

December 10, 1009 Region 8 Steering Committee Conference Call

Participants:

Sally Garner - OR
Kerry Kincanon - OR
Brett McFarlane - OR
Nicole Kent - OR
Shauna Albrecht - MT
Karen Gillespie - ID
Judi Haskins - MT
Ana Blackstad - WA
Stephen Price - AB

Conference Update – Karen is in London so Brett provided updates

- Proposals (Jeff)
 - o We've received enough proposals with a good deal of variety. Jeff and his crew are reviewing them, but have not notified presenters yet. That will be happening very soon!
- Registration Counts currently at roughly 60
 - o Expected to increase after scholarships are awarded and presenters are notified.
 - o 150 is our minimum to break even
- New rate of \$119 over the weekend (Sat/Sun)
 - o Mon, Tues, Weds nights will be at the \$159 rate
 - o This has been updated on the Conference website
 - o We still get credit toward the room block if folks book through other avenues
- Promote the registration deadline as heavily as possible in your states – December 24 Deadline!!
- Reminder on promoting tech seminar Sun/Mon. Best \$75 you will ever spend!
- Charlie Nutt (Exec. Director)/Jane Drake (President) /Diane Matteson (from National Office) are attending
- Update on communications from Nicole
 - o Nicole will send a promo email out this afternoon. Steering Committee and Conference Committee members are encouraged to forward it broadly.
 - o Web updates have been made to Pre-Conference Workshops, Hotel Info, Travel Info, and Prize donors.

Region Award Process (Kerry)

- Nominations for New Advisor (3), Academic Advisor (2), and Advising Administrator (2) have been received.
- We need to have a quick turn-around on the award selection due to the early date for the Regional Conference.
- We will recognize one award winner per category, but can designate additional Certificate of Merit recipients in each category.
- A sub-committee (3-4 steering committee members) will be created to evaluate the awards. Kerry will mail materials to these readers. Feedback needs to go to Kerry (via email) by 12/21. Winners will be notified by 12/31 so that they can plan to attend the Seattle conference

- Kerry Kincanon
- Shauna Albrecht
- Karen Gillespie
- Stephen Price

Scholarship Awards (Nicole)

- 26 applications received
- NACADA membership has already been checked with the national office.
- 10 awardees and 5 alternates will be selected by the Steering Committee by December 15th
- Factors influencing selection can include support for special groups
 - New advisors
 - Graduate students
 - First-time NACADA attendees
 - Colleagues from under-represented institutions (i.e. Tribal Colleges)
 - Anticipated cost of attendance
- Nicole will follow up with all applicants next week

Steering Committee Elections/Process (Brett)

- The following positions need to be filled. Those who have not already served two consecutive terms could run for re-election.
 - Alberta Rep: Natasha Buis
 - British Columbia Rep: Darren Francis
 - Idaho Rep: Kimber Shaw
 - Montana Rep: Judi Haskins
 - Oregon Rep: Kerry Kincanon
 - Washington Rep: Ana Blackstad
 - Yukon Territory Rep: currently vacant
 - Budget Coordinator: Keert Khanghura
- Nominations will be solicited in January, and the region will vote in February
- Limit of two consecutive terms in the same position

Update on Calgary Visit (Brett/Stephen)

- Conference will take place in April. Best rates are for Thursday/Friday nights.
- Calgary (downtown) is the best option based on ease of travel access and availability of food/entertainment nearby.
- Hotels downtown – ranging from \$149 - \$229 (Canadian) per night
 - Sheraton – best rate (\$149) with dedicated meeting space that we wouldn't have to share.
 - Hotel Arts – in the “nowtown” area (\$169) with dedicated meeting space that we wouldn't have to share.
 - Two other downtown hotels were toured, but the rates were high and the conference space was shared. They will be given the opportunity to rebid.
- Next steps
 - Brett will send links to the hotels out to the Steering Committee for input.

Next meeting: Friday, January 8th at 3pm Pacific time.