

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 2, 2019

Outside AA Central Office (no key)

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm

Ernest (Chair) requested that we meet 1 ½ hours instead of one to help cover all the business the Committee has.

Declaration of Unity was recited

Introductions-3 new members

Present were: Ernest (chair), Jane (appointed Area Committee member), Kari, Chuck, Monty(Area Liaison), Bill, Sutton (Area 8 alt. chair), John, Bill H., Michelle, Susan, Renee (Secretary)

Ernest queried members if they would prefer hard or soft copies of documents relating to the committee provided. Most were ok with soft (electronic) copies, but some would additionally like to have hard copies to refer to during the meeting.

When Flyers are sent out to Policy Committee members, they need to be reviewed quickly, for fast turn around for hosting parties putting on events, as they often submit flyers at the last minute.

Policy members requested that the Agenda for Policy meeting be sent out at least 2 days prior to meeting for review.

Liaison Report-Monty//Thanked all for being present//that there is much work for the Committee to do to get the Policy Committee up to speed//Clarification about selection of current chair and past chair stepping down-Monty appointed Ernest to fill out term of Policy chair through the end of this year//Previous chair had stepped down and then changed his mind//The next 2 year term to begin January//Ernest would like to continue being chair but an election needs to be held in case anyone else wishes to stand//Election to take place during November's meeting//Also Secretary and Alt Chair will need to be elected.

Minutes from September 2019 Meeting: Motion to accept the minutes as written//seconded//motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Jane-Structure and Guidelines Update-She has and will send out S&G document with sections outlined that need work//many motions have not yet been implemented into the body of

the Structure and Guidelines//Structure pertains to various office holder's jobs, be that an Area Officer or Standing Committees of the Area//Policy need to review and revise it's own duties and document//Guidelines are what's left of this Area Document after Job Duties are taken out with the Structure section//some jobs are missing accurate descriptions or directions//Ernest noted that this work on the S&G can't all be done on Committee meeting time-that an additional meeting in the month is necessary to get this work done//We will also need additional DCMs and GSRs to help with this body of work//When Jane sends out document-each member can select portion that interests them to work on//visiting Standing Committees or their respective chairs will be necessary to get duties up to date//Committee chairs can be informed of the work to be done at the October ACM//It might be helpful to speak to those Chairs rotating out or who held these positions in the recent past to get an accurate assessment of their duties//Suggestion of header or footer on each page specifying most recent date work was done on it.

Event Flyer Guidelines-Bill

Bill passed out hard copy of his adjustments to the Event Flyer Guideline document//spoke about what personal information may or may not be on flyer//depending on where flyer is to be posted: i.e. Hard copies or website//Also, which events may be posted on the website//Bill stated that any AA events that include an AA meeting should be able to be posted on our Area Website//this could include BBQs and Picnics, if there is a speaker or AA meeting as a part of the event//Question-who has the authority to decide whether an event can be posted on the website?//the IT Committee often makes this decision, but should it?//This is Area Business and therefore should be brought to the Area Committee Meeting for a group conscious//The Concepts and Traditions should be taken into consideration when making such decisions.

Motions for presentation at the October ACM:

The change to the Treasurer position-dividing into separate duties for 2 Treasurers will be presented with changes at the October ACM//Also, addition of duties to the Finance Committee as an overseer of the Treasurers Reports and Bank Statements//just recently has the Finance Committee been presented with monthly bank statements-Jane and Jerry Miller will be presenting at the October ACM.

There are 2 motions to be presented at the Budget Assembly, as this is the first available time to present previous motions already seen at the ACM//GSO sendoff and Capital Equipment//The GSO sendoff requires 2 votes: first to be voted on at the Assembly if it should be taken back to the groups; second, brought back from the groups at another Assembly to reflect the Group Conscious of the Area-2 votes because this is a change to the Area's Structure and Guidelines.

NEW BUSINESS:

Area 8 Pamphlet-needs updating to add YPAA as an Area Standing Committee//their description has already been written up//this is just a matter of fitting in this piece to the already

existing 3 fold pamphlet-changing font sizing//Also graphics could be done better//Bill will follow up with YPAA, that has a couple of members who are graphic artists.

Ernest then asked each member present for any comments they might have//

Sutton mentioned that perhaps the Districts that just put on the Election Assembly might go over the Hosting an Assembly document to make it more true to what their experience was for hosting Districts of upcoming Assemblies//A list of Assembly venues might also be a helpful addition to this document-those locations that have been used in the past along with the most current contact information for those venues.

Ernest made a motion to close the meeting, as it was cool and dark outside//all agreed.

7:45pm

Meeting closed with the Responsibility Pledge