

## Weekly Summary of WNGGA Board Activities July 30, 2010

### From the President

-Martha Davies contacted someone about being nominated for the WNGGA BOT. The person has agreed. I asked the same person a few years ago, but she could not at that time. Take home is that we are all responsible to help find new Board members and we should not exclude someone because they have not shown interest in the past. We need new members from all 3 regions. Who is the best person you can think of? I will provide the forms for them to get an idea of what we need and a place to sign they agree to have their name placed in nomination. Signed forms go to Robert Hughes, Chair of Nominations Committee.

-Have you contacted Mona, Myfanwy and Janet and told them when you are free to work at the WNGGA Marketplace table? A few of us have, but many more need to.

-We decided to release 42 rooms at the Doubletree for each night, Thurs. through Sun. from our room block. The rate the reservations were in, we were in line to have to pay a penalty of just over \$83/room night that was not filled. However, by dropping these rooms we will lose about \$500 because WNGGA receives \$3 per room night reserved for the NAFOW. We will also lose free room nights that we use for entertainers. However, we stood to lose much more in penalties. A lot of thought and discussion went into this with Experient of how many to drop so we inconvenienced the fewest people, but protected the organization from penalties.

If people in our group reserve rooms, they will still get the Festival rate as long as there are rooms and we will still get credit for the rooms. But, the rate reservations were coming in was considerably behind last year. Normally, we might say that's because the NAFOW is on the west coast, but registrations at IHQ are on track with last year, according to Cheryl. Definitely, the hotel's inability to correct the reservation problem contributes and I am collecting information to help Kerry fight for us in the event we have other penalties. That's why I continue to ask people who have had problems making reservations to contact me with details. I received an email from a member of the Vancouver society yesterday. In that case, she was asked to provide a date in the future even though she had entered September dates. We will vigorously argue against penalties because of failure to meet agreements with the hotel. I suspect very few that have problems contact us. They go elsewhere or decide not to attend the NAFOW.

-Robert Hughes is Chair of the Nominations Committee. He would benefit from having suggestions for potential Board members. You know in your who society who is capable and it would be good to talk to them. They need to have been a member of WNGGA a year. If they have not, see if you can talk them into a membership, or give them a gift membership, and then tell them you will be approaching them again next year.

-Today, the Miriam-Webster's Word of the Day that comes as an email is 'Eisteddfod'. If you would like me to forward it to you, just ask and I'd be happy to. Very timely, I thought.

## **SUMMARIES FROM HEADQUARTERS & COMMITTEES:**

### **International Headquarters (IHQ), Stacy and Cheryl Evans**

Cheryl will be in the office Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday this week. Stacy returns after August 6.

### **Cinema Wales, Gerri Baker Parry**

Last week I reported that I had to go back to the drawing board with the films as running times had changed when new version of the film showed up and that the permissions we thought we had were not quite as in place as we thought. But now I can say that everything is set. I have had to change the lineup slightly and put aside a documentary to save for another year in order to accommodate.

### **Eisteddfod, Alan Upshall**

#### **Electronic Communications, Gerri Baker Parry**

Alan Upshall and I were invited to do a promotional video by Gerald Lewis a Welsh videographer based in {Portland. We drove to Portland for the day thinking we would be doing an interview but when we arrived found we were to do a deer in headlights promo spot, so we winged it. It could have been much better (or worse) if we had prepared, it is what it is. Gerald edited it as best he could and has provided a short video to put on our website. Hopefully this coming week I will learn how to do that.

I am continuing to put all the reports on the password protected page. It is getting rather cluttered , but no time to reorganize at this point.

In the next two weeks, I will be formatting the program booklet parts that Dick Donohoe has compiled to be sent off to the printer in Portland.

I am remotely involved in Promoting the NAFOW here in Seattle area this week. Getting a firsthand feel for how well all of the various promotional materials are working on the ground. Will report later.

### **Finance Committee, David Allen**

### **Future Venues, Ian Morris**

### **Local Venue Committee, Janet Figini**

### **Membership Committee, Pat Kwasigroch**

### **Nominating Committee, Robert Hughes**

### **Program Development, Beth Landmesser**

**Publications, Richard Donohoe**

**Publicity & Marketing, Mona Everett**

**Revenue Generation & Sponsorship, Barbara Jones**

**Seminars, Martha Davies**

**Strategy and Long-Range Planning Committee, Hywel Davies**

**Sunday Activities, Jenny Hubbard Young**

**Youth Initiative, (No Chairperson)**

**AdaMae Lewis**

**President, WNGGA Board of Trustees**