

Hi AYSA Community Members,

Our next meeting has been rescheduled for this Friday 12-20-18 as a follow up from last week's session. We will meet at the Howard Johnson's in Hadley at 6:25 pm. With the pending holidays it does not make sense to reschedule to next week or later this month so I hope you can join us. We will be discussing and potentially voting on fees for 2019, as well as general AYSA program issues including recent AYSA decisions regarding DOC.

There have been some very significant developments for AYSA recently that everyone in the community should be aware of. Ed Melia, president of AYSA, has chosen to resign. In addition, two other board members have resigned from the board and at least five other board members are not planning to be continuing on the board after our annual meeting. At the recent meeting there was a vote moving contract discussions from the Executive Board only group to open meetings. In short there is a large amount of conflict occurring in relation to individual board member actions and the recent the decision to not continue the agreement with Kid's Afrik while moving to a lower expense and more sustainable model. There is a desire among a significant group of attending community members to reverse that board decision while others prefer to stay with the existing decision. Ultimately, with our current set of AYSA processes it is attending community members who vote and decide things. Thus, if you care about the spring season for AYSA you should attend and join us and your fellow community members as important issues are discussed.

There will be challenges for AYSA in 2019 as a result of board member departures due to recent events. It is important for our community members to understand that without their participation the Association will not function properly. AYSA has always been a community driven organization. Going forward into 2019 parents are going to need to step up, attend meetings, vote, and assist with all of the activities that it takes to run an organization like AYSA.

Regardless of how AYSA proceeds the entire community owes a debt of gratitude to Ed and our other departing board members who have for years put in countless hours on a volunteer basis for the benefit of the kids of AYSA. I wish to personally thank Ed and my other fellow board members for volunteering a great deal of their time and energy to make AYSA work.

Again, our meeting is scheduled for this Friday at 6:25 pm at the Howard Johnsons located in Hadley. I hope to see you there.

Best Regards,

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