



Y Service Clubs International U.S. Area

2020 U.S. Area Council Webinar

August 15, 2020

Bobby Stivers-Apiki, U.S. Area President

Minutes

Nancy Libby, Secretary

Attendance

U.S. Area Council Webinar

Area Elected Officers

Bobby Stivers-Apiki
Shaju Sam
Tibor Foki
Abraham Thomas
Nancy Libby

Position

Area President
Area President Elect
Immediate Past Area President
Chief Financial Officer
Area Secretary

Area Council Members

Sharon Ishida
Charley Redmond
Joseph Kanjamala
Joe Dotson
Raye Vincent
Kathy Naylor
Gay Roberts

Hawaii Regional Director
Mid America Regional Director
North Atlantic Regional Director
Acting North Central Regional Director
Pacific Northwest Regional Director
Pacific Southwest Regional Director
South Atlantic Regional Director

Area Council Member Elect

Dan Eberly

RDE Pacific Southwest Region

Additional Important Attendees

Garrett Pierson
Wayne Smith
Lauren Henry
Jose Varghese
Melanie Kaaihue-Yoshida

Area Youth Representative
Budget Oversight and Resource Officer
ICM Young Member
ISG
Week4Waste U.S. Area Representative

Area Service Directors

Doug Jones
Fred Leonard
Ray Seto
Rick Lau
Isaac Sakamoto
Tom Strout
Richard Porter
Debbie Redmond

Tim Singletary
Mathew Chamakkala
Connie Claes

Alexander Scholarship Fund
Awards/*Alliance* Editor
Brotherhood Fund Travel Coordinator
Community Service
Endowment Fund
International Brother Clubs
IT/Webmaster
Leadership Training Organization and
Development
Membership and Extension
Roll Back Malaria
Y's Mennettes

Unable to attend
Daryl Soltau

North Central Regional Director

Saturday, August 15, 2020

Call to Order

Bobby Stivers-Apiki

The webinar was called to order at approximately 9:09 a.m. HST.

Bobby opened the webinar presenting two videos. The first on Week4Waste, an upcoming YMI project. The second on ICC 22, a promo video for the International Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii August 2022.

Kathy Naylor was asked to lead everyone in prayer.

A "Y's Men's Hymn" video done by YMC EastCoast-Fujairah, South West India Region, was played from <https://youtu.be/DYxZ3V9XaiY>.

Awards

Fred Leonard

Fred advised awards had been mailed to the 2019-2020 directors and hopefully they will receive them soon. He will start promoting awards for this year and publish the deadlines in the next *Y's Alliance*.

Remembrances

The name, club name and region of members who entered Eternal Life were read:

Gene Cox, Galax Y's Men's Club, South Atlantic Region

Max Doering, Grand Rapids Y Service Club, Mideast Region

Marilyn Hedges, Santa Monica A.M. Y's Men's Club, Pacific Southwest Region

Jim Lunsford, Santa Monica A.M. Y's Men's Club, Pacific Southwest Region

Dick Moffat, various clubs over the years, Pacific Northwest Region

Ken Vanderwest, Muskegon Y's Men's Club, Mideast Region

Peter Vanhoesen, Muskegon Y's Men's Club, Mideast Region

Kathy Wielenga, Bellflower Y's Men's Club, Pacific Southwest Region

Joe Dotson added: Jim Sargent, Skyway/St. Paul Y Service Club, North Central Region

[Added after the meeting:] Rodney Dean Kellenberger, Clovis-Fresno Y Service Club, Pacific Southwest Region

Virgil H. Lucas, Jr., St. Louis Page Park Y Service Club, Mid-America Region.

Week4Waste

Melanie Kaaihue-Yoshida

This is a YMI project for the week of April 18-25, 2021. Spend about two hours on one of these days. This may be a club project, a multi-club project or done with your community, YMCA or other groups. Each club/group chooses the area to clean up. It is suggested to have sponsors who can supply such items as gloves, garbage bags, grabbers, drinking water.

Parliamentarian

Bobby Stivers-Apiki

Bobby asked Charley Redmond to act as Parliamentarian.

The Administrative Procedures for Council Meetings were read by Nancy Libby.

Approval of Agenda

Bobby Stivers-Apiki

It was moved and seconded (Redmond/Roberts) to accept Joe Dotson as Acting Regional Director for North Central for this meeting. Motion Carried 5-0, Pacific Northwest absent.

It was moved and seconded (Redmond/Naylor) to approve the agenda as amended. Motion Carried 6-0, Pacific Northwest absent.

ISG Comments

Jose Varghese

Bobby introduced ISG Jose. Jose reported the COVID pandemic has provided one positive factor: the opportunity, through virtual connections, to meet more people around the world and attend meetings in other areas. Membership is growing; the recent International Council Meeting (ICM) was good. He thanked Bobby and the Area leaders for leading the U.S. Area. Bobby added the virtual ICM meeting was held over a three-day period.

Merger of Mid-America and Mideast Regions

Bobby Stivers-Apiki

At the ICM, the merger of the Mideast Region into the Mid America Region was approved. The new Mid America Constitution was also approved.

Heal the World Project

Bobby Stivers-Apiki

This project will tie in with Time of Fast to help with disasters. After reviewing all the material, Bobby voiced support for the project.

Challenge 22 Membership

Bobby Stivers-Apiki, Jose Varghese

This is an on-going effort to increase membership and the number of clubs by 2022. Goals are: 50,000 members in 100 countries and to have 3,000 clubs. There are two efforts to increase membership: 1. Young members, ages 26-35, will receive a 50% discount in International dues over the next two years; 2. Spouses joining the same club as their spouse member will also receive a 50% discount in International dues. This spouse benefit previously was limited to clubs with 15 or more members; this now applies to clubs with five members or more. These discounts went into effect after the ICM meeting last week.

Again this year there will be a 100-Day Campaign to increase membership. This will run from September 1 through December 9, 2020. The ICM would like all clubs to have a YMI Open House to tell about your club, Y's Men's clubs and the international organization. With virtual meetings, a club may have members from anywhere in the world. There must be at least five local members to form a club and then once the club is formed, global members may be invited to join. A PowerPoint will be sent to the RDs and ASDs.

Branding

Bobby Stivers-Apiki

We are still looking to create an acronym in line with the name of the organization. YMI

has been used for the past year. However, YMI is a limited trademark for clothing and YMI is also used by a church. ICM is still looking for suggestions; clubs are welcome to make suggestions.

YMI 100 Celebrations

Shaju Sam

ICM would like to make a year-long celebration of our 100th anniversary. Shaju is part of the committee working on this idea. The committee wants to have the celebrations begin in the U.S. (the birthplace of Y's-dom) and end in the U.S. with the 2022 International Convention in Hawaii. Since the U.S. Area is not having an Area Convention this year, North Atlantic Region agreed to hold the 100-year celebration in conjunction with their Regional Convention. Bobby referred to pages 18-22 in the Workbook for the celebration emphasis for the different Areas. This will begin in the U.S., then go to Canada who had the first club outside the U.S., and on to India with the ICM and installation of the new International President. The committee is looking to identify ten projects which have made a difference and support these projects. They will try to YouTube the presentations around the world.

Financial (International)

Bobby Stivers-Apiki

International is in good hands financially this past year. They have a well-documented financial report which will be sent to the RDs only for review. If there are questions, you may contact IHQ International Treasurer or Abe.

Jose added we have a challenge in the coming years as investments have been going down; the monies are split between Geneva and India and the value of the Indian rupee is going down. We need to increase our membership to have more funds available. Except for Time of Fast, the International projects have not brought in as much money as previously. Last year we could not fund the Brotherhood Fund travel, so those who have been approved for BF travel will travel this year; they will not lose their approvals.

YMCA Partnership

Bobby Stivers-Apiki

There is a global effort in cooperation with the World YMCA, the YMCA of the USA and San Francisco YMCA to have youth more involved in solutions. Bobby just received a PowerPoint on this partnership and has sent it to Garrett and Lauren. Garret thought the presentation is comprehensive and looks like a good program. Kathy added there is a two-week online seminar for youth world-wide to address environmental challenges. She thinks it's a great opportunity for youth. Jose said this is an initiative from the YMCA of the USA, University of San Francisco and San Francisco YMCA; is this a project the Y Service Clubs can support? Either through existing funds or by raising funds. Kathy sees this as a two-fold opportunity: for the clubs to donate and for the youth to apply. Bobby wonders if ASF can help with this project.

Youth Ideas

Bobby Stivers-Apiki

Bobby introduced Lauren who is a Young Member of the International Council. Lauren said it is a wonderful experience to see how clubs work at ICM. She apologized for being missing the past several months and is now trying to contact youths. She is wanting feedback from youths as to how to keep their interest. Then, she would like to reach out to the youth globally.

Reports by Executive Officers

Area President, Bobby – Nothing to add [to the written report in the Workbook], except he noticed in the report on page 25, we have five more paid members than reported members.

Area President Elect, Shaju – Nothing to add.

Area Secretary, Nancy – Nothing to add.

ICM Young Member, Lauren – Nothing to add.

Area Youth Representative, Garrett – Nothing to add.

Chief Financial Officer, Abe – Referred to pages 33-37. The Area decided to make changes in dues to charge only \$1.00 per member this year. The supply office items will be sold at cost. Some of the inventory needs to be written off. This may need to be adjusted again next year. He will try to get the list of inventory to Rich, as soon as the inventory is settled, to post on the website. He has received new amounts from International for Lines 3-5 of the Income and Expense report and these amounts are lower; he will include these on the Income and Expense report as soon as he finds out which currency was used for the amounts. There is no Area Council meeting this year, so no expense for this item. There will be an RDE training in Korea, so there is some money on that line. Joe Kanjamala asked about Line 6, Income from Deposits, showing none in the Actual column. Abe replied that this actually refers to the investment income from the ASF Fund accounts rather than the general fund, and therefore, the same is reflected in the Balance Sheet under ASF Fund Putnam accounts.

Raye Vincent, Regional Director Pacific Northwest Region, joined.

Reports by Regional Directors

Hawaii, Sharon Ishida: The Hawaii Region wants to make sure the 2022 Convention is amazing. She hopes everyone is getting excited. Also, she thanked Tibor for being a great Ohana Buddy.

Mideast/Mid America, Charley Redmond: He has spent most of his time working on the merger; they updated the Mid America Constitution. The motion to dissolve Mideast and put those clubs into the Mid America Region and the motion to approve the new constitution were both approved by ICM. He will be setting up a meeting with the club presidents and RSDs to discuss what needs to be done now.

North Atlantic, Joe Kanjamala: Three items: 1. They are pushing for spouses to become members. Last year the Long Island club had 14 spouses become members. 2. At the Regional Council meeting a regional committee was formed to look at the 100-year Celebration. 3. They have had a lack of contact with the YMCAs. Now they have had a breakthrough as David Workman contacted Kevin Washington [YMCA of the USA] and will meet with Kevin to start working with their YMCAs.

North Central, Daryl Soltau: excused absence.

Pacific Northwest, Raye Vincent: Some clubs are struggling. They are having a Regional Zoom meeting this week to see how to keep operating and get youth members. Most members are in the 60-90 age range. Going to have a brain storming session. Bobby asked Garrett and Lauren to contact Raye to see how they can help.

Pacific Southwest, Kathy Naylor: She introduced RDE Dan who was on the GoToMeeting. They work as a team: Kathy, Dan and IPRD Jeffrey Brandeen. The Region has a board meeting and a service director meeting coming up. She is trying to get communication going; has come a long way, with still more work to do.

South Atlantic, Gay Roberts: This is her first year as an RD and she is trying to feel her way into the job. Most of their club members are older and it is hard to recruit young people. She would like to start a new club with younger members.

Reports by Area Service Directors

ASF, Doug Jones: Make sure everyone knows there is \$5,000 for ASF and \$5,000 for DFS. He will get a message out by September 1 and asked for help spreading the word about the available funds. YMCAs are trying to meet qualifications, so this would be a good opportunity to let them know about these funds.

Brotherhood, accept report.

Brotherhood Fund Travel, Ray Seto: During 2020-2021, the United States has a delegate going to Asia Pacific. During 2020-2021 there will be a delegate from Korea to the United States. During 2021-2022, there will be a delegate from Latin America to the United States. We need to have a region volunteer to host the delegates. RDs, please work with your regions on hosting. It was also noted Doug Jones has submitted an application for a Brotherhood Fund Volunteer project.

Awards, Fred Leonard made his report earlier.

Christian Emphasis, accept report.

Community Service, Rick Lau: The program is currently suspended due to COVID. He asked RDs to please let him know of any projects by the end of the year.

Endowment Fund, Isaac Sakamoto: nothing to add.

International Brother Clubs, accept report.

Leadership Training & Organizational Development, Debbie Redmond: nothing to add.

Membership/Extension, Tim Singletary: A challenge: who are the RSDs for this program? He will contact the RDs if he does not have the name of the RSD. He would

like to have three meetings with the RSDs this year. Materials for ideas to get new members will be sent to all regions. To everyone: TELL YOUR STORY—pull in new members.

Tibor Foki, Immediate Past Area President, joined.

Roll Back Malaria, Mathew Chamakkala: nothing to add. He thanked Sharon for sending the previous reports and box of items. He is also looking for a list of RSDs. Jose added there is a new partnership with the Global Fund and the World YMCA which started in July. Our commitment is \$100,000 this year. This amount will be matched by DFID. We will be associating with the Global Fund on projects around the world.

Supply Office, Bobby thanked Charl and Tibor Foki for their work for many years maintaining the supply office. He mentioned again Abe will be putting the list of available items on the website.

Time of Fast, accept report.

Y's Menettes, Connie Claes: Connie stated there are three clubs in the U.S. and she is trying hard for communication with them. Some do not have computers and there are some bad email addresses. Looking back in history (50s era) high schools had clubs with the YMCAs. This would be a big undertaking, but a place to start building clubs. High schoolers would feed into graduates who would then feed into regular clubs. Sharon indicated she was in a club, Tri-Hi-Y. The program was done away with Internationally as the high schoolers were so involved in other school projects and clubs.

Youth, Garrett Pierson: He is trying to gather all the youth in the Area; having problems with communication. He would like to try to get all onto one communication app system.

A seven-minute break was taken.

Charley Redmond, Regional Director, New Mid America Region and Raye Vincent, Regional Director, Pacific Northwest Region were installed by IPAP Tibor Foki.

Awards, Wayne Smith: He will send certificates to the three retiring ASDs: Bruce Trent, Brotherhood Fund; Tony Yee, Endowment; and Sharon Ishida, Roll Back Malaria. The Al Jongeward Award is for the club or region who had the largest increase in contribution to the Brotherhood Fund—this award went to the Hawaii Region. The Henry Grimes Award is for the outstanding Regional Director, this award is given by the Area President; Bobby presented the award to Phil Sammer of the Hawaii Region. Bobby also recognized Terry Bradley, South Atlantic Region, and Joe Kanjamala, North Atlantic Region, as outstanding RDs.

Business Session

OLD BUSINESS

Dues and Contributions, Abe Thomas: The conversion factor between Swiss Francs and U.S. dollars at the end of July will make the International dues for first semester be US\$19.20. The Area dues are \$1.00 for the year. Abe pointed out dues are the main revenue for the Area operations. A newline item has been added, Area Operations Account Contribution for any individual and/or club who would like to make contributions to the operating account. He noted Y's Menettes are completely separate; they set their own dues and do their own collecting. However, he pointed out there are Y's Women who are members of the regular club, as well as Spouse members of the regular club. The deadline to turn in dues payments has been extended to October this year.

Paul William Alexander Legacy Campaign, Bobby Stivers-Apiki: A letter and flyer will be mailed to all club members at the beginning of September. He would like to have 100% commitment from the Leadership Team and be able to state this in the letter along with the total amount to date. Abe noted some payments have gone directly to International, so he will contact International to find out those amounts and will let the RDs know of the amounts. The goal is \$30.00 per member and \$100 [additional] per club. We would like 100% participation from the clubs. Bobby requested all leaders to review their promotional materials and make their pledges. Debbie Redmond added, we can honor our founder by donating to the Legacy. There is a match for the first \$1000.00 donated for our Area. Charley added to look at the International website, under 2022 & Beyond, as there are awards for donations [above the \$30.00 level]. The U.S. Area goal is \$50,000.00. Check payments may be sent directly to CFO Abe; credit card payments go directly to International through the website—then let Abe know how much was donated.

International Convention 2022, Debbie Redmond: We need LOTS of help! Each region needs to step up to do a specific item or individuals in each region need to sign up to help. Any questions: ASK. Debbie will contact each region unless she hears from them first. The Youth Convocation is still under discussion with International. Gay asked Debbie to send a list of committee needs to each RD so they can work with their regions. Bobby stressed again: the **U.S. Area** is the host committee. Reach out to anyone in your community who may be able to help. There are two convention hotels, one is only a five-minute walk from the Convention Center and is also close to shopping centers. The leaders are working on a website for the convention. The Ala Moana Hotel is the closest to the Convention Center.

Mid-America and Mideast Regions Merger: Bobby reported the merger of Mideast into Mid America is complete and approved by ICM.

Supply Store Transfer: The transfer to CFO Abe Thomas has been completed.

YMI Goals 2020-2021: Refer to the Workbook.

Gold 2.0: This is on-going training. Refer to the Y's Men's International website. The

training is very comprehensive and very detailed. Bobby asked all RDs to look at the website and check with their regions to see who would participate.

NEW BUSINESS

2020-2021 Proposed Operating Budget: CFO Abe Thomas indicated the amounts from the International programs have been granted (Lines 3, 4 and 5) so the budgeted amounts for these lines will need to be adjusted. He noted there is some money in the budget for membership/extension. Also, there is some money for the website. We can do a write-down of supply items which are obsolete; some write-down this year, some next year. Money from the supply office account was deposited into the operation account. Abe thanked everyone for their support over the last year.

North Atlantic Regional Director Joe Kanjamala had to leave for another meeting. **It was moved and seconded (Vincent, Dotson) to appoint Mathew Chamakkala as Acting [North Atlantic] Regional Director for the rest of the meeting. M/C 6-0, North Atlantic absent.**

It was moved and seconded (Redmond/Ishida) to accept the 2020-2021 budget as proposed. M/C 7-0.

Alexander Scholarship Fund: Raye Vincent, ASF Trustee, gave a brief explanation of the status of the Fund. **It was moved and seconded (Vincent/Naylor) to expand the current budget to \$10,000 for ASF and \$5000 for DFS scholarships. M/C 7-0.** The ASF committee will put out details of how the monies will be divided.

Webinar – Zoom / GoToMeeting, Rich Porter: Rich presented a screen showing Zoom pricing, Zoom is a little more expensive with some of the additional features added. Those calling in would need to pay long-distance charges; it was noted most have mobile phones which include long-distance calling in their basic plans, so there would not be additional charges. There is also a cost for a webinar feature which allows participants to reply and their replies can be compiled and can be projected. Shaju noted more clubs are using Zoom as they [Zoom] now have more security. The Basic Pro Zoom would cost less than the current GoToMeeting. We could take the Pro plan and if the webinar feature was added, it could be done on a monthly basis. Bobby asked Rich to put all the information together and send out to RDs to review.

Website, Rich Porter: Rich has been developing some ideas for updating the look of the website and gave a preview of the new style which includes more pictures with links to additional information if the viewer is interested in that item. Bobby asked all to send ideas and pictures to Rich. He commented Debbie and Charley are doing a good job on our Facebook page.

Announcements, Bobby Stivers-Apiki:

- The RDE Summit will be held next year.

- The next Council meeting will be in January; he will send out dates.
- Kathy Naylor and her region have been doing work in pulling together people for discussions. Doug Jones noted IRS looks at 501(c)(3) organizations—they cannot promote political movements or they risk losing their nonprofit status. It was noted individuals may hold these discussions, but not through the organization.
- Abe asked about Y support for the youth in the Area; Bobby replied he will take the matter to the RDs.

Joe Dotson moved to adjourn the Council meeting. M/C


Bobby Stivers-Apiki called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 12:58 p.m. HST.

It was moved and seconded (Redmond/Vincent) to ratify the motions taken by the Regional Directors during the Council meeting. M/C 7-0

It was moved and seconded (Naylor/Ishida) to close the board meeting. M/C 7-0

The webinar was adjourned at approximately 1:01 p.m. HST.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Libby, U.S. Area Secretary

9/27/2020
Date

August 15, 2020, U.S. Area Council Webinar Minutes were approved by:



Robert (Bobby) Stivers-Apiki, U.S. Area President

9/29/2020
Date