

EURYPAA Bid / Invitation Committee Introduction Letter

A Bid / Invitation Committees is simply an area that desires to host the annual EURYPAA (European Convention of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous) event. Please be assured this is an AA event carrying the AA message in cooperation with any part of AA. A Bid / Invitation group may attend and present their intent to host the annual event from anywhere in the EURYPAA region. All areas will be given equal consideration. The EURYPAA Convention is a great honor & opportunity to carry the message of AA to your area, invite others from around the EURYPAA region and world to attend. A few items that should be in-order for consideration as a potential host site for a EURYPAA convention:

- One or more members of the committee must attend the convention to present their areas interest in hosting the annual convention. They should be a legal adult from their area at have at least 1 year of sobriety.
- The Bid / Invitation committee should be prepared to present its areas information, ability and desire to host the annual convention with the EURYPAA Board. This information and meeting must be done prior to 14:00 / 2pm on the Saturday (or) the primary night of the convention. We will decide the next host location of EURYPAA on the primary night of the convention. The Board members will have the opportunity to ask questions about the area committee's preparations to host EURYPAA.
- The Bid / Invitation committee should come with information outlining the following:
 - **Facilities that can host the annual event.** This can be: **Hotel/s** that have an appropriate convention meeting space (or) Combinations of; **Hotels / Homestay Accommodations / Campgrounds etc.** that have close access (walk or short drive) to optional meeting facilities like: Community Centers, Convention Meeting Centers, School Auditoriums, Church Halls or related.
 - We further recommend that for the main-meetings the facility have the capacity to seat at least 500 people theater style or more. Of course this can change depending on the facility and/or geographic populations of the potential host area.
 - For general event planning it is suggested plan for 500 minimum and likely more.
- Prior to the main meeting day of the convention, usually Friday, in the afternoon of that day there will be an open meeting with EURYPAA Board where all Bid / Invitation areas are encouraged to attend to ask any questions regarding the hosting of EURYPAA or the welfare of the convention. Biding areas may also visit the EURYPAA Board meeting room with any other questions. Our door is open and we want you to come by anytime! Please note the EURYPAA board is comprised of a majority of past EURYPAA host committee members, appointed board members from prior host areas or areas where key assistance is desired.
- After all of the Bid / Invitation areas have presented their ability to host annual convention, the Board will carefully consider all the potential host areas and present our recommendations to EURYPAA body for general consensus working within the scope of our or bylaws.

7.3. Selection of the Convention Site. The Advisory Board shall have sole and final authority over selection of the Convention host city. The Advisory Board will encourage the participation from all countries within the convention scope/region. All Bids/Invitation will be given equal consideration, regardless of size, population, or location. The selection of the Convention site shall be done by;

1. "Third Legacy Procedure." All Advisory Board members shall have one vote and will vote on all matters. Voting in absentia or by proxy is not permitted.
2. A visible or audible consensus of the conference attendees from that year's convention.

The board recognizes that while a convention wide consensus of interest in the next years host site is desired it will endeavor to select a host area best suited for the welfare & future of EURYPAA.

- **MOST IMPORTANT,** EURYPAA is a great and growing experience for any Bid / Invitation committee and we want to remind any area the best part of the experience is the Journey. Again, we will give all potential host areas equal consideration.

This general information is intended to help Bid / Invitation areas prepare to host a EURYPAA. We recommend you start asking questions of the EURYPAA Board ASAP. We want and will help any potential host area on any questions. This summary information is based on the overall experience of the past EURYPAA host areas, trusted AA Service advisors, and other key points of information & experience from the other similar conventions over the past 50+ years of AA Young Peoples events. Please feel free to contact us via email: info@eurypaa.org (or) Facebook: www.facebook.com/eurypaa.board. (or) <http://eurypaa.org/> We have board members assigned to your areas and they will be happy to help!

EURYPAA is annual event that carries the message Alcoholics Anonymous as its primary goal. It is strongly suggested that bid committees work within the spirit of the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts for World Service. There are many useful resources available for assisting in this process, such as: The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions and the AA Service Manual and may be found on www.aa.org.

In Service, The EURYPAA Board
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