

PNC Business Meeting

June 24, 2017

Oak Harbor

Hosted by Western Washington Area 72

1. Open with Serenity Prayer
2. Readings:
 - Preamble - Carol
 - 12 Traditions - Mark
 - 12 Concepts - Michelle
3. Introductions/Area members
 - Area 17 Hawaii
 - Area 79 BC Yukon
 - Area 18 Idaho
 - Area 58 Oregon
 - Area 92 Eastern Washington
 - Area 72 Western Washington
4. Review/Approval of 2016 Minutes
 - Nancy – on the second page at bottom it shows 2010 treasurers report should be 2016
 - We will make that correction
 - Motion to approve minutes
 - Motion passed
5. 2016 Final report
 - Joe Area 58
 - Hosting remotely had its challenges being from Portland and hosting in Pendleton but we had an amazing committee and we pulled it off
 - Area attendance
 - 75 - Area 58 Oregon
 - 51 – area 72 Western Washington
 - 30 – area 92 Eastern Washington
 - 6 – area 18 Idaho
 - 1 – area 79 B. C. Yukon
 - 163 total attendance

Financial report:

\$2400 registration for 160 attendees, 3 of which we had given away

\$4832 for meals

\$2413.25 seed money from 2014 host committee

\$365 donation basket

\$1373.08 net fundraising includes donations from groups and a golf tournament

Total income \$11,383.33

We had expenses of:

\$800 for Facility

\$311.70 AV/translation

\$5610.17 for meals

\$652.18 for hospitality

\$217.56 for Coffee

\$89.85 Wufoo online registration

\$149.00 for PayPal

\$127.38 miscellaneous supplies

\$204.79 programs and flyers

\$63.25 Travel from Portland to see the facility in Pendleton

\$110.00 rent for business meeting space

\$27.95 bank fees

\$113.02 web hosting Weebly for website pnc1948

Total expenses \$8476.85

leaving a balance of \$2906.48 which was seeded out to 2017 Host Committee

This is \$493.20 over what we received from 2014 PNC

6. 2017 PNC Host Committee Status Report

Astri – committee chair

These are preliminary numbers the actual numbers will be in the final report

129 pre-registered

140 we believe registered

1 from Area 17

5 from Area 79

7 from Area 18

4 from Area 92

18 from Area 58

86 from Area 72

We sold

71 Friday dinners

89 Saturday lunches

89 Saturday dinners

73 Sunday breakfasts

Carol E PNC 2017 treasurers report

We received \$2906.48 from Oregon Area 58

We proceeded to collect more funds and spend a little money.

We may not return all the seed money. We currently do not have all of the seed money in our pockets. We are about \$234 short. Probably due to estimation errors on costs.

We knew we had costs coming in but didn't have accurate numbers for these costs. So, these are rough numbers, I need to count the money in the donation baskets. We may have more money in our pool than we think.

This is an expensive area. We need to take that into consideration when we do these things in the future. It is far more expensive than the PNC's I was involved in on the other side of mountains. With that knowledge, we will be better prepared to host the next ones. We will certainly be responsible and have the seed money and hopefully a bit more for outreach.

Old Business

PNC Archives storage

James area 58 Archivist

Sobriety date is 9/2/1990 My homegroup is a Monday night discussion group in beautiful downtown Scappoose, Oregon. My service commitment to Alcoholics Anonymous is Area 58 archivist, a job I absolutely love.

Question: Should the PNC develop a regional Pacific Northwest Conference archives repository?

I was looking at some stuff in the archives repository and came up with a document from PNC days that said PNC was oldest conference in Alcoholics Anonymous or at least in the Pacific Region it is older than PRAASA and older than the general service

I should probably disseminate a little about the role of the archivist.

Looking at some markings the role of the archivist is:

- Establish and maintain control both physically and intellectually over records of enduring value

- An archivist must master a great deal of specialized knowledge

- They should also be guided by a code of ethics

We as archivists collect the information that you want and we make it available for you later is basically what we do.

Archivists do 5 things related to their collection:

- We gather them – we collect all relative permanent records not necessarily original records but at least permanent records. A copy of an original is still a permanent record.

We sort them in a sensible manner.

We catalog them. We create a searchable list or an inventory

We preserve them – simple preservation tasks to prolong the life of the item that may be something as simple as putting it in an acid free protective sleeve in a binder so that it can be viewed by people at a later time and not destroyed by the oil in their hand and so on and so forth.

The last thing we do is we let people know about them. We create exhibits and displays much like Area 72 and 58 have over here. We write about the archives. We provide information to people. We provide researchers access to the collection.

These tasks are time consuming, labor intensive and can be costly.

In the event that the PNC decides to develop a regional repository from the archives in its areas, these questions have come up Such as:

Does the area have the space to house collection?

Is the area the primary renter/owner of the space where they will be stored or is the space shared?

I have heard stories of archivists being locked out of their area because it was owned or rented by a private party or intergroup or what have you.

Is the work space available 24/7?

This is not to say that archivists work 24/7 but they may want to start at 6 am or may not finish until eleven or twelve at night

Is the work space secure so it can be left unattended?

An archivist might be working on something and want to leave and close the door. They want to come back and find it just the way they left it. You need to be the primary renter or owner to do that.

Does the archivist have the time for the extra work?

Some archivists have to travel great distances to get to the repository because we don't have repositories all over the place. Some have limited budgets and some are short on volunteers and equipment

Does position have enough time to take on another task?

Will there be a rotation issue?

Archivists that rotate in have to start learning and keep learning otherwise nobody knows where anything is or how it got filed or how it got cataloged. If there are rotation issues will there could be trust issues. Sometimes people that have items to donate want to see that the archivists are taking care of the collections in their area and if you take care of that collection and you display it and you make it readily available and they see that you do have a valid interest in it they are more willing to bring their items.

Can the archivist create copies for the other areas either by PDF or hard copy?

And all that basically means is if you have a primary repository space in let's say area 79 Yukon and someone from Bandon Oregon would like to see some documents, can they be scanned or copied and sent via e-mail or can they be copied and put in the post so

that person can do some research without having to travel hundreds of miles just to look at the copies.

This is from 2016 PNC minutes: reports of areas materials being left and stored unlabeled.

The work has to be done in a timely manner. The archivist needs to get it onto the scanner and get it in the sleeve and get it into a binder, put a label on it.

We at Area 58 repository believe there is a need for such a repository to store the original documents. It doesn't matter which area in PNC region is asked to do it. What is important is that they have the equipment and do the work and keep other archivists informed and supplied with copies so as to have all the archives and archivists in the PNC region informed and able to serve the members of their respective areas.

Thanks for letting me do this Steve. It was a real pleasure.

Geene – I imagine there are going to be questions

Brian Boise Area 18

Thanks for all the wonderful work you do as an archivist. I saw in the 2016 minutes that the PNC archives may be stored with the PRAASA archives in Boise and it didn't really seem like there was a conclusion as to whether that was true. 2 weeks ago, I happened to help move the PRAASA archives so I am available to if you still feel that might be where they will be located.

Astri Area 72 2017 PNC chair

It was determined that linking the PNC with PRAASA was a no go. The issue that we are going to discuss today and that Oregon was asked to look into and come back with a report about was why would it be a benefit for the PNC to have one repository for the PNC archives and area 58 had said that they were willing to be that repository. My understanding is all of the areas have some PNC archives. We have some, Idaho has some and Oregon has a lot. If we agree this is a good idea all areas would make copies of what they have and send them to area 58 so that all the history would be in one place. Then if we wanted copies of things we could come and get copies. So, we would send copies of our records from 2017 PNC to whoever takes the bid for 2018 and we would also take a copy and send to area 58 so the permanent records would be there and it could be tracked there.

Geene – the question is do we want to have a centralized PNC repository?

Jim Oregon area chair –

I would like to make a motion that we make Oregon area 58 the location for permanent records of PNC

Joe – Seconded

Geene –

Ok those in favor of making area 58 the permanent holder of the archives for PNC?

I do not see anyone opposed

The motion passes

New Business

Astri is going to talk about updating PNC guidelines

Astri PNC chair

As the planning committee started going through the guidelines to figure out what we were supposed to be doing we started seeing some things and thinking that they needed some updating. So, if you want to pull out your guidelines, I would rather not vote one at a time on the changes. I would rather just go through the whole document and maybe if people have questions as I point things out you can ask questions.

On page 1 I just want to point out at the top it says “Note: Changes from the last version appear in underlined text.” This is an important statement for what continues. The next couple lines say, “The Pacific Northwest Conference (PNC) will include Oregon Area #58, Washington State East Area #92 and other Areas adjoining the Pacific Northwest that wish to participate.”

I think that we need to add Western Washington Area #72 because we are now a part of PNC and if we want to underline that because its new text for 2017 guidelines we can do that but farther on here it notes that we voted to rejoin.

Then go down to Business Meetings. #1 on the first page we voted to change that from “after evaluation one will be chosen two years in advance”. We voted last year to make it “up to two years in advance” so what needed to happen was just to change the “up to” and underline it.

On page 2 is something that Jim and I talked about that is throughout the document are these “noted updated July 2013”. This is not supposed to be a record a historical record. These are guidelines. We have a whole bunch of notebooks of minutes when the changes happened and it doesn’t seem like we don’t need that to be part of the guidelines. So, it seems like we can take out the July 2013 and just move that #5 up and continue down.

Then we go down to the Conference Chair and Committees. Under # 5 on the last paragraph those are changes from 2016 so we need to just remove the underline under mail and mailing for 2017.

On the next page take out “updated July 2013” and go from #10 to #11.

Then in #13 there is a motion noted. I am not sure that this needs to be a part of this document. It is like this has turned in to a record instead of a guidelines document.

I suppose its ok to say that 'in 2006 the members voted to create a PNC website", or we could just say "The PNC website is WWW.pnc1948.org and it will be maintained by Area 58. They will be reimbursed by each PNC host committee.

And then #14 on the last page there is another motion. I think it should maybe just say that "the host committee will arrange for a floor microphone to be available for members asking questions". Then take out "Updated July 2016".

Then "Area 72 has rejoined" and "Area 58 will maintain the website domain" and "up to two years in advance" these are changes from 2016 and already noted so they can be taken out.

#17 is a motion and can be taken out as well.

Discussion:

Steve – Western Washington Area 72 handbook has an appendix with all of the approved proposals and all of the failed proposals and motions. So, if we are taking the motions out are they going to land somewhere else? People often want to see the history of actions so I want to know if the information will be available somewhere for future reference?

The motions are in the PNC meeting minutes

Jim - it makes sense to have guidelines separate from minutes. Guidelines are just that guidelines. We can always find motions being made in minutes. It would be easier for host committee to have guidelines

Astri – the guidelines are directions for putting on PNC. The guidelines were confusing. We are just trying to clean it up and make it easier for the next committee
Guidelines should be current practice.

Scott Area 92 Delegate

When PRAASA was rewriting their guidelines, they created a blue line document that reflected everything that was there and everything that was going to be changed so we could have a meeting and discuss changes. The blue line document really made it clear what the changes were to be.

Linda - the changes proposed are just housekeeping, we are not making any changes just cleaning it up

Bill – PNC 2017 Committee member

I understand some peoples concern with seeing the history of why we do what we do but from the perspective of a committee member just wanting clear instructions on

what to do to host a PNC these guidelines were very confusing. I feel they should be cleaned up and made clearer for the next PNC host.

Lisa – Feel we need a formal written motion on the floor before we vote

Astri - I make a motion that PNC guidelines be updated/cleaned up
There are no changes to the guidelines. This would just make them clearer.

Steve - Don't feel it is clear and concise enough to make a well-informed decision on this. I would like to know where the history of the motions will be kept

Chair of PNC 2016 – I feel the guidelines were not clear they are confusing the host committee Area Chair updates this document and they don't seem to be clear on what they are doing. Feels this could alleviate some of confusion

Astri - It doesn't say anything in guidelines about showing history and the motions are in business meeting minutes. Area 72 Chair Geene is supposed to update guidelines and this is her first PNC

Jim – I updated the guidelines last time and it is correct that it was confusing and I didn't know what I was doing so I just did what was done in past. I think they need to be cleaned up

Geene - Call the Question
Update PNC guidelines?

2 opposed

Geene - it already says in guidelines we don't need a vote. It is up to Area Chair to update the guidelines

Motion passes by majority

Discussion for host for 2018

Area 18 BACYPAA (Boise Area Conference of Young People in AA) with letters from Treasure Valley Intergroup and letter of support and financial backing from Area 18 submits bid to host 2018 PNC. We have a contract with the Red Lion.
This bid is not from Area 18. It is BACYPAA bidding with "support from Area 18 and Treasure Valley Intergroup"

Area 18 has voted to support PNC but has not rejoined. They are hesitant to rejoin because when they hosted previously they inherited a \$6000 deficit. They are nervous about rejoining.

Grant (BAYPCAA) I got the guidelines confused it does say the Area needs to host. Are there any members here from Area 18 who would like to bid? Bullet 3 and 4 of guidelines says financial responsibility will rest with the City, Intergroup, District or Area that is the host.

Thad - Idaho area 18 would be the financial backstop
If for some reason the Intergroup or Young People can't make it financially Area would be responsible and they know that

Joyce – Could it be clarified after the discussion about having anyone who wants to host? What a great thing that an AA Young Peoples group wants to do this. This is the future of AA.

Alan Area 92- the guidelines do state the Area is the host

Astri – Area 72 rejoined PNC before we made our bid. I feel Idaho needs to decide either in or out. I feel they might be jumping the gun.

Alan - last year at Pendleton area 92 said they will host if there are no other bids but would like to let area 18 have the opportunity

Linda – Maybe the guidelines need to be changed

Geene- Since they have support or participation from Area 18 I think it would be great to allow them to host.

Tony - these guys are willing able and ready to host and have Intergroup and Area's financial backing. We should not let our financial fears hold us back.
Guidelines are not rules we can make a decision here today that is different from guidelines.

Geene: lets vote on bids to host for 2018

Vote for BACYCAA

Vote for Area 92

2018 PNC Awarded to BACYCAA with Treasure Valley Intergroup

Bids for 2019

Area 92 bids to host

2019 PNC Awarded to Area 92

Announcements:

July 7th and 8th is Area 72 Quarterly in Bellingham all are welcome to attend

Regional Local Forum in Mountlake Terrace. The Spanish districts are hosting and will be interpreting from Spanish to English for us

Area 72 Assembly is October 6th- 8th in Shelton everyone is welcome

Astri invites Area 18 members to attend wrap up meeting Sunday to get questions answered

Motion to adjourn

Adjourned