

IRAA Meeting Notes – August 3, 2015

(Items marked with +++ are “to-do” items)

1. Six Flags Satellite Social & Sports Social follow up
 - a. Would like to make Six Flags an annual event to help with promotion
 - i. Possibly the first Monday of July
 - b. Would like to coordinate more with season pass holders – for free parking and discounted tickets
 - c. More notice before to work out carpooling

+++District reps need to give some thought as to what activities they can hold in their areas this year.

Possible ideas:

- Corn maze
- Bowling
- Zombie paint ball
- Hayrides
- Bags tournament

2. Committees
 - a. Suggested to develop a Communication Committee
 - i. Will discuss again in the future
 - b. For the 5 current committees – we would like 4-5 members at least
 - c. We all need to email or contact alumni that we know to let them know about the committees.
 - d. +++April will draft up an email to send to all members regarding info on the satellite social follow up and that we need members for committees
 - i. Try to send out my Friday
 - e. Chair persons for each committee:
 - i. Membership – Willis (he was “voluntold” ☺ hope he’s fine with that)
 - ii. Special Projects – Joe
 - iii. Honors – Nicole
 - iv. Fundraising – Renee
 - v. Long Range Planning – Christina
 - f. Chair persons are responsible for scheduling meetings, running the meeting, reporting back to Exec Board, & possibly starting a FB group for discussions
 - g. +++Please post on Exec Board FB page when monthly meetings will be
3. Michael’s conversation with the IL Advisory Council during Regional Retreat
 - a. October IHI/LC
 - i. IRAA was asked to be seminar leaders, facilitate ed forums, find speakers, and fill the “social time” during the advisor meeting
 1. Ideas for social time – bags tournament, whiffle ball, etc
 2. We will hopefully get more details soon – what day, how long, etc.
 3. +++post ideas on Facebook page
 - b. Service Project

- i. IRAA will help out with the region's service project – possible reaching out to local high schools promoting Phi Theta Kappa and getting involved in school activities, etc.
 - ii. Again...waiting on more details from the region
 - c. Professional networking for alumni & chapter members
 - i. IRAA was asked to develop ideas on how to offer this
 - 1. Ideas included: the speaker list we've been talking about, alumni mentoring, possibly get Trevor Milleur to do a recorded hangout on the importance of finding and getting a mentor
(+++Michael will reach out to Trevor about this idea)
 - ii. Again...more discussion is needed.
- 4. Video for promoting running for Regional Officer
 - a. IRAA asked to record a video to be put online and shared with chapters that encourage people to run for an officer position and the benefits of it.
 - b. It should include new and old ROs
 - c. We will record it at the October IHI/LC when everyone is together
 - d. Gather 3-4 questions for everyone and the piece together best responses
 - e. Michael has very strong opinion about the RO election process and the lack of pomp and circumstance....talk to him for more info. 😊
 - f. We all had a very long discussion about this.
- 5. District Reps –
 - a. Please continue to reach out to the ROs for your district. If you do not hear back from them, let Mike & Renee know.
- 6. Michael's conversation with chapter-based alumni associations
 - a. We should share ideas with them on what recruitment things work.
 - b. We could possibly develop enhanced member program.
 - i. Possibly a discount if they belong to more than one
 - 1. Michael moved to change fee to \$20 if they belong to another alumni association
 - 2. Renee 2nd
 - 3. Motion carried