**SERCYPAA Midyear Meeting 2/27/16**

Attendance: Ashley S, Amy F, Josh A, Cody C, Karl S, Matt G, Angelle, Alice S, Shawn R, Jacob B, Jessica W, Martine J.

Opened with Serenity prayer

No reports except Outreach

Outreach: Louisville might bid on SERCY.

Would like to get South Carolina involved

N. Louisiana, N. Mississippi/Tennessee, PCYPAA

Old Business:

Financial: New banking regulations- we can’t register business bank account with a person (using social security #)

Need to register SERCY as LLC. File for 501 C 3

Register in Louisiana – Amy is going to take on responsibility of registering this.

Bank account was just closed. See treasurers report.

Cody will reimburse himself $605 that was given to the ATL host committee because he wrote a personal check to them for that amount.

Will have around 10,000 dollars total.

Will be using Chase for the bank account

New Business:

Travel Reimbursement:

Cody suggests 1 ½ nights of room nights per person.

Should reimburse at the current conference instead of the conference after.

Discussed changing the bylaw for travel reimbursement, operating expenses, etc.

Karl brought up that he doesn’t want people to feel like they can’t be involved because of a financial burden.

Archives are being kept at Matt G.’s house.

Discussed adding certain things to our budget. Cody is putting together a running budget with these new expenses added.

Operating Expenses:

Web hosting: $10 $120/year

Domain registration: $9

Franchise: $150

Archives storage: $150 Misc.: 50

Operating Expenses: $600 rounded up from $569

Rooms: 15 people $150/person

Prudent reserve would cover operating expenses for at least 2 years.

Discussed direct billing options and whether or not we should raise the amount that we give for seed money.

Josh A brought up the issue of the area struggling with money.

Mississippi never got their disbursement back.

Discussed how to balance out giving advisory council reimbursements when the amount given to the advisory council fluctuates from year to year.

Josh, Karl and Martine are owed $100 per conference for travel reimbursements for SERCY in Wilmington and BROLA. Amy already received travel reimbursement ($200)

Alice brought up the idea of having the new bylaws in front of us to look at before we can vote on changing them

Would like to put in motions for what we would like changed or amended and then update in bylaws.

Vote on all bylaws next meeting (at the SERCY conference)

Travel Reimbursements:

Cody gave Karl, Martine, Josh $200 for NC and BROLA

Jessica, Ashley $100 for BROLA

Karl makes a motion (to be visited at ATL conference as an agenda item) that reimbursements are handed out on Sunday morning of the current conference therefore for all future conferences you will be reimbursed for travel expenses at the conference that year of the conference

Josh makes amendment that it is provided that there are funds to be disbursed on Sunday morning. Karl accepts amendment.

Amended Motion:

Karl: Reimbursements will be made within 90 days of the closing conference

Amendment: Provided that funds are available.

Ashley 2nd motion

Motion passed unanimously

Josh A. makes a motion on Section 3 Article IV (Members)

If an officer exceeds 5 conferences they may serve until the end of their term.

Matt 2nd motion

Motion passed unanimously

Website:

Website not active

Chris Butterworth has been maintaining our website (admitted to slacking off…clearly) Is no longer willing to maintain the website for us.

Google had us on the bad site list. This has been rectified.

Ashley presents that we rebuild the website and transfer domain over to new word press account. If we keep the same one there is the risk of malicious malware again.

There will be 4 admins for the hosting account.

Ashley would also like spice up the website as well.

Cody has offered to help Ashley in the process of transferring and rebuilding the website.

Josh A. makes Motion that web-chair has the authority to make whatever necessary changes concerning hosting and building a new website and paying for the website within a reasonable amount provided that no significant changes are made to the text of the website and stays within the traditions.

Karl 2nd motion

Motion passes unanimously

Ashley asked who is responsible for responding to emails?

Answer: Chairperson

Karl makes motion that all correspondence between hosts and council should be filtered through the chair.

Cody makes a motion Chairperson is responsible for all email correspondence between the council and other entities as applicable.

Amendment: Put on the Chairperson description in SERCYPAA advisory council position description document. As well as Article V Section 1 of Council bylaws.

Discussion:

Alice doesn’t think it’s applicable to be in the bylaws since the chairperson has many different roles and we would just be adding one duty which doesn’t really fit there.

Amending motion to take off Article V Section 1 of Council bylaws.

Alice 2nd amended motion

Motion passed unanimously

Suggestion from Jacob B. (read by Amy)

Been an issue with getting final minutes. Advisory needs to get final minutes from host committee with election results for advisory. We are having an issue figuring out/remembering who the alternates are for SERCYPAA advisory.

Cody says typically the secretary needs to contact the host committee and let them know how many members they need to vote on and to send the information to the advisory secretary with contact information.

Matt G. makes a motion for Angelle to be the first alternate from Baton Rouge conference.

Discussion that it shouldn’t be a motion and that it’s really up to the Baton Rouge host committee.

Discussion on whether or not alternates should step up in the case that the standing council member cannot be present.

Discussions on whether or not alternates are reimbursed and/or allowed to vote?

Used to be you had no voting rights your first year but people stopped showing up so they had to amend this to state that you could vote your first year.

Amy wanted to get clarity whether or not alternates that are taking over a full council position are able to completely fulfill the position?

If a member steps down and an alternate agrees to fill in, they will then immediately fulfill the responsibilities and duties of the advisory council member that stepped down.

All in agreement.

Karl makes a motion that for this upcoming conference in ATL Angelle comes in Karl’s place as a full voting member with full reimbursement privileges and will give the Outreach report.

Alice 2nd

Discussion:

Ashley asked about Angelle’s earlier reference to wanting to let others serve before her if they wanted to.

Angelle responded with they weren’t sure who the first alternate, second alternate, and third alternate, fourth alternate, fifth alternate are so she wanted to step up into the position.

Alice asked if we will be extending reimbursement privileges to Angelle since she will be voting as a full council member.

Answer: Yes

Josh 2nd motion regarding Angelle standing in for Karl.

Motion passed unanimously

Cody makes a motion that we set our operating expense budget as $600.

Amendment: None

Discussion: Should we define the operating expenses? Just as words with no numbers? Should include…

Karl 2nd

Motion passed unanimously

Amy suggests we discuss travel reimbursement amounts at the next conference and in the motion at that conference add effective immediately.

Tabling the reimbursement discussion so we can make a better informed decision.

Article VI Section 1 Annual Meetings

Josh A makes a motion would like to add a bylaw review in Article VI Section 1 (after electing officers)

Annual meetings should be held at each sercypaa conference and shall be for the purpose of selecting host city for next year’s SERCYPAA, electing officers, bylaw review, receiving reports of officers and committees, and for any other business that may arise.

Discussion: Table until the bylaw review.

Alice thinks it would be beneficial to go ahead and get this out of the way.

Josh rescinds his motion.

Cody emailed out a social media statement of purpose that ARKYPAA has adopted. Thinks it is important for us to take a look at it.

Main points: doesn’t agree with recycling a page, try to be as responsible as possible when using social media, etc.

Thinks that we should have some sort of starting point on this purpose.

Angelle asked if we have a social media chair. Answer is no.

The current admins are Cody, Josh C(until last night), and Strout (sp?) cannot be deleted because he created the page.

Wants this to be new business at a future meeting.

Karl makes a motion to close

Matt 2nd

Motion passed

Closed with The Lord’s Prayer.