

AYLF
April 18, 2013
Meeting Minutes

Host: Ohio

Lead: LaCandice (California)

Minutes: Jen (OK)

On The Call:

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 **Approval of April Meeting Minutes: No corrections.**


 **AYLF Website:**


- Jen suggested posting email discussions with YLF. Members on the call seemed to like this.
- LaCandice shared Dawn's suggestion of having an "Events Page" so events like "ADA Rally", etc. could be shared. It was discussed to have a monthly calendar on the site. Event notices should be given to Kara at least one month in advance. LaCandice shared she could add an events item on the agenda, so everyone could share upcoming events. These updates would be shared with Joel by Kara. Members seemed to want to try this.
- All and any website updates needed should go to Kara (Kara.White@VBPD.virginia.gov). She will send these to Joel. This was decided by the executive committee.

 **Treasurer Report:** Paperwork has been filed with the IRS and has been accepted.

 **AYLF Bylaws: LaCandice McCray –**

- Discussed changes to be made. LaCandice went over one change – Article 7: Regions, as the regions have been redone based on the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA).

 **New Membership Request:** Indiana is requesting membership into AYLF. It was approved by the members on the April call.

 **Monthly Topic:** Sharing of information on new YLF program components this year.

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Ohio (Donna): A couple of years ago started talking about voting with help from the Secretary of State. Delegates get to see the voting machines and how to use them. They register to vote as well, if 18. Something new: A speaker will be coming to talk about personal advocacy; systems advocacy; and legislative advocacy.

Virginia (Kara): A staff member is able to register delegates to vote and they have included this in their resource fair. Someone comes in and talks about the legislative system.

Oklahoma (Jen): Several new sessions: *Sexuality and Disability* will be talking about human sexuality and issues around that with delegates. *Playing the game of YLiFe* is similar to a resource fair and the actual Life board game. *YLF Buffet-o-Fun* will be added. This is a structured free time for evenings. Alumni and Staff will be teaching fun stuff or hosting games. Alumni only session: *Telling your Story* will teach how to tell their personal story. Improving on two leadership plans (goals): one plan for personal and one for their community using ideas given in the interview. Parent only session called “*Who’s this kid and where’d mine go?*”.

California (LaCandice): New session: *Voting & Legislative Advocacy* stresses the importance of voting. Delegates will be able to register to vote. This will be before going to the capitol.

North Carolina – New session: *Community Assessment Project* – will be assessing different areas for accessibility. These areas are education, employment, recreation and transportation. Delegates will interview folks at the college and community level. North Carolina shared a lot of information; they will be sharing more information about this session through emails.

Next Meeting: Cancelled Call – meeting will be via email discussion.

Topic: Staff Training: A discussion of training provided to YLF staff. (i.e. How does each state train their staff? How do you train alumni returning as staff? How does each state train mentors?)

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