

YLP AdHoc Committee Phone Meeting

October 16, 2017

Attendees: Rachel Calderara, Erik Boyer, Abby Hardy-Moss, Nick Rossi, Kara Campbell

Unavailable: Matt Cannon, Jack Sidar

Topics for discussion:

- Topics for panel discussion at October retreat
- Meeting schedule for upcoming year
- Committee growth and development
- Upcoming trainings and events
- Presence on MLTC website

The Committee Structure

There was a question whether to break up into smaller regional subcommittees. Although we recognize the challenges with meeting in person on a regular basis, this committee decided that this is not the right time to go in that direction since the subcommittees would be too small.

Solution: Meet twice yearly in person with intermittent phone call meetings throughout the year. Emails for other communications throughout the year.

Committee Meeting Schedule for Upcoming Year:

In Person:

- Conference in March (possible prior meeting of subcommittee tasked with organizing conference related activities – TBD)
- An annual meeting in early September

Phone Meetings:

- Early December 2017 – Date TBD
- Possible February 2018 call for conference planning
- June 2018

Committee Development

We decided that the committee should grow to 9-10 members (currently 7). Having more than 10 members may result in logistical challenges, and phone call meetings would be difficult as well.

We would like to focus on geographic and job diversity in recruiting new members. Hopefully we can add central and western MA representatives and expand beyond stewardship and communications people.

Nick and Kara will contact 3-4 people to discuss joining the YLP committee.

Event Planning

Greenbelt CR Training/Social Hour Recap:

Went well, but training was very specific to people monitoring CR's. Social hour was good but low attendance – possibly due to specificity of training and the location being a bit out of the way.

Next MLTC training: Communications with Erik Eckl (Water Words That Work Founder).

Time and Location: TBD – either Dec. 4th or 7th, possible in Grafton. Kara will update when confirmed. Once we know time and location, we can look at locations (bars, restaurants, breweries) to tack on a post-training social hour.

YLP Networking Night:

Abby and Rachel will organize a casual meetup for YLP's across the state to take place on Friday, January 19th in the greater Boston area. We will look at restaurants, bars, breweries, etc. to find somewhere convenient for a large group to meet up. We hope this will be a good networking opportunity for YLP's in MA. If this goes well we can consider hosting more “networking nights” in the future.

Getting the word out:

We have our current email list, which is great! We also want to make sure AmeriCorps groups are receiving invitations to trainings and events, as they are a large YLP representation in MA. Kara and Rachel will contact TerraCorps, the SCA, and AmeriCorps Cape Cod to discuss YLP events.

Upcoming Retreat

YLP committee members Kara, Abby, and Erik will host a panel discussion at the upcoming statewide retreat in Petersham, MA on Friday, October 20 from 9:45 – 10:45 am. Topics of discussion will include engaging the next generation, challenges we face as YLP's in MA, getting young people to become members of land trusts and MLTC, and the benefits and challenges of environmental AmeriCorps programs in the state.

Kara, Abby, and Erik can report back to us after the panel.