



Y Service Clubs International U.S. Area

2018-2019 Mid-Year Meeting

February 9, 2019

Webinar Workbook

Tibor Foki, U.S. Area President

Minutes

Nancy Libby, Secretary

Attendance

U.S. Area Webinar

February 9, 2019

Area Elected Officers

Tibor Foki

Bobby Stivers-Apiki

Charley Redmond

Gene Koester

Nancy Libby

Position

Area President

Area President Elect

Immediate Past Area President

Chief Financial Officer

Area Secretary

Area Council Members

Phil Sammer

Debbie Redmond

John McFadden

Joseph Kanjamala

Joe Dotson

Sharon Meadows

Kathy Naylor

Elect

Terry Bradley

Hawaii Regional Director

Mid-America Acting Regional Director

Mid East Regional Director

North Atlantic Regional Director Elect

North Central Regional Director

Pacific Northwest Regional Director

Pacific Southwest Regional Director

South Atlantic Regional Director

Area Service Directors

Connie Claes

Garrett Pierson

Richard Porter

Debbie Redmond

Development

Y's Menettes

Youth Representative Elect

IT/Webmaster

Leadership Training Organization and

Regrets, unable to attend

Frank Logan

Mathew Chamakkala

Jeffrey Brandeen

Mid-America Regional Director

North Atlantic Regional Director

Pacific Southwest Regional Director

Call to Order

Tibor Foki

The webinar was called to order at approximately 12:15 p.m. PST.

Roll Call

Nancy Libby

Roll call was verbally taken. See the Attendance list on the previous page.

Establish a Quorum

Nancy Libby

Debbie Redmond was unanimously approved to be the Acting Regional Director for Mid-America Region.

A quorum was declared as all Regions were represented.

Approve the Agenda

Tibor Foki

There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

Workbook Review

All; Comments by RDs, RDEs, AYR-Elect and ASDs

Hawaii – Phil Sammer, RD: Hawaii Region is the official region for the 2022 International Convention. They are happy to be the “legs on the ground.” The region is trying to get a new club started at Leeward; this is proving to be more difficult than originally thought. Membership in the region is holding steady.

Mid-America – Debbie Redmond, Acting RD: The region is having trouble finding volunteers to fill some of the region positions; members are not interested in taking positions outside of their clubs. Also, the region is also looking at the merging of two of their clubs. The Indian Boundary club is struggling—the issue is aging of members. Tibor added: Gene, Bobby, Tim [Singletary] and he are working on the Membership suggestions presented by Gene. The entire U.S. Area needs to work on these Membership ideas.

Mid East – John McFadden, RD: Grand Rapids club has been successful in getting four new members, however, their total has not increased due to loss of other members. Efforts have been made to get new clubs, mainly in Michigan; this looked promising, but so far there has been no commitment. Grand Rapids and Muskegon are both looking for locations to hold their White Elephant sales—these are good fund raisers for these clubs. He thanked Debbie Redmond for helping out with some of their IT issues. Most of the region’s fund raising monies goes to their camps. The Muskegon club has been meeting jointly with their local Lyons Club and they have been supporting each other’s service work. The region is still looking for an RDE. Bobby asked how the region has gone about contacting other Ys to discuss the potential for Y Service clubs; John gave a verbal report on the steps they have taken.

North Atlantic – Joseph Kanjamala, RDE: Their region has one new club in 2018 and they are working on getting another club on Long Island. They had a combined meeting with ISG Jose ___ in attendance. The region helped out in India by sending money for house construction. Also, they are helping the homeless shelters with food and clothing.

Their regional conference will be June 1; it will be the entire day, including training during the day and programs in the evening. They have a goal of adding two new clubs this coming year. The region had a combined clubs Christmas celebration. The Parkway club has only one member; Tibor will discuss this separately with the region as there are no more one-member clubs. The Carlisle club is not paying dues, but they are still meeting. They are no longer being counted as part of the North Atlantic Region.

North Central – Joe Dotson, RD: They are stagnant with their membership of 102. Their club's tree lots were very successful this year—it was a record year for the St. Paul club. He is trying to involve the clubs in donating to the various International programs. The Minot club is 500 miles from St. Paul and he has not been able to visit them. The Fargo and Mankato clubs are not being counted in the region's club count as they do not have the required number of members.

Pacific Northwest – Sharon Meadows, RD: The region is maintaining five clubs, one is still sketchy with only three members. Helena and Salem clubs are the most active and have projects going all of the time. Seattle Downtown and Meredith Mathews have had several joint meetings. There are a lot of traffic problems getting to downtown Seattle, so she has not been able to make many visits to those clubs. The regional convention will be June 28-30, 2019, in Helena, Montana; they always have a good program when Helena is the host. The last convention, in Seattle, only had about 13 members. They are using an online program, Zoom, which is working very well. It allows for a 40-minute session for free and can be used as often as one likes. It works well for their small groups. There is a new Y being built in Everett and the region is working on getting a new club started in conjunction with the new Y. Bobby asked Sharon to send him the name of the CEO for the new Everett Y.

Pacific Southwest – Kathy Naylor, RDE: She was representing RD Jeff Brandeen. A meeting is scheduled with Santa Anita in an effort to start a new club. The Santa Monica club met with IP Moon when he was here. Jeff helped organize several youth to attend the International Youth Convocation. PSR has a new district, Pacific Central (central California and beyond) which brings the region to six districts. The region was privileged to host IP Moon, his wife and translator for the Rose Parade and the Rose Parade Breakfast. Spring Conference is currently being planned and it will be June 8, 2019. PSR hosted home stays in September and again in January for IP Moon. The District Governors need to work with their clubs and set up meetings with each of their clubs.

South Atlantic – Terry Bradley, RD: He is impressed by Gene/Bobby/Tibor's idea to use the members of the PAP club to help promote the movement to the Ys. Their regional convention will be September 28, 2019, in Salisbury, NC. The region is trying to rebuild two clubs, they have meetings set up with the Y director at the end of March. Gay Roberts, current regional secretary will become the RDE. His county and another county are talking about merging. They are using the Y field office to provide updates on the progress. This will put six Ys in their area and he would like to "get a foot in the door" with those Ys. They are also trying to get some of the newer members involved at the regional level.

Youth – Garrett Pierson: He will be the Youth Rep beginning in July. PSR has a new regional representative. He has been talking with current Youth Rep Matt Rodriguez regarding the duties of the Youth Rep. The Youth Club of Southern California is down to about eight youth, however, these youth are really dedicated and will probably remain with the club and possibly move into other adult clubs. He is looking to grow the Tucson club and maybe the one in the Fresno area. AP Tibor mentioned Lauren Henry is the new ICM Young Member (beginning in July). Tibor asked Garrett if they are working with the Canada/Caribbean Area. There is a joint convention coming up, and the youth need to have some fund raisers. Garrett replied he will work with Natasha to get this going. Charley Redmond added: one item which came up at the International level is the youth want to have their own constitution. If our Area can get more youth, we may want to also look into an Area youth constitution.

ASF – Tibor: Danny Eberly has been helping Dean with this program. He reviewed the Area totals which are in the Workbook.

Brother Clubs – Tibor: Hawaii region, Kaimuki club, has a new Brother Club, Kachsiung club of Taiwan.

Brotherhood Fund – Tibor: PSR is scheduled to have a BF delegate from Korea around the time of their convention. NAR is scheduled to have a BF delegate from India for their May 2020 convention.

Christian Emphasis – Tibor: He remarked Sharon [Ishida] has been doing a good job. She's been corresponding with Carl Hertz-Jensen the ISD. She would like the clubs to let her know about members who have passed, so they can be remembered in the Alliance.

Community Service – Tibor: Rick [Lau] has stepped up into this job recently. The Area Officers need to give him more direction about his duties.

Endowment – Tibor: \$1900 has been donated so far this year and there is potential for additional monies being received before the end of the year.

Leadership Training Organization and Development – Debbie Redmond: The main item is RDE training; she also has information regarding the projects which is available to the regions—just ask.

Liaison to YMCA – Debbie Redmond: She has spent time with the ISD—he is very involved with the YMCA. After a meeting with the Toledo Y executive, he has made a commitment to help form a new club. Our IP and APE Korea, Tibor, and Bobby in July, will be working on a way to honor our founding leaders. The present Toledo club is mainly PAPs—the IP feels this is an honorary club and he would like to see a brand new club in Toledo.

Roll Back Malaria and Time of Fast – Terry Bradley: Some monies have been raised, but we still have a long way to go to reach our Area goals. Unfortunately, there have been quite a few disasters in the U.S. this year, and clubs have been helping with these disasters rather than donating to these projects. He has received a lot of information from International on RBM and has forwarded this on to the RSDs. Recently, he sent out information on Time of Fast to the RDs and clubs so clubs can start their projects to raise money for this project. The Salisbury Y (North Carolina) Diabetes program was selected as a Time of Fast recipient. This section of North Carolina does not have a lot of money, so these funds were a great help.

Travel and Homestays – Kathy Naylor: The U.S.A. in general did not record any homestays, except the PSR. Russell Jones, husband of IPE Jennifer Jones, visited in October, and IP Moon in January. She is finding the situation where we invite people to come, then have problems getting homes for these guests. In the future, we will work on getting homes first, then issue invitations. There is a BF delegate scheduled to come from Korea in September. Tibor added he does not have any additional information regarding this BF trip.

Y's Menettes – Connie Claes: There are only three clubs in the Area, Karen LaMothe is a key person in the Fresno club.

Constant Contact

Tibor Foki/Bobby Stivers-Apiki

Hopefully all are receiving the *Alliance*. We are still having problems with emails coming back; rosters should have just been updated, so it is very important to get the email addresses updated.

International Update

Tibor Foki

He attended a leadership conference in Reno last year. All clubs are facing the issue with membership. The Lions club is still the world leader in membership. Lions are trying to get the Millennials—our membership task force will also be looking into this. They are trying to set up an RDE training for all RDEs from all over the world. The next International Convention, in 2020, will be in Odense, Denmark. The 2022 convention will be in Honolulu, HI. It looks like the “YMI” branding is going to be dropped and replaced with YSI; this will be discussed at the upcoming International Mid-Year Meeting.

[Area Update

Tibor Foki]

Tibor noted we make a fuss about voting and clubs being eligible to vote, however, there were many eligible clubs who did not vote in the recent International election. Also, our Area is in the middle of voting for our next Chief Financial Officer, but only five ballots have been received to date. The Area has a Disaster/Emergency Fund, and a portion of the monies from this fund was given to the Ventura Y for the recent fires. Clubs/individuals need to make donations to this fund to build the fund back up. We thank the Torrance, CA, club for also making a donation to the Ventura Y for the recent fires. New clubs are being formed in Alberta and Haiti (Canada/Caribbean Area). At the service club leadership conference, one of the main topics was the privacy issue. In

California it will soon be law. Jose is in contact with the International YMCA to see about using their rules of conduct in the workplace.

Area Goals

Tibor Foki/Bobby Stivers-Apiki

Bobby referred to page 8 of the Workbook and asked all RDs/RDEs to review the proposed goals and to provide comments. His theme for his term as president is shown at the upper right of the page. The main goal is membership throughout the entire Area. Other goals are easily achievable for all regions. He asked each RD to send him their top three goals; he has heard from some, but not all. RDs—if you haven't sent in your goals yet to Bobby, please do so. From each RDs goals, he will put together goals for the Area. He also shared his Emphasis Months calendar; some months match the International Emphasis Months calendar, some are just Area emphasis items.

Legacy / Youth Convention 2022

Debbie & Charlie Redmond

The Legacy Task Force met with Charles Otwell, grandson of our founder, Paul William Alexander. Charles will look up any information he can find regarding his grandfather. The Task Force is also looking ahead and planning for the 100th Anniversary. They are working with the Mayor of Toledo and the CEO of the Toledo Y to see about setting up a memorial in the city where our organization began. If the worldwide RDE training happens in February 2020, the International Mid-Year Meeting will be held just prior to the training and be in Toledo.

The Youth Convocation, rather than being totally separate, will be part of the full International Convention. The youth will participate in the programs/happenings of the convention. There needs to be a youth representative to the International Convention Host Committee.

Archives

Debbie Redmond

The goal is to digitalize all of the archives. This would cost about \$84,000, and work is in process on coming up with the funds.

Merger of Clubs

Tibor Fokio

Mergers will be necessary to keep clubs alive. One issue is how to name a combined club. The clubs involved need to figure out how to name their combined club. Gene spoke up and indicated he dislikes the term and idea of merging clubs—if we are trying to grow our membership and clubs, merging is going in the opposite direction. If we can put into action some of the membership ideas, we can grow our clubs. We need to define a time line and set up definite goals.

Membership and Extension

Bobby Stivers-Apiki/Gene Koester/Tibor Foki

The team suggests a "Buddy Check;" call on members, particularly those whom you haven't seen or heard from. Also, "Each One Get One," each member get one new member. While not discussed, Gene developed a membership plan that aligns with Bobby's priority on membership for the Area. Strategies and its approaches will be

forthcoming involving all regions.

Portalbuzz

Charley Redmond

The U.S. Area is the most complete of all the Areas in Portalbuzz and International uses our Area to be the testers for new sections of the program. For the recent International email, there were still club president's emails which bounced back (were rejected). Please check the typing in Portalbuzz—a comma instead of a period, an extra space, an incorrect letter, will all cause the email to be rejected. Portalbuzz is very easy to fix if there is an error or new information to add. If the Portalbuzz Administrators need help, contact Charley. Everything is now online. If your email is not correct, you will not receive the *Alliance* or other information. Also, all emails of *Alliance* newsletters need to be opened or they will bounce back to Fred as undeliverable after a given period of time. That makes it difficult to identify incorrect emails that bounce because the email address is wrong from those that bounce because they haven't been opened. In addition, all voting is now done electronically.

CFO and ASD Positions

Bobby Stivers-Apiki/Tibor Foki

Again, ballots for CFO need to be submitted to AP Tibor. Also, RDEs need to be selecting their RSDs. APE Bobby will be putting together his team of ASDs.

SAS and SDS

Bobby Stivers-Apiki/Tibor Foki/Gene Koester

Bobby indicated he had turned in the Area's SDS form which included three regions and also for extension for the Area. The submitted request was for \$5,318. SDS—Special Development Support is allocated at the International Council Meeting. The funds come the year after the request. Also, the number of members we submit to International versus the number of members who pay effects our allotment of SDS funds. If our paid numbers are less than our submitted numbers (Portalbuzz roster), the difference is subtracted from our SDS allotment.

SAS—Strong Area Support: This was started about one year ago. These funds come from the surplus of the operations in Geneva. We don't know if this will continue. Endowment Fund investment returns are down, so CFO Gene feels SAS may not happen in the future.

BF Delegates

Tibor Foki

(See comments under Travel and Homestays above.)

CFO Presentation

Gene Koester

The Summary Report was reviewed. Gene pointed out our membership was down 7.7% from the previous year. Also he indicated the International subsidies were listed in the report. He stressed to all RDs they **need to get their 2nd semester dues submitted**. This year we have actually spent less than we received, so we did not need to dip into the reserves. Also, we have not spent the monies budgeted for promotion and extension. We have paid the taxes on our sales to the State of California. The reports to

the IRS and California departments will be filed at the end of March. We will file a short return at the end of June to change our fiscal year back to July 1 – June 30. The ASF funds and Putnam funds show on the Balance Sheet. A donation from the 9/11 Disaster/Emergency Fund was given to the Southeast Ventura County YMCA for the Woolsey wildfire victims. This donation was in memory of Past Area President, and very active Y Service Club member, McKinley Johnson who entered into Eternal Life in November 2018.

2019-2020 Budget

We need to approve the tentative budget today to operate April 1 through June 30. Then we will need to approve the final budget at the next meeting. The budget is for 15 months: April 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020. He reviewed the amounts shown on the Proposed Budget and answered questions. Hopefully supplies will be sold at the joint Areas convention. To balance the budget next year, we will need to draw from the equity, but any left-over funds this year will help offset the need to draw from the equity. It was moved and seconded (Sammer/Dotson) to approve the Tentative Proposed Budget. Motion Carried unanimously.

2019 Combined Areas Convention

Bobby Stivers-Apiki/Tibor Foki

More information on the convention will be coming out in the next week or so. Prior to the Joint Convention we will hold separate Area Council meetings. We need everyone to stay at the University to meet the room commitment in the contract.

Youth Subsidies for 2019?

The regions need to be contacted to see if they will be subsidizing any youth going to the convention.

RDE Training

Bobby Stivers-Apiki

Will be discussed at a later time.

Old Business

All

Rich Porter presented a prototype of the Area's new website. He is currently using the information which is on the current website and asked for current, up-to-date information to put on the new website. He also needs to have the ASDs send information about their programs so it can be posted. The RDs need to have their clubs send their newsletters to Rich to post. It was mentioned there needs to be information on the website about how to join. Tibor noted the new website has more pizzazz. Rich mentioned the new website will be compatible across the board with other devices. Also, a blog can be set up for comments.

New Business

All

Bobby would like to have the Service Directors and future leaders (at his call) to have another web meeting prior to the August convention. The next Council meeting will be at the joint convention in August in Ottawa. Bobby also mentioned web meetings are available for all RDs, particularly those with large distances in their regions.

Adjournment

The webinar was concluded at 2:55 p.m. PST.

Respectfully submitted,

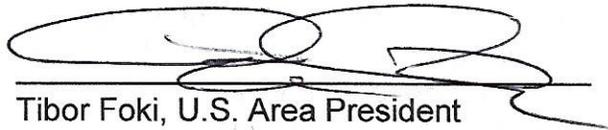


Nancy Libby, U.S. Area Secretary

6/30/19

Date

February 9, 2019, U.S. Area Council Webinar Minutes were approved by:



Tibor Foki, U.S. Area President

6/30/19

Date
