

**PENNSCYPAA Advisory**  
**5/31/24**  
**Eastern University**  
**1300 Eagle Road**  
**St Davids, PA 19087**  
**Zoom: 893 8065 1273 (pw: 286548)**

**Attendance:**

**Chairperson:** Tara C (Cumberland Valley - Chairperson), **Co-Chairperson:** Peter B (Chester County - Chairperson), **Treasurer:** Kelsey H (Chester County - Outreach Chair), **Secretary:** David H (Bucks County - Treasurer), **Webmaster:** Jesse M (Cumberland Valley - Registration Chair), **Archivist:** Steve M (Lancaster - Program Chair), **Outreach Chair:** Nora J (Bucks County - Chairperson), **Outreach Co-Chair:** Lindsey S (Bucks County - Service Chair), **Chester County Liaison:** Jaimie H (Chester County - Program Chair), **Harrisburg Liaison:** Anna A (Williamsport - Activities Chair), **Delaware County Liaison:** Kim P (Chester County - Site Chair), **Pittsburgh Liaison:** Gary C (Williamsport - Program Chair), **York Liaison:** Lar S (Williamsport - Treasurer), **Lehigh Valley Liaison:** Lindsay E (Bucks County - Events Chair), **Members At Large:** Corey W (Chester County - Co-Registration), Steph S (Lancaster - Member At Large), **Alternates:** Barb K (Bucks County - Secretary), Dustin G (Williamsport - Unity Chair)

A Quorum was established.

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 PM by Co-Chairperson, Peter B.

Serenity Prayer by Co-Chairperson, Peter B.

Roll call by Secretary, David H.

Minutes passed by show of hands

**Chairperson's Report**

- Have been in touch with the Chairperson and the Treasurer for the Montgomery County Host Committee.
- The PENNSCYPAA survey will be on the Host Committees app and website.
- Montco has elected their Advisory members: Mike F, Brain A, Kelly M. Advisory Alternate members are: Aaron M and Jim B.
- Compiled and printed Advisory members reports to make available to interested attendees.
- Reports before Bid Presentations should be one minute each and for the purpose of keeping accountable to the conference attendees.
- Researched locations for in person meetings going forward. The two best options based on geography, pricing, and availability are Harrisburg and Schuylkillhaven which are the most centrally located for current and immediately upcoming Advisory members.

**Co-Chairperson's Report**

- Brought "Hosting Starts With Bidding" outreach cardstock flyers.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Starting balance was \$12,535.46.
  - No income
  - No expenses
  - Ending balance was \$12,535.46.
- Prepared to write a check to the new PENNSCYPAA XXXVI Host Committee.

### **Secretary's Report**

- Organized the Google Drive and forwarded Bid Books as they were received from Bid Committees to the Advisory Council for review.

### **Webmaster's Report**

- Apologies for not being present in recent months and gratitude for those who helped fill in regarding website responsibilities.

### **Archivist's Report**

- Have the archives materials and will be setting up displays for the weekend.

### **Outreach Chair's Report**

- Planning continues regarding outreach throughout the state.
- Planning potential Bid Development calls for future Bid Committees.

### **Chester County Liaison's Report**

- They had a couple of events. Having a BBQ for July. Bringing a lot of first time attendees to the conference this weekend.

### **Harrisburg Liaison's Report**

- They are ready to go!
- They hosted several events since our last Advisory meeting.

### **Delaware County Liaison's Report**

- The committee has had some struggles with participation this year. Their Bid Book remains relatively the same as last years. Had some events leading up to PENNSCYPAA. Suggested a bank account to them. They are struggling with some site issues. Excited to show a skit video.

### **Pittsburgh Liaison's Report**

- Not sure what the current status of the committee is. Sent information whenever we had it to their committee members and have posted the same information on their Facebook page. Communication back and forth hasn't been strong.

### **York Liaison's Report**

- Excited and grateful to have had the opportunity to work with the York Bid Committee.

### **Lehigh Valley Liaison's Report**

- Reached out to many sites and provided details about this process in their Bid Book. Encouraged them to do as much as possible so that they can get feedback. They are excited to bid again next year.

**Motion:** (David H / Lindsay E) Suspend the rules to allow the New Business motions to be considered before the Old Business motion.

**Not Debatable**

Simple majority required.  
14 in favor / 0 opposed. Motion carries.

### **New Business**

**Motion:** Add an August meeting for the Advisory Council, in consideration of the current Co-Chairperson.

**Discussion:**

- Are we adding a 5th meeting to this year? Or are we is this in replace of the Fall quarterly meeting.
- Meeting in August may already be allowable in the Bylaws. If so, is a motion necessary?
- Is it too soon? It's 3 months away.

Simple majority required  
4 in favor / 4 opposed. Motion fails.

**Motion:** (Brought before the Council according to the Bylaws) Should Steph S continue to serve on the Advisory Council after having two absences this conference year?

**Point of Order: Q:** By show of hands or written ballot? **A:** Written ballot.

**Discussion:**

- (Steph S) I got married this year and had an unusual amount of weddings and other events to attend. I would like to continue to serve on the Council if given the opportunity.

Simple majority required.

Votes counted by the Co-Chairperson but no vote totals made known due to the sensitive nature of this sort of motion. Majority was achieved. Motion carries.

### **Old Business**

**Motion:** (Taken from the table. Originally made by David H) Allow Host Committees to request up to 80% of the Advisory prudent reserve with the intention that it would be returned after the conference (replacing \$1,000 seed money).

**Discussion:**

- Concerns about not getting seed money back.
- Concerns about 80% being too much.
- Most committees would not need \$1,000 unless they run into an issue with Direct Billing.
- A Host Committee can already ask for more than the \$1,000 seed money.
- Host Committees may feel like it was a reluctant "yes" if the Advisory Council has to discuss in front of them.

- Offering substantial funds could make a Host Committee less driven to fundraise and budget properly for their conference.
- Are we reinventing the wheel? Is this a brand new idea to AA service or has it been done before elsewhere?
- Would like to see Host Committees have a plan to replenish funds.
- Would like to see this handled on a case by case basis.
- EACYPAA's Treasurer recently stole a substantial amount of committee funds.
- Perhaps future discussions should not be in front of the Host Committee that would be affected by the decision.
- We likely need to either give more seed money or potentially multiple rounds of seed money.
- We need a process regarding how this would work.
- Advisory shouldn't govern by making seed money dependent on what the money would be used for.
- 80% is a lot different depending on where the conference is held due to differences in hotel costs and budgets.
- Did spending last year seem extravagant? We still needed \$7,000 leading into the weekend.
- Lancaster had to make decisions about what to spend money on and what not to.
- Perhaps we need more clarity on this sort of process in the Bylaws. Our spiritual principles in AA have been born out of our struggles.
- We are Advisors and are the responsible guardians of the conference. We chose to award the conference to Bucks County knowing that the hotel was not allowing Direct Billing.
- Treasury reports, notes, and budgets were in the Bid Book and made available to the Advisory Council every month for review and feedback and there were never any concerns mentioned until shortly before the conference. Regarding financial autonomy, this proposed policy would promote a higher level of financial autonomy among Host Committees since the majority of them would not need any seed money whatsoever.
- Advisory should be able to discuss separately from Host to avoid issues with being emotionally impacted by the frank nature of the discussion.
- Need to balance protecting the conference with trusting our Higher Powers.
- A Treasurer should not be put in a position to take on financial burdens outside of the committee funds.

**Motion to refer to an Ad Hoc Seed Money Subcommittee:** (David H / Nora J)

**Discussion:**

- Nora J volunteered to Chair the Subcommittee.
- Nora will message in GroupMe to organize the meeting date and time.

Simple majority required.

14 in favor / 0 opposed. Motion carries.

**Next Meeting**

- Sunday, August 25th at 10:00 AM with Host joining at 12:00 PM.

- Peter B will work with Tara C regarding the best locations since she will be rotating off the Council this weekend.
- After a brief discussion, no one is opposed to inviting Bid Committees to attend and observe the meeting with the Host Committee, give reports, and ask questions.

### Upcoming Dates

- 6/22/24 @ 12:00 PM - Host Elections (Harrisburg Host)
  - 442 Hummel Avenue, Lemoyne, PA 17043
- 6/23/24 @ 3:00 PM - "We Need Fresh Meet" Picnic (Williamsport YPAA Service Committee)
  - 196 Rawle Street, Montoursville, PA 17754
- 6/30/24 @ 12:00 PM - Elections Cookout (York Bid)
  - JFT York, 1337 E Market Street, York, PA 17403
- 7/7/24 @ 2:00 PM - Elections (Lehigh Valley Bid)
  - Star of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 514 3rd Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18018
- 8/25/24 @ 10:00 AM - Advisory Quarterly Meeting / 12:00 PM - Advisory / Host Meeting
  - In person location TBD
  - **Zoom for hybrid participation: Meeting ID: 831 0030 0006, Passcode: 304530**
  - Bid committees encouraged to attend at 12:00 PM
- 9/15/24 @ 10:00 AM - Elections (Chester County Bid)
  - **Zoom: Meeting ID: 858 6658 0736, Passcode: 232668**

Motion to Adjourn passed by affirmation of hands.

Closed with Responsibility Statement by Co-Chairperson, Peter B.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

**Respectfully submitted by:**

**David H**