

2010 Illinois State Conference Planning Committee

March 15th, 2009 meeting minutes

Meeting began at 3:06 P.M.

Dean G. served as temporary chairperson until election of chairperson at which time Dale H. chaired the meeting

Introductions:

Chuck T.
Tony H.
Dale H.
Dean G.
Dan M.
Linda L.
Justin S.
Susie M.
Rich H.
Ryan L.
Brendan O.
Hugh O.

Review of February meeting minutes

QUESTION: Can we list open chair positions and descriptions on District 11 website?

ANSWER: Chuck agreed to do so as District webmaster

QUESTION: Are there sobriety requirements?

ANSWER: Not yet.

Motion made by Dale to require 1 year of sobriety at time of conference for chair positions.

Motion seconded by Brendan.

Vote taken: 10-2 in favor

Minority Opinion: Candidate should have 1 year of sobriety at time of election to chair position.

Dale amended the motion as such, Rich seconded the new motion, motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Tony that Planning Committee meeting agendas be published on the District 11 website 1 week in advance.

Motion seconded by Hugh.

Vote taken: Passed unanimously

Dean asked the secretary to include this motion as part of the Accountability Guidelines for the Planning Committee, which now read as follows:

1) Persons elected to Chair positions agree to submit a current written & verbal status report at each planning meeting.

2) If unable to attend, a Chair will notify the Planning Committee Chair and send a report in advance.

3) Failure to meet #2 above for 2 months in a row will result in automatic disqualification from Chair position.

4) Post meeting minutes (w/o last names) and flyer for Planning Committee meetings on the District 11 website

5) Planning Committee meeting agendas are to be published on the District 11 website 1 week in advance.

Open chairperson positions were read by the secretary

Elections: Dean asked for volunteers to stand for the position of Planning Committee Chairperson

Dale stood for the position and qualified himself (10 years sobriety, has served on Soberfest planning committees)

Vote taken: 11-0 Unanimously in favor

Dale asked for volunteers to stand for the position of Planning Committee Co-Chairperson

No one stood. Linda nominated Dean, Dean accepted and qualified himself (15 years sobriety, has served as NIA Chair, NIA

Registrar, and is currently Alternate Delegate for NIA)

Vote Taken: 1-0 unanimously in favor

Dale asked for volunteers to stand for the position of Program Chairperson. No one stood and no one was nominated.

Dale asked for volunteers to stand for the position of Registration Chairperson. Chuck T. stood and qualified himself (2 years

sobriety, current District 11 webmaster)

Vote Taken: 11-0 unanimously in favor

Dale asked for volunteers to stand for the position of Printing Chairperson. No one stood and no one was nominated.

Dale asked for volunteers to stand for the position of Coffee Chairperson. Brandon O. stood and qualified himself (1 year

sobriety, various group service positions)

Vote Taken: 11-0 unanimously in favor

Dale asked for volunteers to stand for the position of Greeters Chairperson. Hugh O. stood and qualified himself (4 years

sobriety, served on Soberfest committee)

Vote Taken: 11-0 unanimously in favor

Dale asked for volunteers to stand for the position of Decorations Chairperson. No one stood and no one was nominated.

Dale asked for volunteers to stand for the position of Dance Chairperson. No one stood and no one was nominated. Later in the meeting Ryan L. asked a question about service on the Planning Committee and subsequently stood for the position of Dance Chairperson. He qualified himself (2 1/2 years sobriety)
Vote Taken: 11-0 unanimously in favor

Dale asked for volunteers to stand for the position of Literature Chairperson. No one stood and no one was nominated.

Dale asked for volunteers to stand for the position of Special Needs Chairperson. No one stood and no one was nominated.

Dale asked for volunteers to stand for the position of Grapevine Chairperson. No one stood and no one was nominated.

Dale asked for volunteers to stand for the position of Archives Chairperson. No one stood and no one was nominated.

Dale asked for volunteers to stand for the position of Public Information/Outreach Chairperson. Rich H. stood and qualified himself (several years sobriety, served as District 11 DCM, currently NIA Corrections Chair)
Vote Taken: 11-0 unanimously in favor

Dean submitted a suggested timeline showing when various responsibilities should be accomplished based on previous State Conference Planning Committees. Tony volunteered to be responsible for the establishment of a timeline calendar that shows every committee and due dates for specific duties, using Dean's outline as a starting point.

Discussion was held regarding a conference theme. Dean mentioned that often the State Conference models its theme after the theme of the General Service Conference. It was suggested that we wait until May when we will know the GSC theme for 2010.

Discussion was held regarding flyers. Planning guidelines indicate flyers should be ready at the 2009 State Conference, which would mean we need money before the seed money comes to us in November. Also, the process of setting up a P.O. box and bank account for the State Conference may need to take place before November.

Motion made by Dean to ask District 11 for \$500 to begin the process described in the above discussion. A friendly amendment was made by Dan to limit the amount of

money asked for to just what we need to print an early batch of flyers, and establish the PO box and bank account. Friendly amendment accepted by Dean. Linda will find out the cost for PO box and account - Hugh will get info for cost of flyers through connections with Soberfest committee. When an amount is tabulated for these costs, Linda Leaf will make a motion at the next District 11 business meeting for an advance in that amount.

Vote Taken: 11-0 unanimously in favor

Secretary to make a contact list for Planning Committee members and e-mail it to all members of the Planning Committee

The next Planning Committee meeting will be held April 19, 2009
Meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M.