

Association for Youth Leadership Forums

Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2017



On The Call:

Donna Foster (OH), Alexis Nichols (VA), Zak Ford (CA), Bill Wood (CO), Cameron Thaller (SC), Julia Hartman (SC)

- **Opening Round:** Have your YLF dates and/or location been decided?
 - Donna (OH)- July 22 – 26, 2018. Location not yet confirmed.
 - Zak (CA) – July 15-20, 2018 at Sacramento State
 - Julie (SC) still scouting location
 - Cameron (SC) – tentatively set for July 18 – 22, 2018, location TBD
 - Bill (CO)- last week of June – first year is steering committee only
 - Alexis (VA) dates TBD, usually VA State University

- **Meeting Minutes – correct spelling is Zak Ford.**
 - Zak (CA) motioned to accept minutes as amended.
 - Cameron (SC) seconded the motion.

- **How has your state “tweaked” the YLF model? What have you kept the same? What have you added to enhance your program? What has worked or hasn’t worked?**

Zak (CA)- timeframe was rushed last year, had some confusion on location. 3 out of 4 staff did not have any YLF experience. Visited the Capital, but did not have legislative visits. CA pointed out that for staff the state capital tour may seem unimportant, but this was one of the highlights for delegates. Held the YLF luncheon downtown. Had a resource fair (tables with community resources). Delegates really enjoyed small group time where they could be themselves and not be judged.

 - Cameron (SC) – only the second year for their YLF. Visited the statehouse and used public transportation. SC Attorney General visited. Skyped with Mobility International about travelling with disabilities. Watched and discussed the documentary “Including Samuel.”
 - Donna (OH) – visit the Statehouse every year – Do other states think this is important? Have resource fair. Last summer, had speaker from DD Council do an interactive session to explain the legislative process using Mr. Potato Head.
 - Bill (CO) – first year with planning committee, trying to get donations. Thinking of trying to become separate non-profit.
 - Zak (CA)

- **Executive Committee members**
 - Chair and vice-chair terms will expire at the end of 2018
 - Treasurer and secretary terms have expired and need to be filled starting Jan. 2018
 - If interested, please send email to donna.foster@ood.ohio.gov

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- **Treasurer Report**
 - Skipped till next month. Jen not on call.
- **Closing**
 - The next call will be January 18, 2018.

Meeting time: 2:00-3:00 p.m. EST

Minutes recorded by Donna Foster, AYLF Chair

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