



On The Call:

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 **Opening Round:** Introductions sharing name, state, the # of years your state has done ylf's and words of advice

 **Approval of March Meeting Minutes:** Approved. No corrections made.

 **Announcement:** Before starting Dawn Evans, AYLf Chair asked the AYLf members if they would motion to accept Jen Randle as treasurer

- Approved

 **Topic:** Planning structure and program curriculum

- Although there is a "topic" Dawn opened up the discussion on what the members want to talk about

Recruitment

- Talked about where each state is on recruitment and selection
- Iowa had gotten 48 applications and so Paige shared their recruitment strategies and the group talked about some of their challenges
 - Sometimes teachers are too selective and only tell their "star" pupil
 - It is important to talk with students and teachers
 - However, each year is different

Recruiting Staff

- Reach out to universities, see if they have service learning
- Partner's in Policy Making
- Center's for Independent Living
- Graduate students in rehabilitation programs

Background Check's

- IN will use the Indiana Police Departments web tool to perform background checks
- MO goes through **CIL registry**(the Family Care Safety Registry) to make sure volunteers have background checks, if not they ask volunteer to pay for a check

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- AZ is working with CIL's and people who already have clearance to work with youth for this years ylf

Training

- VA uses staff survey to get info on their thoughts and what needs to be tweaked for the next ylf
- Someone brought up the idea of doing a webinar prior

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 15th - 2:00pm Eastern. Scheduled Topic: Staff Training and Orientation: AYLF members will share and learn training methods and materials provided to onsite staff and volunteers.



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