for other organizations to fund YLF
 - Massachusetts- mass rehab colliations, stimulus funds; pitching YLF as a transition service to state (employment dept)- no commitment yet
 - Virginia- fully funded
 - Ideas for funding (from Betsy- NYLN) on www.AYLF.proboards.com

Next Meeting: May 19, 2011 - 2:00pm Eastern “Guest, Catherine Baird”

Adjourn!

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