

July Pre-Conference Meeting
July 16, 2022

Location: Zoom:

Facilitated by: Matt B

Minutes: Allegra

Present: Kerimera, Donna D., Amy C., Rose S., Mark B., Caroline P., Jay M., Vickie D., Harvey D., Phyllis H., James P., Val G., Cindyann W., Pat Q., Allegra B., Matt B.

AGENDA	
<p>OPENING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Started Closed-Captioning • Serenity Prayer • Read Traditions and Draft Concepts • Housekeeping: Change name in your window, 30-second rule, reminders re using mute, raising hands • Introductions: Name, art and service position if any • Start Recording 	
<p>ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One year of PreConference meetings - Cindyann 	<p>Cindyann took us through highlights of the website as examples of the kinds of changes and activities have occurred in the last year.</p> <p>ACTION ITEM: James P will take this bit of video and make it available to share on the website and for meetings to see.</p>
<p>ITEM NO. 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the purpose of the Conference? And the Convention? -Vickie 	<p>Two breakout rooms were created, and discussion revolved around what people would like to see for a Convention and a Conference this year. Report backs included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not use the word “Recovery” to describe the Convention, Celebratory is better • Celebrate what we’ve gotten from ARTS

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historically the Conference happened over 2-3 days, and then that weekend was all Convention • May be too much to intersperse Conference and Convention • Hope for the Conference to organize itself, that this one help create the blueprint for future Conferences • Ideas for the Convention includes meetings on Steps, Traditions, Traits, Talents and Tools • Meeting topics such as Truth or Acceptance • Literature Meetings • Art-specific meetings such as for musicians or animators, or comedians as a way to find each other and connect • Workshops for newcomers • Have concurrent workshops and meetings • Host rooms for meals, informal gathering, or no food
<p>ITEM NO. 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review scheduling and timing of Conference and Convention (business and recovery) 	<p>Donna presented her plan for five 18-hour long days, including the four hours each day for Conference and final Celebration for ARTS' birthday/Founders Day, etc. By scheduling as many meetings as possible, idea is to reach as many people as possible. Feedback included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This seems like a lot of hours • Attendance might be better if one day, instead of five • Could be spreading ourselves thin, including technical support, and exhausting delegates • Perhaps 3-4 hours before and after each Conference session rather than seven • Reminder that we've never done on a Conference or Convention online before • Perhaps have the Conference as scheduled, and a Convention the following weekend • Perhaps only one long day of a Convention before and after the four-hour birthday and Abby celebration <p>MOTION: Conference and Convention Planning Committees will put together a survey to send to the Fellowship with four options presented: 1) As Donna proposed with five 18-</p>

	<p>hour days 2) Four days of Conference only as scheduled, with one day of Conference on the fifth day 3) Five days totalling 6-8 hours split between Conference and Convention 4) hold the Conference as scheduled, and hold a Convention the following weekend. Suggestion from Pat – that respondents include the meeting topics they would like to attend and/or lead. Vickie 1st, Amy 2nd, 12 yes, 1 abstention</p>
<p>ITEM NO. 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitators at the Conference – qualifications, willingness, description of responsibilities (Matt) 	<p>Discussion included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That the Facilitator not have a conflict of interest or invested in the outcome of the motion being considered Frank in the past was neutral, clear, sane, not an ARTS member, would he come back? Trusted servants Conference should not be dominated by the Board members Not inappropriate for the Conference Chair to facilitate Perhaps someone without a vested interest in outcomes The job will take more than one person, will be up to the Committee to seek and vet facilitators Flo is not an ARTS member, has a lot of experience, seems willing Feedback will go back to the Conference Planning Committee
<p>ITEM NO. 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ticketing and Pricing at the Conference – proposal from the Conference Planning Committee 	<p>Proposal: \$30 for Conference-only, \$30 for Convention-only, \$15 for final Celebration Day, \$60 for all three. Feedback included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perhaps raise price by \$10 after a certain date Would there be an option for people who don't have money? Perhaps this needs to be taken care of by meetings, to provide scholarship money Perhaps a reduced price for Conference attendees who are not voters, observers only Convention in academic circles is that everyone pays, even if they are a speaker or other official role Up to the meetings to fundraise to send their delegates. An opportunity for groups to take responsibility for the 7th Tradition

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration for Galway was \$125. This is relatively very low • ARTS used to make \$5K-\$6K at Ocean Grove, and this would keep ARTS going for the following year. • Eventbrite option could include an option to donate for scholarship funding <p>MOTION: To refer this discussion to the Conference Planning Committee with consideration of the results of they survey regarding the Convention/Conference scheduling. Pat 1st, ? 2nd, 11 yes, 1 abstention</p>
<p>ITEM NO. 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delegate Registration Review and Meeting Outreach - Allegra 	<p>Allegra reviewed the Delegate and Alternate Delegate registration form on the website. This registration is for administrative purposes, it is not the same as ticketing. Two points were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form doesn't provide an option to not select a Committee interest • Registered delegates need an acknowledgment that their registration was received
<p>CLOSING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date of Next Agenda-setting meeting: • Date of Next Pre-Conference meeting: • Motion to Adjourn • Serenity Prayer 	<p>Next Agenda-setting meeting: Saturday August 6, 5 pm US ET Next Pre-Conference meeting: Saturday August 20, 5 pm US ET</p> <p>Motion to adjourn by Val Serenity Prayer</p>
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