

Joint EDM / APF Discussion Meeting

Location : Princess Hotel, Barcelona

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Attendance:

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Opening Discussion:

Meeting Chaired by Sisko, Danny took notes. This was an “off the cuff” meeting put together so that members of both Zonal Forums could get together to discuss common needs. Please note not all members from both Admin/Steering committees were present at this unofficial meeting due to other commitments. Most notable in their absences were current EDM Chair Toby and current APF Chair Paolo S.

Sisko asked all members present what topics they would like covered at the meeting:

- Danny How can we as 2 distinct forums work together to support each other?
- Mark H (NZ) APF wants support from EDM regarding Fellowship Development
- Anindita How can APF learn from the EDM regarding having a Forum sponsored Convention.
- Wolfgang Wanted to discuss HR related issues.
- Sisko Wanted to hear about the APF Strategic Planning process
- Mahmoud There will be an Afghani speaking convention in Iran and Afghanistan is asking for help with FD

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Discussion Topics:

1. How can the APF and the EDM work together to mutually support each other?

How can we best initiate ongoing contact between the APF and EDM in an official or unofficial manner? Suggestion to meet face to face every year at the WSC or WCNA. Discussion about regular email contact. Does APF and EDM need to see all internal contact emails of each Forum or just pertinent emails? Discussion about sub-committees or work groups contacting each other directly ie APF FD talks directly with EDM FD. Suggestion of having a list server dedicated to ongoing contact. Sisko pointed out that EDM guidelines state that the EDM Chair is the point of contact with the rest of the NA World. The APF is currently using Group Office for archival purposes and it was suggested this type of Group Ware application might be of benefit to the EDM as well <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Group-Office>. Mark H (WB) cautioned about putting form before function. Best to not box ourselves in until we see how this can work best, to first determine what function we are serving here. Sisko mentioned that this discussion need to be brought to Toby the EDM chair before any hard decisions are made. Sisko will bring the minutes from this meeting to the EDM steering committee and the responses will be sent to the mailing list from this meeting. Danny will send the minutes to Paolo as well.

2. Afghanistan NA asking for support and FD

Mahmoud says there will be an Afghanistan speaking convention in Iran with at least 5,000 addicts in attendance. He also says that Afghanistan NA is asking for support and what would be the proper channel to formulate this support request. Consensus was for them to make a FD request directly to EDM, APF and NAWS.

3. APF needs support in having a Forum sponsored convention

There was discussion at the most recent APF about having an APF convention after the APF. Usually, the local community will sponsor the recovery event by itself. Joao offered to support the APF regarding an APF convention. He said that the ECCNA was created to fund the EDM and policy states that 15% of the surplus of ECCNA goes to the local community. Local conventions prove out to be a powerful FD and PR tool for the local community. In recent years, most of the income for the EDM comes from member contributions and not so much comes from the ECCNA anymore. The complete guidelines for arranging an ECCNA can be found in the EDM Orientation Pack on www.edmna.org

4. Human Resources at the Zonal Forum level

The EDM has been attempting to create a EDM specific Human Resource Pool (HRP). Mark H (NZ) wants to know if the APF can tap into the EDM HRP. There was discussion about the NAWS “Shining Star” method of working. Mark (NZ) said that the Aotearoa New Zealand Region attempted to create its own HRP and it was difficult. Mark (WB) said NAWS HRP is a challenge and Wolfgang said that EDM HRP is also a challenge to create and maintain. Discussion about having the existing FD committee be proactive with the local delegates of the FD event to determine the best people suitable for each event.

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5. Strategic Planning

Mark H (NZ) was the point Person for the APF Ad Hoc SP sub-committee for 3 years and gave the history of the process. Danny and Kimmy gave their viewpoints of the process and Danny mentioned how the APF choose to make this a delegate driven process. As the APF only meets once a year, there were only 3 SP sessions over the 3 year cycle. Danny mentioned that the APF SP process is detailed in the 2009 APF minutes and there is other documentation downloadable off of the APF Website as well www.apfna.org. Mark H (WB) mentioned that from his viewpoint, the most important part of the Strategic Planning process is coming up with “Key Result” areas and then creating sub-committees dedicated and responsible to each area.