

**East Coast Convention of Narcotics Anonymous
Advisory Board Minutes
MARCH 2, 2015**

The meeting was opened at 7:05 p.m. by Jeff P. by all reciting the Serenity Prayer. The meeting was held Conference Pro and was properly noticed. Minutes were recorded by Deanne F.

Roll Call/Resignations/Vacancies:

Position	Name	Term End Date		Liaison to:	
President	Jeff P.	7/2016	P	Arts & Graphics/Site Liaison	
Vice-President	Victor H.	10/2015	P	Site Liaison	
Secretary	Deanne F.	10/2015	P	Auction	
CFO	Will S.	8/2015	P	Treasurer/Registration	L
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Director	Jimmy G.	07/2016	P	Merchandise	
Director	Merle S.	10/2015	P	Entertainment	
Director	Enid O.	8/2016	P	Program	
Director	Jeff H.	10/2015	P		
Director	Kim A.	11/2016	P	Webmaster	
Director	Mitch G.		P		
Director	Van		P		L
19-Host Chair	Karen W.	2015	P		
19 Host V-Chair	Dave A.	08/2015	P		

Others present:

A = Absent; V= Vacant; P=Present; R=Resigned; L= Late

Quorum met

Open Forum:

Colleen and Kevin also present on the conference call. Karen asked who is this committee responsible to? Jeff P.: to the hosting areas, Karen: not to the regions?, I can't find it in the by-laws. Enid-wanted to check with Colleen if she received what she sent her-Colleen-yes, the flyers.

Minutes: Any opposition to approve January-no opposition. O.K. to publish on the website. February minutes-Jeff will fix the \$9 lunch is for people in instructions and will fix- \$20 per day fee for people in institutions. After Jeff amends the minutes he will send them back out and o.k. to publish on the website.

Reports

AB President Report- Jeff P.: Read report, no questions.

AB Vice President Report- Victor H.: No report

CFO Report- Will S.: 2 reimbursement checks paid to Jeff and Kim. \$16,762.98 total in the bank includes a deposit today by the Host treasurer. Thanks Jeff for helping. Report read. Any questions? Karen: What is under allocated

reserve? Taxes and filing, Jeff P. originally for taxes but we didn't need it, basically it's equity in a corporation, it would be retained earnings. Karen: at the end of the year don't we clear it all out by buying books and start with \$5K? Jeff P. not necessarily, the actual profit to the book order will not reconcile to zero. Karen: so at the end it'll go back to zero? Jeff P.-yes, basically.

ECCNA 19--Host Chair -Karen W. :

We have a free comedian, 3 DJ's have given bids, dance, music and light shows. Meeting tomorrow night, we have been off schedule with the lovely weather, 1 meeting was a conference call. Report as submitted

Questions-Jeff P.: Outside vendors must be approved by the AB, Karen said if no fees involved them it shouldn't have to be approved. Jeff explained-the jeweler, how many jewelers? Karen said we'll make the decision and bring the vendor contract to the AB for signing. Wil said you need to follow the guidelines. Any other questions? What about the merchandise vendor-Karen: we'll get it tomorrow-we'll have all the bids that the AB is responsible for-will send it to Jeff & Deanne. Speakers-we'll give you 2, 1 suggestion and 1 alternative.

ECCNA 18 Vice-Chair report- Dave A.:

Nothing to add to Karen's report.

Webmaster- Kim A.: Report as submitted. Any questions? Karen asked can we change the registration flyer to remove Lori's name-Noelle our old registration chair had originally (her mother died). I'll try to get the original file for you (digital file).

Mailing List- Merle:

Report as submitted. South Florida region should be specified, not the same "FL region", will change this on the report.

CFO REPORT-Will:

As submitted

Any questions for Will-none noted.

Internal Guidelines: Dave A.:

Change "Skype" to conference-we can have a motion in Old Business. Any questions-none.

Nominations / Elections

Van-on mute?

Colleen-no convention committee experience, did Fellowship in the Field. Unanimously nominated and welcomed to now participate, gets a vote starting next month.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dave-regarding the IG, can we change the word "Skype" to "conference"? Motion passed-no opposition.

NEW BUSINESS:

Outside vendor bids, speakers and merchandise. 1st of importance, main speaker selection is most important now-it will come in as a drop box, have about 8 days for a response. Yes or no, same process for vendor and merchandise. Jeff P. asked Karen if she will have these tomorrow? Karen-you should have it. Jeff told Karen you'll have to make a motion to change the entertainment budget. Motion to change it to \$1600, currently is \$1000 in the guidelines. Motion failed need 2/3 vote. Enid asked if we get the same guy from last year (a 5 piece band) they were good and cheap. Karen asked if the \$3500 registration budget comes in way under that can the difference be moved to the entertainment budget. Kim asked Karen-are you open to looking at recommendations; Karen wants to have the leeway for discussion with host committee for tomorrow's meeting. Jeff said let's make it open for them to discuss. Enid asked-is this so you can have enough money so you can afford to get who you want? Is there any opposition to give the committee the leeway-what is the leeway \$1000 entertainment budget is increased to \$1600 and registration budget is reduced from \$3500 to \$290. Karen said we came in with the \$3500 bid because the college had asked of we could include water bottles. Registration will not suffer if we cut the registration budget. Wil asked if everyone understood, lost Jeff for a

second, any oppositions-none noted, any abstentions-no, motion carried. Thursday rooms-how's the college going to handle the rooms for Thursday? If someone comes as a single they will be charged single, come as a double-charged as a double, same with a triple. Karen will discuss with Tom tomorrow. Send recommendation for price on Thursday and Sunday room prices. Host committee meets the 3rd, 17th & 31st. Next AB meeting April 6th. Kevin the Program Chair from the Host committee came on and stated that for ECCNA19 our style is different than Baltimore, DC or Florida, we have a lot of young people, Dave said some people come for the entertainment, DJ, it's not the same here. Karen wants to make a motion to keep all Basic Texts for jails and institutions on the "East Coast", it's already policy. But the purpose is for jails and institutions on the East Coast. Enid asked if Pittsburgh is on the East Coast-yes it' in an East Coast region. No other questions, no opposition, no abstentions-motion carries. Karen another motion-equitable distribution, some regions are 4 areas, some are 34. Jeff said come with specific policy that you want to change. Mailing of the Basic Texts is done by equitable distribution. Wil-who decides the equitable distribution and what are you basing this off of? Karen-100 areas, one will get 25%, the hosting area gets more. A smaller region may be no less needy than a bigger region-if the 2 host areas vote on it will it be made policy? Jeff said not this year. Any other cons? Motion fails. Karen said so if I take it back to the regions and they pass it, then it passes? Jeff said -yes. Karen-the books that were sent back can be donated but not resent. Van sent an e-mail to Jeff while on this conference call and withdrew his nomination and interest in being on the AB based on tonight's experience. Kevin stated that he thinks that they are being micro-managed. Discussion was prolonged and becoming unproductive.

Jeff asked if there was any other business-no response

This meeting is adjourned 8:40 PM

Next meeting is on April 6th, 2015