

## Youth Director's Report to 2007 November Region 10 Board Meeting

In AHYA there have been a lot of new and good things happening. On a very large national note, Katie Reynolds who used to be the AHYA Youth Coordinator has now been replaced by Angela Mannick. There is also a new youth president and her name is Kim Luebecke. We have also had a couple of BOD meetings, one at Youth Nationals and another one at US Nationals..

### Youth Nationals

At Youth Nationals this year our theme was "AHYA Goes to Hollywood". It really was true, because we had some nationally known people there. At our first day of convention all of the BOD's meet up and had a meeting. We discussed how convention would go. We also gave all of our regional updates along with all of our committee updates if you were a chair or not. This past term I was the chair of the Nominating Committee. Again, this year I will most likely be the committee chair again. In order to be the chair of that committee you can not be eligible to run for an executive position on the board which would be President, Vice President and so on.

During the convention on the first day we had a guest speaker come in by the name of Liz Carlisle. She was a Harvard Graduate, and was a musician along with being a public speaker. She was very good and very motivating. Also, that day we had the elections for our executive positions. We also went over a lot of topics that are important to the youth such as moving youth to Tulsa, sub-committees, Youth Nationals in general, and other business relating to youth.

During the show we had numerous of fundraisers, but the most exciting thing that has ever happened to Youth Nationals ever happened this year. Emerson Drive, the country band came and played live at the show. Tickets were ten dollars and almost all profit went to the youth. It was an awesome show and I had a blast! I think everyone else did too. Not to brag or anything, but I did get to meet them due to being on the youth board!! People from the public actually came to the concert, however, they didn't get to be as close as all of us because they weren't exhibitors and apart of the show.

### U.S. Nationals BOD Meeting

This year I didn't go to the BOD meeting at U.S. Nationals. However, I made arrangements with Angela to support the youth by volunteering the first week of the show. It was difficult for me to miss class time in college. Angela suggested I sell raffle tickets for the trailer so that's what I did.

Sydney Arnold the Region 10 vice Director attended the Board meeting in my absence. She was at Nationals for the judging contest. She informed me what was discussed during the meeting. One of the topics discussed was unfinished business with AHYA. The Youth board started to figure out what committees they were going to join. I am sure I will be the chair of the Nominating Committee again which is very fun. Sydney will be on the Membership Fundraising and Promotion committee and the P.R. committee. There was a change this year to committee's they discontinued the 4-H and FFA committee and they conjoined it with the P.R. committee to give it a new view to people. The Board discussed some possibilities with next years convention

theme for youth nationals and those ideas were “Christmas in July” and “Safari”! The Youth Board has felt there have been issues with the adult board hearing the concerns about the youth and the youth board. This is a problem, because it’s hard for the youth to really want to work hard and make all of these kids happy when the adults don’t appear to listen to the concerns. It is the impression of the youth board there is about 50 % support from the adult board when it comes to listening to concerns from the youth.

In March the youth will again have the annual March BOD meeting in Denver, CO. We are not quite sure on the dates of that meeting quite yet.

I would like to make a request for the Region 10 board to discuss the budget for supporting the vice directors position for 2008. If would there is any way that Region 10 could extend the budget to let Sydney go down to Denver with me in the spring that would be great. If she chooses to run again for director she will have experience. I know that it’s hard to go to these meetings and understand that it is difficult to learn the ropes. It would be greatly appreciated if the board would give this idea discussion and have Joan let me know.

Respectfully Submitted by,

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