



AVA TRANSITION FORUM
OUR PROFESSION: FOCUS ON THE FUTURE
Seattle, WA

Saturday, June 17, 2006 3:00-7:00 p.m. (Pacific) Grand Hyatt, Eliza Anderson Amphitheater

Purpose of the Meeting

In the wake of the Association for Volunteer Administration's (AVA) dissolution, many professional volunteer administrators are asking "what now?" This forum provides an opportunity for us all to learn about efforts already underway, envision and develop options for continuing to advocate and support our professional identity, and to maintain momentum in the process of organizing. Following is the planned agenda for the meeting:

- 3:00 p.m. Welcome and introduction – **Robert Goodwin**, Points of Light Foundation & Volunteer Center National Network, and **Liam Leduc Clarke**, The UPS Foundation
- Getting a sense of who is in the room and who is participating on the phone
- 3:15 p.m. Facilitators Introduction—**Penny Mabie** and **Lynn Lefkoff**, EnviroIssues
- Meeting approach and format
 - Agenda review and participant expectations
 - How the discussion and decisions at this meeting will be recorded

Part I: Where We Were and Are

- 3:30 p.m. History of Associations in the Volunteer Management Profession – **Susan Ellis**, Energize Inc.
- 3:40 p.m. Update on organizing activities by colleagues post-March 1
- Report on the current status of AVA assets in "temporary" homes – **Katie Campbell**
 - Report on the progress of Charity Channel's task forces – **Claudia Dalton**
 - National Organizations Volunteer Network – **Karen Key**
 - Others

Part II: Where We Want to Go

- 4:00 p.m. Needs and Wants - What's missing in your world? (Small group reports/themes)
- What are the things that support our identity as professionals?
 - What did AVA provide that we didn't get anywhere else or that was valuable to maintain or adapt in some way?
 - What did we not get from AVA that might now be possible?
- 4:45 p.m. Perfect World – What's the vision for how to support our profession?
- Perfect world discussion
 - Organize themes. Is a common vision emerging?

Part III: Next Steps

- 5:30 p.m. The Journey – Mapping a path
- Identify baby steps
 - That can be done in the next three days
 - That can be done in the next few weeks
 - That will pave the way for future efforts or support ongoing efforts
 - Assign who's toddling
 - Who needs to be involved?
 - Who wants to be involved?
 - What do we want right now from others?
 - Who is not here today who really should be invited as we move forward?
 - Who is taking responsibility for what?
 - Develop a short term road map and schedule
 - What resources are needed immediately?
 - How do we find the first resources?
 - Who's going to do what when?
- 6:45 p.m. Networking and Reflection (Reception)
- How did you find the value of this meeting today?
 - What will you tell other people about this meeting?
 - How will this continued dialogue help you face the challenges in your career?
- 7:00 p.m. Adjourn

How to Participate

Since this forum immediately precedes the National Conference on Volunteer and Service in Seattle, we look forward to many people participating in person. Registration for the Conference is not required, but for more information, please visit www.VolunteeringandService.org. We will have teleconference participation for the forum available as well.

Whether or not you are participating in person or by phone, or would just like to remain involved, **please complete the attached registration form**. Although we would like to know as much in advance who will be participating, walk-ins are also welcome, so please share this information with other colleagues.

NOTE: To participate by phone, please call 1-866-847-3413 and enter conference ID#1281583. We will also have an e-mail connection so that those on the phone can communicate in writing by e-mailing dstyers@PointsofLight.org.

We look forward to your active participation!