

Steering Committee Meeting
June 28, 2014
Lodi, Ca

Meeting convened at 8:00 a.m.

Traditions: Nancy McO

Minutes Approval: Motion made to approve April 27, 2014 minutes passed

Steering Committee Reports:

Shaun opened the meeting and introduced the new steering committee

Treasurer: Terry D

Terry stated he was having problems with the excel spread that were solved with the help of Joe C.

The Lodi Conference will have some really nice prizes for the free drawing, we need to get tickets sold. We received a \$15 tax refund with no explanation.

Terri opened the floor for questions:

- The total Lodi registration appears to be less than what it should be. There are 197 pre-registrations and over 17 pay pals not registered plus \$2,105 should be accounted for on the treasurers report. Registration should be listed over \$4,000 but it isn't shown on the treasurer's report. The totals are not added together.
- Why are the Free Drawing figures from the San Ramon Conference is low. (The questioner was looking at the expense rather than the take in.) It cost \$110 to print flyers at the San Ramon Conference, not all expenses have been updated. The San Ramon financials are incomplete.
- Billy W. offered to help Terry with his treasury duties.

Suggestion made to move on from the Financial Report until the next steering committee meeting in Stockton in August.

Motion made not to accept the Treasurer's report. Passed.

Coastal Secretary: Linda G.

I stuff envelopes for mailings and conduct and make announcements for the free drawing. Its been on the job training.

Interior Secretary: Woody R.

Happy that this conference is finally here. I am still trying to learn and find my comfort zone with this new position. When I think I got a handle on it, it will be time to rotate, go figure. Now that this Conference is here I can begin attending the Sacramento host committee meetings.

Young People's Secretary: Chau Marie G.

Chau Marie read a prepared statement that read in part:

... In discovering through our archives that our Co-Founder, himself, offered Northern California A.A. the same opportunity to step into the role of formulating a beginning of our A.A. service structure, I became hooked on the preservation of NCCAA ... As your Young Peoples Secretary, one of my duties is to keep a record of current delegates and to help propagate more delegates for NCCAA and I need each and every one of you to be of service ... If your Group or Fellowship doesn't have an NCCAA Delegate or they only have one, then I implore you to go to your business meeting and inform them that they have the same opportunity that Bill W. gave us years ago to elect our NCCAA Delegates and be apart of this exciting legacy of service ... In May, I sent out 168 mailings to the Delegates, consisting of the motions made, seconded and passed for from the April 27 Steering Committee Meeting and encouraging everyone to avail themselves of the new updated NCCAA Purpose Structure and Function booklet and the NCCAA History booklet. If you did not receive this mailing then I do not have your correct information. So please see me before the end of the conference so we can correct that ... The rest of my duties include obtaining our Young Peoples Meeting readers ... I am truly grateful to have this opportunity to serve NCCAA, and in doing so, serving A.A. as a whole.

Good News Editor: Colleen M-V.

Having a great time, great Good News article from Chau Marie. Received some returned news letters, I need to check addresses, We always need articles. Stop by and subscribe or renew your subscription. I will try to get all the news and motions in the newsletter.

Tape Librarian: Brigitte and Doug P. (Sound Solutions)

We will be moving on, David Lester will be transitioned into this position. David is well qualified to keep up with the technological changes. Thank you for the opportunity to serve

Archivist: Peter M.

Peter stated his vision willing to work with local and other service entities.

Webmaster: Michael B.

I plan some changes to the website and I am looking for ideas from the Groups to run through the Committee. There continue to be some issues surrounding the Pay Pal and I am open to suggestions. The Pay Pal problems should be solved today and it is hoped that online registration can occur at this Conference.

The problems with PayPal were due to changes that were previously made.

Conference Reports:

San Ramon: Final report not available. The total cost was \$6,000 and there was a \$1,500 catering fee. The conference came out on top.

Lodi:

Everything running ok. Free drawing not being promoted. Concession sign made to direct members to the concession area. Concessions rock! Concessions sales are out doing the free

drawing and everything else. Noise in marathon meetings making it hard to hear due to mostly AC noise. May move marathon meetings outside like they did at the Auburn Conference

Sacramento:

There have been a couple of changes in committee, Inez Y. will be opening kick-off speaker. Pre-registration table was set-up on Friday to capture more registrations. Suggestion that future committee's do the same.

Chairperson's Report: Shaun G.

Visions and Goals made available. Welcome new officers. Working with General Service Entities and H&I Committee. Attending Area 07 and H&I Steering Committee meetings. Next month will attend Area 06 meeting. Made packets for Coastal and Interior and H&I for the next three conferences. Usually Committees alternate assignments. Please call me if you have questions.

I try to be very responsive. Please respond to requests for feedback. I contacted various Marriott Hotels and they all rejected our \$10,000 bid The Marriott in Visalia, however, wants us. (Not all Marriotts are corporate and we are good for Sacramento). San Ramon is now asking for \$32,000. All Hotels costs are increasing.. We will need to be creative and flexible with our Conference sites. Easter weekend (2018) for San Ramon is cheap (\$6,000) 10,000 square footage is required. DoubleTree continues to be affordable.

Comment: Use large halls for speaker meetings and smaller rooms for the panels. Not all Hotels can accommodate this option. Do we have a list of future conferences?

Unfinished Business

Motion to change Delegates business meeting to 11 a.m. will be presented to the Delegates. No vote will be taken.

- Job descriptions need to be reviewed and adjusted regarding In House and Group Delegates responsibilities.
- Host Committee Chair positions will be reviewed for changes.
- Discussion tabled on presenting NCCAA history at Saturday night Speaker meetings.
- Committee Roster update.

New Business

Conference Bids:

Keith H.: June 2016, County Memorial Building in Santa Rosa, Three day package and keep concessions, Great parking. Drawback is that hotel, Flamingo Hotel, is about a mile away.. Officer/Speaker dinner would be held at the Men's Group and they will cater. Project cost is \$10,145 for the whole weekend. The last conference there was about \$3,000 cheaper.

Comment: Starting off at \$10 or \$11,000 can be a problem.

Motion to accept this motion: Accepted

San Ramon Easter Weekend. Hotel cost \$6,000, March 30 through April 1, \$1,500 catering fee. \$128 room rate. Motion to accept this motion: Accepted. Minority opinion expressed concerns over religious holiday.

Motion

Motion to increase registration to \$20 friendly amendment to \$25 at the door.

passed, Minority opinion express that we need more information and concern that attendance will drop. Re-vote and motion rejected.

Should we wait for more data or should we raise now and get data later?

Lower cost with not using hotel facilities. 2016 bid confirmed. The urgency isn't there. We have time to take our time.

Motion: To raise registration to \$15 pre and \$20 door. Passed
Registration increase will be brought up at the Delegates meeting.