

Report of the 2018 Executive Committee of the All Star I Governing Council Discussions and Actions, October 2017 through September 2018

The Executive Committee of the All Star 1 Governance Council meets monthly and consists of the following people: Cathy Bertasi, Sally Easter, Ann Etter (Treasurer), Stan Corfman, Keith Knox, Jeff Loewer (Convener), Dennis O'Keefe, Susan O'Loughlin (Registrar), Jan Prochaska, Lois Williams (Recorder) and Eric Yermack. Jenny Easter Nelson, Louise Williams and David Yermack, Co-Chairs for the 2018 conference, also attended meetings.

2017 SIC Annual Fund: The Conference sent a \$20,000 check to Annual Fund of Star Island Corporation, representing proceeds of the 2017 All Star I Auction. Cory Easter reported that as a Conference, All Star I had 102 donor units contributing \$102,281 to the SIC Annual Fund. In previous years, \$78,709 was raised from 99 donors in 2016, \$84,203 from 97 donors in 2015, and \$74,738 from 91 donors in 2014.

Refinement of Minutes Approval Process: A change in the Minutes Approval Process was implemented in December 2017:

- The Recorder sends the draft minutes to the Convener, who reviews them, returns them to Recorder for correction, and, after correction by the Recorder, the Convener distributes the minutes to Executive Committee members.
- Minutes of a meeting are reviewed, corrected as appropriate, and approved at the next meeting.

Leadership Evaluations: Leadership Evaluations, initiated in 2017, proved helpful in allaying conferee concerns, especially through a personal reply to signed evaluation forms. In 2018, this evaluation was combined with the regular Conference Evaluation, and the evaluation form distributed well before the last day of the conference. A policy of incoming Chairs creating the Conference Evaluation form was adopted.

Volunteer Job Descriptions: Co-Chair Jenny Nelson finished updating the All Star I Volunteer Job Descriptions, following on the work of the Job Description committee.

Children's Program:

- The Star Island Corporation initiated a Youth Program Agreement, to be distributed to the family or sponsor of each child or youth before the conference, with the requirement that a parent or sponsor sign. The All Star I Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy, revised in 2017, including the "Code of Mutual Respect and Safety" was distributed to the 44 families with children under 21, and among Senior Teens and Young Adults.
- Children's Program Volunteers completed the required Sex Offender Registry Information forms.
- For reasons related to tax status, the Executive Committee agreed to use the term "Children's Program Volunteers" rather than "Children's Program Staff." The money each receives is a reimbursement for the expense of an overnight stay rather than compensation for their work.
- There were 82 children in the conference. Children's Program group size varied greatly at the 2018 Conference: There were few Pelicans (5 and 6 years old) and Junior Teens (11 to 14 years old), but large groups of Senior Teens and Young Adults (15 to 18 years old).

Island Boundary Restrictions for Junior Teens: An All Star I youth brought to the attention of SIC leadership that an ASI Junior Teen who is 11 years old must stay within the boundary, unlike the rest of their grade-level group. ASI determines groups by grade-level in the fall rather than by age. SIC will allow our conference to change the rule so that Junior Teens can now cross the Island boundaries. Thus, it was decided that an ASI Junior Teen who is 11 years old may now cross the boundary.

2018 Conference Registration: There were 320 individuals attending, with 278 full-week Conferees and 42 Conference Overnight Guests, for a total of 2114 Bednights. The average daily attendance was 302 individuals, the high attendance was 309, and the low was 287. Eight persons remained on the Waiting List, including four registering before the March 30 deadline.

Financial Aid: The Financial Aid Fund brought in \$6,640 in income (Registration Fee portion, Poker, Donations) and paid out \$12,763 in aid. The current balance in the fund is \$13,235 before the Tee-Shirt money (usually about \$2,000).

Auction: A very successful Art Auction and the new All Star Bazaar raised \$28,000!

On-Island Meeting of the Governing Council: Cathy Bertasi, Lisa Gresser and Ann Etter were elected 2020 Co-Chairs.

Revised All Star I Youth Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy

1. All Star I policy restricts access to Social Hour for all youth under the age of 21, with the exception of youth participating in a conference-sanctioned activity.
2. Consequences for a verified violation of the Star Island Corporation Drug and Alcohol Policy and the All Star I Code of Mutual Respect and Safety will be strictly enforced by the All Star I conference governance.
3. An explanation of consequences for policy violation will be sent to all junior teens, senior teens and young adults participating in the Children's Program and their families and sponsors prior to the conference. These will be reiterated upon arrival at Star.
4. Teens will be asked to sign a policy statement similar to the one below acknowledging the new guidelines during their first group meeting. (Adapted from the All Star I Children's Program Code of Mutual Respect and Safety.)

Code of Mutual Respect and Safety

On Star Island we are committed to be a community of people who love, aid and support each other, welcome and celebrate diversity, and maintain a nurturing environment. As part of realizing this mission we strive to ensure the existence of a safe community for all. It is my responsibility to adhere to the laws of the State of New Hampshire and Star Island Corporation regulations during my week on Star Island; including but not limited to the use of alcohol, illegal and non-prescribed drugs.

I understand that upon reason to believe that a violation related to the use of alcohol and other drugs has occurred, the Children's Program Coordinators will meet with the youth and a parent to verify the code violation. Verification of the breach will be reported to Conference Chairs, and one or more of the following will occur:

- The youth will meet with a representative of conference leadership – an ASI Chair, a Conference Trouble Shooter, or a member of the Healing and Reconciliation Committee
- The youth will lose independent living privileges and must room with parent or sponsor for the rest of the week.
- The youth will be reported to Star Island Corporation management.
- The youth will lose the privilege of attending All Star I the following year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lois Williams