

OALPRP Board of Directors Retreat-Training & Planning Meeting:

Location: Embassy Suites, Dublin, OH

January 23 & 24, 2012

Summary & Planning Notes

Reviewed By Laws-All given copies

By-Laws were reviewed with the board. Has anyone asked about the Student Membership? No, but a suggestion was made to include it as part of the C.R. Meyer's Scholarship winner's award. Current Honorary Membership applications will be reviewed later and is on the agenda for the Board Meeting. Honorary memberships were discussed and Amanda asked for clarification on who should be encouraged to apply. As membership forms are sent this year, a separate email will be sent to those who would be eligible for Honorary Membership status.

Executive Committee discussed. Should the committee be defined in the by-laws? Yes, if changed again will make this addition.

Committees and Chairs will be selected and discussed later in the day and official assignments will be made during the official Board Meeting. Membership committee is not defined in by-laws, but the purpose is to help with recruitment. May add later if by-laws are amended in the future.

Some numbering appears wrong in the by-laws, so the group decided that this change could be made without going to the membership for a vote.

Conference:

The Conference Committee met in December 2011 and came up with theme for the 2012 Summer Conference-Reflecting on Recycling. Assignments have been emailed. Discussed sponsorship opportunities and people to contact. Discussed making the vendor space larger with more vendors in the future or give them the opportunity to sponsor a networking portion. What about a session that is just set aside to visit the vendors? Marti to find out if there is another room to accommodate more vendors and the cost-Yes, there is a room available and there will be no additional charge. Discussion about charging for a vendor space? Could do a non-profit or business rate. Send all contact information to Susan. Need to request logos when getting sponsors. Still arguing over vendor rate and whether or not to charge or ask for silent auction item. Kris and Amanda to work on and report at March meeting. March Board Meeting will order lunch in to allow time to meet and discuss conference planning progress. A conference committee meeting will be held on April 30th at Cherry Valley.

Discussed session possibilities for conference and past conference schedules. More detailed conference notes taken by Linda Weuthrich, Conference Chair.

Scholarship:

Discussed issues with scholarship applications and changes that will need to be made since Steve has taken over as Scholarship Chair.

Fundraising:

Fundraising will include a Silent Auction at the Summer Conference and a raffle for Della Duck prizes.

Membership:

Membership discussion about not being too exclusive. Want to work on getting Districts back who have not renewed in the past few years. Also encourage those who are eligible for Honorary Memberships to apply. Send email to KOB members. Also contact large cities for membership. A suggestion was made to have an icebreaker activity on the bus during the tours at the conference to encourage networking and conversation.