

Steering Committee Meeting  
October 4, 2014  
Sacramento, Ca

Meeting convened at 8:05 a.m.

**Traditions:** Bruce M.

**Roll Call:** Woody R.  
28 of 93 Steering Committee members in attendance.

Minutes Approval:  
Motion to approve August 24, 2014 Steering Committee minutes passed

**Treasurer:** Joe C:  
There is still a variance between my balance and the banks. The bank shows we have more than my report indicates. We made a deposit for Santa Rosa Conference. Our balance is \$14,507.38. Registration as of now is \$1,010

**Coastal Secretary:** Linda G.  
Not present

**Interior Secretary:** Woody R.  
I set up the panel for the Friday night Speaker meeting. I worked with Shaun G. and Kelly M. on a proposed format for the NCCAA inventory. I will be conducting a full inventory of Conference supplies Sunday morning in preparation for the transfer of materials to the Foster City Host Committee.

**Young People's Secretary:** Chau Marie G.  
Mailed out delegates letters in August. Set up readers for YP meeting.  
I tried include most of the YPAA's in Northern California in today's YP speaker meeting

**Good News Editor:** Colleen M-V.  
Come see me if you didn't get your edition. Some were returned as undeliverable. We need articles for the newsletter.

**Tape Librarian:** Dave L. and Carole (Sound Solutions)  
Speaker selection tapes will be sent out via Drop Box. In lieu of burning a disk you will get an email with the speaker audio.

**Archivist:** Peter M.  
We will have a display at this weekend event. I would like to create a display kit for the conference in lieu of bringing all of the archive materials. I am trying to fill in some of the gaps in our history. I've been in contact with GSO and the local Area archivist

**Webmaster:** Michael B.  
Paypal problems have been worked out. Archival material is available on the website. There are gaps and I will be in contact with our NCCAA archivist and the Good News editor to try to fill in the gaps

## **Conference Reports:**

### **Lodi:**

Teresa D.: We loss money but we have learned from our mistakes

### **Sacramento:**

Colleen M.V. It is going well so far. It is a lot of work. If you have complaints see Shaun G.

Foster City: Debbie B. 3/14 15, 16

We had our first meeting All chair positions are filled except for the Spanish Chair position The group is very enthusiastic group.

### **NCCAA Chairperson:** Shaun G.

This is a full time job. It is a pleasure to be your trusted servant. I signed the contracts for the Santa Rosa June 2016 Conference. The price is \$7,000. Times are changing and things are getting to be more expensive. If you need help with the negotiations contact me for help. We need to be more thorough. San Ramon, 3/31 through 4/2 2018, is Easter weekend. That venue is normally \$32,000. Marriott corporate hotels are cost competitive. Fairgrounds, Portuguese Halls and such are the direction we are heading for conference venues. We are out of the bidding for the Bay Area and Coastal areas. I attended the Foster City Host Committee meeting last week. They have a great group assembled. At our last Steering Committee we held the first Ad Hoc Inventory Meeting. I need everybody's help. Our next Steering Committee meeting will be on January 25 followed by our second Ad Hoc Inventory Committee. A copy of our proposed idea for the inventory will be available at this afternoon's Delegates meeting. If you have questions or concerns please bring them to the Steering Committee or Delegates meeting. Please don't send personal emails. Two motions will be voted on this afternoon. One is to change the time of the Delegates meeting. If passed, Foster City won't have a Host Committee panel. I am open to fill up the open times in the scheduled. The second motion is to change the registration fees. If this motion passes it will take effect for the Auburn June 2015 Conference.

### **Old Business:**

Motion to change the Delegates meeting from 2:30 p.m. to 11 - 12:30 p.m.

Increase Conference Registration from \$10 to \$15 pre-registration and from \$15 to \$20 at door

A future bids:

Carole H.: Proposed a bid for Lodi at the Lodi Grape Festival Grounds. The dates are Oct 13, 14, 15 2017 so it won't be hot. Total bid is \$5,000. We think we can bring that cost down a bit more. We are excited to host another Conference.

Roger B.: Spring 2017 3/10, 11, 12, Foster City. We need to fill 150 rooms, Total bid is \$9,000. Venue is at Crown Plaza Hotel. In the past we've been required to fill 200 rooms. We have made room count before except once and the local committee came through. Prices are slowly going up. Increase in Registration fee is important to help us meet costs.

Please, when registering for the host hotel, do not use other discounts otherwise that room won't count toward our room count.

**New Business:**

Suggestion to include the total average number of attendees of each Conference on flyer or website and in the Good News.

Comments heard from some about NCCAA registration fee: "I'd like to go but I can't go for the whole weekend." Suggestion made to have an option for a tiered registration fee based on the days you attend.

Recognition given to Joe C. for stepping up to serve as interim Treasure.. Shaun read the qualifications and procedure for the NCCAA Treasurer's position.