

The 2015 PETS committee held its in person wrap up meeting at the Renaissance Hotel on March 8, 2015 at noon. The general consensus was that 2015 PETS was a success.

### **Finances**

Arlene indicated that total revenue for PETS was \$104,925.00 and she provided the breakdown per district as follows:

5470 - \$26,270.00  
5390- \$16,650.00  
5440 - \$21,460.00  
5630 - \$13,165.00  
5450 - \$27,380.00

Arlene encouraged the districts to send in their funds as soon as possible, because we are obligated to pay the hotel within 30 days. Final PETS figures will be available once all the bills are received.

### **Audio/Visual**

Doug McLemore reported that Audio Visual was improved over last year and will continue to improve in the future. The AV team for District 5450 purchased \$7,300.00 worth of equipment and that saved \$6,000-\$7,000 on the PETS budget and the PETS AV costs will continue to decrease in the coming years. High Country PETS paid District 5450 \$7,300.00 as AV rental costs, in effect reimbursing District 5450 for the costs of purchasing the equipment. The AV team set up all the equipment for all the plenary sessions, district sessions and breakout rooms, providing public address systems and computer hookups. Each district then provided computers and projectors. Everyone agreed that this worked well and was an improvement over last year. It was mentioned there were some line of sight issues in the plenary sessions with plants on the buffet table and that perhaps the Telluride room is not the best location for the PEN session since it is difficult to have an effective PA system in such a long narrow room. Doug agreed to provide coaching on public speaking at the onsite meeting this summer. Doug and his team were commended for an excellent job and for their assistance in making PETS such a success.

### **Training**

Chuck Rutenberg requested that all PEs and PENs participate in all the PETS breakout sessions to help preserve the integrity of the PETS training. After extensive discussion all districts agreed that this is a best practice, although everyone reserves the right for further discussion since the purpose of PETS is to train the PEs and PENs of the 5 districts and we need to constantly ensure that as our top priority. The district trainers requested the training team share the curricula for the Rotary 101 and Foundation 101 sessions to help in planning for the district sessions. The training team requested copies of the district curricula to help in planning the breakout sessions. There was a discussion about expanding the all district AG training since there were additional topics to cover and the AGs had quite a bit of downtime, especially on Sunday morning. . It was suggested to add Rotary 101 or Foundation 101 to the name badges to help remind PEs and PENs which session they registered to attend. Chuck and his team were commended for all they did to help make PETS successful.

## **General PETS suggestions**

The District Leadership update was well received, but it is best to ensure the content is general and not too district specific. Arlene mentioned that we need to improve communication to encourage people to move out of the plenary sessions quickly, so the hotel staff can turn the rooms for the District breakout sessions. We also need to remind people to wear their nametags at all times to help the Sergeants at Arms. Dan mentioned that Zone Coordinators are always willing to come to PETS and speak at District Breakout sessions. Arlene asked the committee for feedback on dates for future PETS so she can book the hotel for 2019, 2020 and 2021. The committee came to a consensus that the last weekend in February is the preferred date.

## **2016 PETS specifics**

Peter has requested RIPN John Germ as a speaker for 2016 PETS. The initial meeting of the 2016 PETS committee will be held August 15, 2015 at the Renaissance and all DGs, DGEs, DGNs and District Trainers are encouraged to attend. The 2016 PETS dates are March 11-13, 2016 at the Renaissance.

## **Report from PETS exchange**

Sieglinde Warren, from the All Ohio PETS attended our entire PETS session and had some insights to share with the committee. She mentioned that there was no signage at the hotel indicating that there was a Rotary event being held. Their PETS is shorter because they don't do any district training at PETS and because each district holds a Pre-PETS. She recognized the geographic challenges of our district and realizes that wouldn't work for us. Their districts sit together at the banquet and they provide different colored nametags depending on the district of the attendee. They also provide a spouse/partner session. She found our PEN session to be unique and thought it was a good idea. Peter will be attending the All Ohio PETS next weekend.

Dan Hmelspach was commended for being an excellent PETS chair and Arlene Weber was thanked for doing her usual excellent job as PETS Administrator.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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