

AYLF
March 21, 2013
Meeting Minutes

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Minutes: Jen (OK)

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 **Approval of February Meeting Minutes: Corrections to be made -**


- Pedra (from Michigan) should be “Tedra”
- Remove Seneca as being selected as vice-chair, as it was not voted upon at the February meeting. Following the February meeting members voted for Vice-chair by email and Seneca received the majority of votes.

 **AYLF Website:** Website is updated and functioning.

- **Treasurer Report:** Mike Williams - Website bill \$103.00 Current Balance \$5477.24

 **AYLF Bylaws: LaCandice McCray –**

- Discussed changes to be made. All changes have been added by “track changes”. Members were asked to review Bylaws and submit any change suggestions by **email to LaCandice by April 8.**
- **Summary of proposed changes so far include:**
 - 1. It is no longer necessary for new YLFs to seek permission through California.
 - 2. Membership dues (FYI: AYLF Strategic Planning after August will discuss member dues.)
 - 3. Added the position of “Website Liaison”

 **Monthly Topic:** Each state discussed YLF Planning Structures. We focused on answering:

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- *Do states have a project director?*
- *Who funds the program?*
- *Are Alumni involved in planning and how?*

Ohio (Donna): Project Director from Governor’s Council...; Alumni provide suggestions and feedback at the conclusion of the Forum. Due to Alumni’s input – improvements to the schedule and curriculum have been made. This year younger staff will be invited back as JR Staff. Boy Scouts have been invited and JR Staff will develop a plan for disability awareness day.

Virginia (Kara): Project director is staff from DD Council. After lead staff plan, they request input and suggestions from Alumni in April to improve the upcoming Leadership Forum.

West Virginia (Kathi): Currently do not have a YLF. Purpose of attending phone call was to get ideas on where to begin. Donna, LaCandice, Jen, and Kim offered suggestions to help them out. Ideas included: attending another YLF first; networking with schools, CILs, organizations; securing some funding.

Iowa (Mike): Have a program planner. Alumni are relied on heavily for changes and ideas; Alumni are involved immediately after YLF and then follow up as the planning process is developed.

Oklahoma (Jen): Has a program director (staff from DD Council). Alumni continue to become more involved each year. Jen shared how the Alumni are helping to create a game for this year’s YLF.

Maryland (Kim): Coordinator who answers to two chairs. They have an advisory committee whom are delegated specific responsibilities of the conference meet monthly. One alumni sits on the planning committee.

California (LaCandice / Seneca): Planning structure has changed from planning with staff on the Governor’s committee; to a steering committee. There is a “tri-chair” on the steering committee (Dept. of Rehab., California Committee, Employment Development). Other members of the committee include a multiple agencies and organizations such as the Department of Education, etc. Alumni act as staff, participate in social media, involved in an alumni activities work group for planning YLF, and each YLF work group has a delegated alumni to help.

Kansas (Carrie): Originated and funded from CIL, after few years Alumni and parents created a 501c3 for YLF which began in 2005 (Kansas Youth Empowerment Academy – KYEA); KS Dept of Rehabilitation and grants for differing programs provides much of the funding. KS has a program Director that does the majority of planning; committees also

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help with planning. Alumni return as staff, complete evaluations, and work on the youth board for KYEA. www.kvea.org.

Missouri (Dawn): Do not have a specific Program Director. The Governor's Council on Disability partners with a CIL, having a co-chair from each organization. Funding is supported by a CIL (not for profit) as their fiscal agent who seeks donations and grants from organizations, businesses, and individuals throughout the state. Alumni help with planning, staffing, and recruiting. They provide feedback through evaluations and surveys. Current Alumni Organization is growing and hoping to become independent and acquire a 501(3)C. They are applying for a state partnership with NYLN. Hope to program training workshops and retreats for Alumni helping them to get active in their communities and promote Disability Awareness.

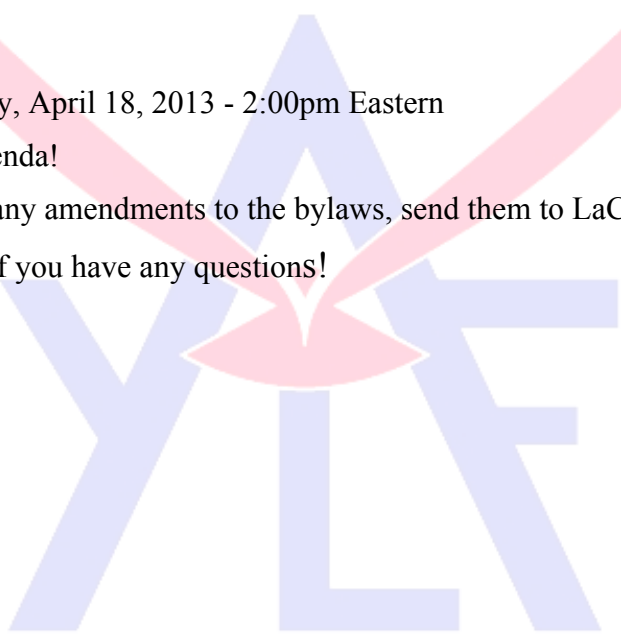
DE (Stacey) - Just beginning; Stacey sits on the governing board of the NYLN; in the process of looking for promotional ideas and information about benefits of a YLF. States are requested to *send any information t that may help Stacey with getting a youth leadership forum started.* Send to sforr909@live.kutztown.edu.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 18, 2013 - 2:00pm Eastern

Topic: Your AYLF Agenda!

Reminder: If you have any amendments to the bylaws, send them to LaCandice.

Use the email list serve if you have any questions!



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