

# WACYPAA Advisory Business Meeting

**Date:** Jan 3rd, 2025

**Location:** Denver, Colorado

**Attendance:** Zack, Emmy, Ian, Molly, Danielle, Theresa, Ashwin, Lawrence, T-Bone, Nelly, Oscar, Dayna

**Forfeited positions since last business meeting-** Tameem, Ashley,

**Absent-** Courtney

**Secretary:** Dayna

**For reference:**

Dec 29th - WACYPAA XXV Advisory Meeting

## Opening

- Call to order @ 0714
- Open with Serenity Prayer
- Motion to approve:
  - 5. June (MID YEAR), 2024 - WACYPAA Advisory Business Meeting
    - Lawrence motioned to approve the minutes
    - Ian seconded
    - All in favor- 9
    - 1 abstained-
    - Motion Passes
  - 9. Nov 24th, 2024 - WACYPAA Advisory Business Meeting
    - Ian motioned to approve the minutes
    - Lawrence seconded it
    - All in favor- 9
    - 1 abstained-
    - Motion Passes

## Reports

Zak G. Happy to be here

- HUGE shoutout to Emmy for stepping in after Merillee's absence.

Teresa B.

- Has t-shirts and archive notebook (according to budget) Spoke to archives person on wacypaa25 to coordinate archives for this year.
- Looking into archives "lock box"

- Reorganized current archives boxes
- Spoke to Oregon and Washington for territory outreach.

Ashley B.

Thanks again for a wonderful year, team! Here is my final report ❤️

- Here is the master folder with all things WACYPAA Advisory, including meeting and feedback templates, feedback for last year's bid committees, all of our 2024 mins, and some random mins that were sent to me from 2020-2023:  
➡️ [WACYPAA Advisory](#)
- Both Zak and Dayna have the login info for this email account, so if there are any issues, you folks can access the backend that way 😊
- Not sure where things are at with the Bylaws subcommittee, but as I am departing, I just want to make sure that the notes I had sent to T-Bone around language referring to Canada's Indigenous population are considered for when we do review - there is a noted and political difference between First Nations, Inuit, and Métis populations!
- Again, this has been a great year. No mixed emotions here - I am truly bummed out to be stepping down as your secretary. I appreciate Teresa and Molly advocating for me to be able to join via zoom, and I know this will be discussed later in New Business, but I do feel this is an *in person* job when conference time comes around - as Zak said, there is a magic that happens when we are all together in person. I am also bummed there will no longer be a Canadian voice from the current advisory committee (keep the "u" in "all in favour" 😊). I had hoped that the current host would have taken a more active role in Canadian outreach this year, as they had said they would when they were bidding. No hard feelings, and I undoubtedly could have done more, but I did give a lot of alternative suggestions that I don't feel were followed through on. If I can be of service in the future with supporting the next host in outreach north of the border, please let me know!
- To finish on a high note, here are three things I am grateful for: 1) the dedication of all of you on Advisory to keep things very important going for future generations, 2) the amazing program that this year's Host has created, 3) the resilience of those Bid Committees that keep coming back, and BONUS 4) the Spiritual nature that unites us all - a Higher Power is present in this process and this conference, unlike any other... and with that, we shall see you folks around!

Emmy O.

- Happy to be here
- This year we have been busy Reno, San Diego. San Diego really wanted to turn in a solid bid, but because they could not get the bid books printed, they may only turn in a token bid.

Oscar P

- Thank you to Ian for covering the last second half of the year. We are coming up on a year again that we have to file taxes. We will have to add the new chair to our info. Thanks to Zac for getting us a bank account and checks. I feel very confident in the direction that wacyppa Advisory is taking moving forward. Total in bank account \$11,511.66

Dayna D.

- No report

Nelly. G

- No report

Lawrence C.

-First an update on the [wacypaa.org](http://wacypaa.org). We have had 11,211 site visitors in the last 12 months and a new high of 3,102 visitors in the month of December alone. The web chair for WAC 26 claimed the domain [wacypaa.com](http://wacypaa.com), so if you enter that address you will be directed to [wacypaa.org](http://wacypaa.org). Annual GO daddy expenses are coming in. There are no changes to subscription costs, I will connect with Oscar for reimbursement. The cost for our domain, website service, and the SSL certificate equal \$265 for the year (\$22.08 / month).

I have nothing to report for outreach in my assigned territories.

-Lawrence, Web Chair

T. Bone P. (Will send official report later)

- In the year that I have held the bylaws committee we have had the latest update. August submittee held in August. Discussed changing forum quorum. That needs to continue to be discussed. Typos in bylaws and some of it does not affect where bylaws sits today. I noticed several errors in writing style. How important is it the proper writing style to the committee?

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Ian D. —

- In contact with Dylan, host treasurer. He reported they had no outstanding debts besides seed and advisory. Removed the hotel cost because that was paid.
  - Budgeted 14,000
  - 19,000 in the bank
  - Updated sheet for travel reimbursement for advisory which can be disbursed tomorrow.
    - Total amount grossed and netted just on registrations alone.
    - Grossed- 28.9k
    - Netted- 27.7 (after stripe fees)

Molly N.

- Been in contact with Clara from Utah. Very excited to be bidding. Excited about the hotel.
- Excited to participate in the coming year.

Danielle A.

- Excited to be here.

Courtney (not Present)- No report received.

## Old Business:

- Teresa's Motion to remove all the recently added mid-western states from our map
  - Motion was rescinded during
    - 6. July 28th, 2024 - WACYPAA Advisory Business Meeting
  - Texas- in the beginning would show up, and they were added to territory update in 2014
  - Discussion request for the heartland states staying as part of the wacypaa territories or not.
  - - Discussion:
    - Lawrence- mentions removing would be a change to the bylaws.
    - Danielle- If they are bidding, not the right time to remove or discuss.
    - Theresa- More outreach needs to be done in those states that are not participating currently.
    - Ian- This is the first time in decades that the conference has been east of the Colorado mountains.
    - Multiple committee members note that we may see more participation now, and continuity may be developed going forward.

## New Business:

- T-Bone
  - Email forwarded by T-Bone was empty; Subject: Proposal For Amendment to quorum.
  - Add new sentence in bylaws:
  - Motion (T-bone) - "In the event that quorum hasn't been achieved, quorum can be waived with a two-thirds majority vote"
  - Seconded by Theresa
  - Discussion
    - Teresa reports that there was a motion made at previous business meetings that officers could send someone in their place at midyear and conference, however it is not currently in the bylaws.
    - Ian says It does not make sense if committee members travel to the business meetings and business is not able to be conducted, it will not be in the best interests of Wacypaa.
    - Nelly- mentions seeing others committees' bylaws that quorum is reduced to certain core members. For example, these 5 positions need to be present at business meetings to conduct business, rather than  $\frac{2}{3}$  officers.
    - Bylaws: Operating committee, chair, co-chair, treasurer, co-treasurer, secretary, bylaws.
    - Nelly- Change bylaws. "In the event that quorum has not been achieved, the operating committee may conduct business in lieu of  $\frac{2}{3}$

- of the committee”
  - Lawrence- Point of clarification- business meetings are the only places to conduct business, be careful of language used at monthly meetings. Great to have an emergency session, but at that point quorum would not be waved.
  - Theresa- Just to be clear, the officers
  - Ian- to wrap up discussion, send this pack to bylaws for more discussion.
  - Theresa- I need information on whether or not officers need to attend or not.
  - Zack- Clarification: As our bylaws stand right now 3.3. page 5, bylaws state: Any Advisory Council member who fails to attend two consecutive meetings (bi-annual or conference) has voluntarily resigned, any member of the advisory council who fails to attend two non-consecutive meetings will be considered for resignation pending decision by advisory council at next meeting. Meetings are defined as mid-year meeting, conference meeting, bid session and deliberations.
  - *(Adopted 2/1/97, San Francisco; amended 1/2/98, Scottsdale; 12/29/01, Denver; 5/04/02 Billings, 12/28/06, Seattle)*
  - Nelly- Friendly amendment to the motion on the table- “ In the event that quorum has not been achieved, attendants of  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the operating committee, which consists of chair, co-chair, treasurer, co-treasurer, secretary, and bylaws, may constitute an emergency quorum in lieu of a regular  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority vote”
  - Teresa and T-bone agree to amendment.
  - Ian agrees to the amendment with hesitation on the  $\frac{2}{3}$  part so that this can move forward before midyear.
  - Theresa does not agree due to the fact that
  - Lawrence- disagree with the fact that if its not in the bylaws it is not true. Language of emergency should be removed because it is not an actual emergency
    - Propose kicking this back to the committee to discuss
  - Emmy- What happens if a operating committee abandons their position? who can be sent in place?
  - Danielle- We need more discussion and time.
  - Vote on amendment- 3 in favor, 6 opposed, and 1 abstention
  - minority opinion- Theresa- If Robert's rules suggest  $\frac{2}{3}$ , we should trust  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the operating committee.
  - Ian- Suggests that we make a motion specifically for midyear we could effect that motion at midyear.
  - Motion does not pass.
- Teresa:
    - Archives voting
      - Teresa: Historically in practice, the archivist has not had a vote. Does not say anything in the bylaws about it. What was the intent with the original bylaws? Hayner says that the intent was that it be left up to the committee. Teresa would like to have a vote.
      - Danielle- How long will you hold this position? 1 more year.

- Molly- Archivist chair can be a past advisory member?
- Bylaws: 5.1 p. 12- Does not state anything about voting.
- Lawrence: It seems clear to me that if the archivist a present advisory member, they can vote. Max number of conferences can be 6 as an advisory member
- Dayna- So this means that since maximum number of conferences have elapsed, Teresa would not be a voting member. She would be a past member that can participate in discussion, but not voting.
- Ian- bylaws would have to be suspended in order to have Teresa continue to vote in this meeting.
- Molly- Question- Was this clear when she rotated on to archives chair?
- Group decides that Teresa will be continuing on as archivist, can continue having discussion but no vote.
- Archives reimbursement
  - Last year I was reimbursed one way gas, reimbursed for gas home, plus travel as being an advisory member.
  - Lawrence: Moving forward archives should be reimbursable, but since she is not an active member, would not receive separate travel reimbursement since she is not required to be at the conferences.
  - Emmy- I do not know if 500 is enough to cover travel of the archives.
  - Danielle- Bylaws says arrangement for archives travel not the person
  - Ian- I don't think we should ship them for a variety of reasons. I strongly think they are advised to check a bag and put as much as they can in the checked bag. we will know where it is going after tomorrow, and can plan better to maybe leave some of the archives at midyear. It would be great if at midyear instead of giving a 500 dollar budget, the archivist proposes a budget that can then be approved by the committee.
  - Teresa- If I am not part of the travel reimbursement then I would like to be reimbursement of my flight, etc because
  - Lawrence- As of now there is a 500 archives budget and if not spent, great, but for this conference we will also reimburse individual travel reimbursement.
  - Emmy- Archives should be traveled in full and not in piece meal.
  - Teresa- as the protector of our memorabilia I agree that it should not be separated.
  - Ian- 500 budget only a portion will be used this conference, and the discussion for future archives budget will a be discussed and approved at midyear.
- Addition of an Access Chair
  - experience working with the deaf community, it is a lot of work. If host does not start planning early, it falls into the cracks until the very end. One or two months before the conference is too late. I think it is really important to have an access chair to coordinate and support the community having a presence at the conference.
    - Motion (Teresa) **“Create an access liaison on the wacypaa advisory council.”**
  - Seconded by T-bone
  - Lawrence- I don't know that we would need a liaison on the committee to serve in that role. Host is autonomous, and can do

what they decide as a group. We have a Spanish liaison but no interpreters and this conference. Undecided where I stand, would like to see this presented at midyear in writing.

- Teresa- I submitted a description of the access liaison in previous business meeting. It makes sense to me if we have Hispanic and indigenous we would have access.
- Molly- As host, it was difficult to find anything affordable for interpretation. If there was some type of liaison that had information on this for the host committee it would be helpful.
- Ian- I worry about creating a position in good spirit and then it stays empty- it may not be useful
- Teresa- We are doing a disservice by not having a position like this which is clearly in the spirit of wacypaa. Maybe consider changing it to Access Chair.
- Lawrence- I have been convinced that we need this position. It is an underserved community, and would be important to embrace.
- Emmy- Hearing what everyone has said, agree with addition of the position. It would be a good opportunity to teach someone the work.
- Teresa- Anything that restricts access is access.
- Call to vote on the motion:
  - 5 in favor, 2 opposed, 2 abstained.
- Minority Opinion- Oscar- I don't disagree with adding the position, but because a full description of it has not been written yet or added to the bylaws.
  - Molly- If you are going for a position like this, it should be taken seriously and not lightly.
- That changes peoples votes
  - 3 in favor, 3 against, 2 abstentions
- Motion tabled.
- Revoted upon Nelly's return
- Unanimous vote- Motion fails.

- Molly

- Addition of a Unity Chair
  - I was looking over the position descriptions and noticed there was no unity chair. Given my experience on the council it would be nice to have a person to coordinate unity.
  - Teresa- A new position might not be necessary when other members of the council can do it.
  - Molly- outreach is everyone's job, but with so many members at large. It gives a sense of purpose to individuals who want to contribute to the council.
  - Ian- I don't know if its necessary to add a position. The fact that we gather twice a year. The main reason for advisory is to be the guiding force to the host committee, not necessarily for everyone to have a position.
  - Teresa- Monthly advisory calls started to make sure people are united, to discuss current issues, and contribute to the group.
  - Emmy- It can seem daunting to come on to the advisory council. There is nothing wrong with staying a member at large. In the past I've seen that we struggle to even fill positions. It is our responsibility

- to create the fellowship that we crave.
- Oscar- are you talking about unity throughout the year or unity during the conferences.
- Dayna- change structure of business meetings to include things like discussing bylaws changes.
- Lawrence- The purpose of the advisory council is to steward wacypaa.
- Danielle
  - Add AV contracts to bid requirements
  - From our past experience with Oakland, after the meeting space, the AV is the next biggest cost. It is a huge thing to leave out.
  - Ian- I remember discussing AV last year. The motions that passed about bid requirements had nothing to do with AV.
  - Zak- This committee did AV themselves because it was so expensive.
  - Oscar- Agree that it should be a part of the bid packets.
  - Emmy- When these bylaws were created, things were different. I do think it is something we should carefully integrate.
  - Teresa- I thought this was already discussed that we would include it. I think it is essential to include this. Maybe even include F&B.
  - Ian- **Motion to add a bid requirement that bid committees submit two AV contracts either from the hotel or another outside vendor.**
  - Molly seconded.
  - Ian- I am open to amending it. Tying it to the hotels could be tricky.
  - Danielle- My thoughts that it would be separate contact because hotels do not always include it.
  - Molly- If I was bidding and looking at the bid requirements, it would be good to have so they do not get blindsided.
  - Lawrence- I see this more as an addendum to requirement 2.
  - Emmy- The issue with that is that they are two separate entities.
  - Teresa- I believe it belongs in requirement 2 because it is a facility.
  - Danielle- It would be better to have a line item breakdown of the two vendors.
  - Ian- would be willing to vote this down and add a line to requirement 2.
  - Lawrence- Keeo it more flexible as a reminder to the committees informally.
  - Teresa- It is not necessarily useful to have those quotes. Having something in the big book that helps them take note of that cost.
  - Emmy- Having it as a requirement keeps them in the loop so it is something to be continuously checked in on.
  - Danielle- If we are concerned about having too many bid requirements we can combine bid requirements to make it more cohesive.
  - Lawrence- The AV cost is specific to the hotel. Before the bid sessions or at our council lunch, check in with current committees so that they are aware. It belongs in two.
  - Called to vote: 3 in favor, 4 opposed, 2 abstentions.
  - Minority opinion- Remote communities might not be informed. Advisory has stepped in and helped and it was still neglected.
  - Minority opinion changed votes
  - Vote called- 7 for, 2 opposed
  - Minority Opinion- Lawrence: We are not icypaa. The point is to have it in there as a marker and where the placement is and not whether or not to

- include it.
- Ian- I worry that this can disqualify someone.
  - Motion carries.
  - Danielle makes the motion "That bid requirement 3 is where we discuss the AV requirement and everything else would be pushed down for now. The language of the requirement must obtain quotes from at least from at least two audio visual companies per facility location unless the location only permits a single vendor. The description and estimated cost for AV must be included"
  - Committee agrees that the idea is just to have a plan.
  - Lawrence will add to the website.
  - Vote is called
  - 7 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstention
  - Minority opinion- Ian- Suggests improvements such as the language. Removing must.
  - Motion carries.
- Emmy
    - Banner
      - Banner got lost in Los Angeles. Now we have a new banner. The banner needs to be transported every year to where the conference is going.
      - Danielle suggests hanging on to it.
      - Ian- Leaving it with a new member from host.
      - Emmy makes a motion that "past host hands banner to new host"
      - Ian Seconds
      - Vote is called, 6 in favor, 0 against, 3 abstentions
      - Motion passes.
  - Zak
    - Hard 20 minute bid skit presentation including questions from advisory saturday morning.
      - Timer will be enforced.
    - What committees are we meeting with tonight at round tables and what committees are we entertaining for bid skits.
      - Emmy will ask San Diego if they want to participate in roundtables.
      - Zak will talk to Oregon about whether or not they want to participate in roundtables.
      - Zak will send out lists on what committee members will meet with what committees.
    - Emmy makes a motion to " change the number of bid packets that need to be printed by the bid to committees to minimum 3"
    - Dayna seconded.
    - Lawrence suggests to table this until motion until midyear
    - Teresa says she needs the hard copy.
    - Lawrence says that it is in the spirit of Wacypaa to keep the printed copies for these remote communities.
    - Ian says there is a lot of fluff in there. They can streamline their bid packets and set a budget to accomplish this.
    - Emmy withdraws her motion.
    - Emmy makes a motion that we discuss this again at mid year.
    - Vote is called.
    - Unanimous- Motion passes.

## **Elections:**

### **Chair**

Available:

Emmy

Vote: Unanimous

Emmy elected to Chair.

### **Co Chair:**

Available:

Dayna

Vote: Unanimous

Dayna elected to co-chair

### **Secretary:**

Available: Lawrence, Molly

Vote: 7 votes for Molly, 2 for Lawrence.

Molly elected to Secretary.

### **Outreach:**

Available: No one.

Position will be vacated on Sunday.

### **Indigenous Liaison;**

Available: Donnie

Vote: Unanimous

Donnie elected as new

### **Contacts of New Members:**

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Sobriety Date: 10-7-15

Ky

Katie

Nick

## **AA Birthdays:**

## Close

- Emmy makes motion to close
- Ian seconds
- Meeting adjourned at 1449.