



Monthly Conference Call Minutes
May 17, 2021
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Attending- Joe, Bill, Danielle, Julie, L. Kay, Kris Hayden, Kay and Karen.

1. May Executive Committee Monthly Call-

Discussion about graduations, several in person at sports facilities, several mixed virtual and in person. Kansas State had several 2020 grads come this year to be hooded in person. Tuskegee had theirs in a chapel. A few have not happened yet.

2. General planning status and current expectations for 2021 EXPO

Bill and Kris sent the itinerary to go over. Bill asked who has already registered; there is some confusion on adding registrations for team members. Bill or Leslie at AAVMC can add extra emails or go back to “already registered?” and add them. The game show hosts are charging by the person, so we will need an accurate count. The draft schedule starts with Joe’s remarks and an introduction by the game hosts. Kris and Bill will meet with the game hosts to solidify the plans. They are excited about the keynote and her wealth and depth of information, and she is presenting for free. We have a few holes to fill in breakout rooms and topics. Bill will assign committee members as moderators to various sessions. No one is assigned to breakout rooms; you choose which room you enter as attendees and if you move rooms. The development group will start in a round table discussion. Danielle suggested a discussion about meeting donors virtually, or alumni, how do we approach them now? Engaging alumni post pandemic. Communications will be DEI based. Karen will ask the stewardship group about participating in gorilla style tactics. We will end mid-afternoon CT.

Wednesday will begin again with Joe’s remarks, then the AAVMC Awards, breakouts are mostly roundtable discussions. Emily from Purina still has not responded, but she is scheduled into the lineup. Followed by our business meeting, Karen will present the budget, new officers to be voted on, and old and new business discussed. Julie added that the incoming president needs to schedule himself to make a statement at the end, hint to Bill. We hope to introduce the 2022 conference in Philadelphia. Joe asks if maybe Dr. Cross isn’t answering for a reason, Bill will reach out to their Purina person. Joe asked if we may need to get another sponsor. Kris says we need to work on the promo video information for promoting the event. We need to send it out at least four weeks out. We will update the AAVMC Directory list, so we are reaching everyone too. New reminder going out first of June.

Joe meeting with Jeff to discuss the AAVMC awards. We are not sure how many may have applied.

3. AVAP 2021 Expo Conference Budget-

Karen- We need to hear from AAVMC and the Game show host to know total costs, but it looks like registrations may cover it all. Kris heard back from the Video Game Show DJ's and this was their response: We look at both the Zoom registration count and the game logons. We will settle final numbers post event.

Next meeting: June 21, 2021