

EURYPAA Board Business Meeting Agenda & Minutes
01/28/14 – Location: Skype

Summary

Target Meeting Duration 1-to-1.5 hours

SKYPE

(Announce start of meeting)

NOTE: If we have any pressing business that requires our immediate concern this meeting may run over, but not to exceed 2 hours.

- For each agenda item 5-7 min of discussion (approximate time)
- Discussion – 1-2 minutes per person (approximate time)
- Secretary, Jimmy or whomever will take notes

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- Introductions of each board member and the country where they reside.
Skipped due to time.
- For each agenda item – 7-10 minutes of discussion (approximate time)
- Discussion – 2 minutes per person (approximate time)
- Introduction of Vladimir R, EURYPAA 2014 Prague Convention chairperson and any other available committee members. Please introduce yourselves!
- Great work getting the website going and overall appearance, nice work Angela L
- In addition to the overall great outreach we want to recognize the efforts Jared has been making in Czech Republic, Russia and other areas in the region.



Jared

Outreach for EURYPAA 2014 Prague has really kicked off!!!! We now have already contacted Russia to start spreading the news in both English and Russian speaking groups in the capital of Moscow and all over Russia. Добро пожаловать Россия!!!!

Like · Comment · January 12 at 5:05am near Prague, Czech Republic

- First we all want to say great job to and again congratulations to the Prague host committee for doing such a great job with this year's convention. Please say hello and ask us any questions. We are here to help and most grateful for Morten and Peter coming to join your area as supporting members of the Board for the EURYPAA Convention.
- Thank the Prague committee members for joining. We will now sign off to continue with the board agenda items.

-Vlad, Angela and Michaela joined, but Michaela could not connect. General update on Prague is that all is going well across all concerns. Wanted to further discuss further utilization of the AAWS Trustee attending this year, will speak more on another message / call, but David T who on the Prague committee and member of Czech GSO will be working more with Trustee on their participation in the convention and with the Czech GSO.

Presently total board membership is 14

Note: Per the usual guidelines of voting procedures, quorum is 2/3 of the total active and available voting board membership is generally needed to ratify any board business.

That number would be (11), however it will not prevent us from reports, discussion on board business and the agenda.

Note: Quorum is just the amount of people needed to conduct and pass business. They do not need to have 100% agreement to pass business. It would generally be 2/3 of the present quorum to approve any business.

-We did not have Quorum, but did have 10 attending the call, so we did review all agenda items and reached general consensus on mentioned Agenda items.

- Explanation that board acts as informed group and we all need each other to do this
- Board member should have copies of Agenda, Access to Bylaws, and FAP.
-All Members had access to this data
- Read FAP Document, someone...?
-Skipped this due to time constraints
- Introduction of volunteer 3rd party for resolution of matters with Niamh E.
-Discussed and reviewed action plan as outlined in resolution letter. Some discussion, yet overall agreement & consensus to move forward. Later sent updated document to all board members for review, no objections, moving forward with action plan. Message will be communicated to Niamh via the Board ID introducing the 3rd party mediator, current status with Board Treasurer and their cooperative work to work toward confirming detail. We also approved the sending of 300 Euro as a good-faith to Niamh as we work toward verifications.

REPORTS

Reports on activity specific to EURYPAA. This may include discussion with potential host areas, outreach to various concerns of AA in the European region or abroad or related.

Secretary Report – Jimmy O. **(did not attend)**

Review of last meeting minutes and any related details.

-Skipped the review of the minutes, was consensus of group. All had copies

Board Chairperson – Matt H.

-General Verbal Report – Given, very active with outreach in the US, working with AAWS in cooperation Trustee attending this year’s EURYPAA

Board Co-Chairperson – Morten B.

-General Verbal Report - Given, very active with new host group in Prague

Board treasury report – Patrick & Vivian, Morten & Matt may add further detail, if needed

-General Verbal Report current balance, 2177 Euro, 1878 Euro loan to host area to help secure their hotel contact. We are optimistic no further assistance will be needed for the rest of this year’s host area. Signers should be moved and updated in the next month. For now Vivian remains the signer and will collaboratively with Patrick on any banking concerns.

Web Site & Technology Report from Albert S. **(did not attend)**

No report, website working fine

Outreach Team Report from new outreach team members: Noel, Anna, Fabian

-General Verbal Reports. (BTW, Nice work on the Outreach Team)

Overall great work being done. No further detail

Electronic Mailing Chairperson Report from Michelle R.

-General Verbal Report

Willing to do more and we need to get key updates and details for an electronic mailing. Also discussed the best strategy for posting announcements with other GSO offices.

General Member – Vivian G.

-General Verbal Report

Will send archive details to Peter. Will keep working with Patrick on the resolution of banking updates and assisting as current signatory. Will also work with Anna in the support for Italy and surrounding areas.

General Member – Morten R.

-General Verbal Report

No report, but active available to assist on general outreach or related for the convention

General Member - Anders A.

-General Verbal Report

No report, but active available to assist on general outreach or related for the convention

General Member – Andrew F.

-General Verbal Report

No report, but active available to assist on general outreach or related for the convention

General Member – Anna B.

-General Verbal Report

No report, but active available to assist on general outreach or related for the convention

General Member – Fabian L.

-General Verbal Report

No report, but active available to assist on general outreach or related for the convention

General Member – Noel P. (could not attend)

-General Verbal Report

No report, but active available on outreach & related for the convention

General Discussion

- Any additional discussion & comments regarding the Outreach Team!
Again great work going on there
- Thanks to Morten and Peter for going to Prague to assist this year's host area. We needed this and we should recognize our unified support to Prague was key when they helped the Prague group.
- Updates on what publications are now listing the EURYPAA Event Tabled
- The translation of the FAP into Italian by the Italy bidding group, great!
Many thanks from the Board and members will be reaching out from Malta (Anna & Vivian) to build more unity for their area and the bid.
- AAWS Class B Trustee - William (Bill) Noonan, will be attending EURYPAA on behalf of US GSO! Introductions have been made to current host area.
Very positive updates and the host area and Board are delighted a Trustee from AAWS will be attending.

- Any updates viable host cities, who is interacting with them and what can we do to assist them? Italy?, have heard rumblings from Scotland? Sweden? London? Germany? Other areas?

Noel said via FB update, he will get updated from the Scotland area. Patrick said he will do what he can to further encourage bidding from the London area. Fabian was encouraged by Morten B. to start seriously thinking about a bid out Germany and expressed his willingness to help. All on the call were reminded and agreed to do all we can to help support and encourage any potential bidding area.

- Discuss that we as a board will continue to do our best observe the spirit of the 12 traditions and 12 concepts. We want to especially emphasize " No Advisory Board action should be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy. (*while the events of late have been challenging, I think we have done a good job at holding our composure*) Although the Advisory Board may act for the service of EURYPAA, it shall never perform any acts of government. Like the society of Alcoholics Anonymous which it serves, the Advisory Board itself will always remain democratic in thought and action. As such, it will make itself available to answer questions from any AA member who wishes. It will do it utmost to act in a cooperative spirit with area in the EURYPAA region.

In all its proceedings, the EURYPAA Advisory Board shall observe the spirit of the A.A. Traditions and Concepts as they apply to the welfare of the Convention, taking great care that the Convention never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principle; that none of the Advisory Board members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any of the others; that all important decisions be reached by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity.

Reviewed by all ☺

- Discussion on present outline of action for resolution of Niamh E for claimed expenses associated with EURYPAA Dublin. Review and approval on action outline and updates. (see attached doc) Note this was on our last agenda and proof we have not been ignoring it. (*Review current 2013 financial debts payoff to former Irish host committee on behalf of EURYPAA and any reimbursements. Depending on our actual income, what are planning to repay?*) **Reviewed by all and agreed to move forward with outline action plan. No objections, approved.**
- Update on Facebook Pages, thoughts, changes other items
– **Tabled due to time**
- Review when & how we should utilize the FB Broad IDs (Board and Outreach Team)
– **Tabled due to time**
- Update on outreach approaches currently. Very different in the E. European areas vs. the more traditional AA events in Europe and the events in the US.
– **Tabled due to time**
- Confirm we have current contact data for all board members
– **Tabled due to time**
- Confirm board members have access to on-line share folder
Done
- Ongoing Review/Edit any of the prior hosting docs
Will do via online updates
- Reminder we will be doing elections at our next business meeting in Prague. Please think about what roles you may want to consider.
Noted
- Outline next meeting time
TBD

Conclude meeting. **"I am responsible ... When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help; I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that, I am responsible."**