

To: m@wa[REDACTED].com  
From: Ellis Jones <ell[REDACTED]>  
Subject: WAY  
Cc:  
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Attached:

Meirwyn: First, congratulations on the boy! Your mother gave me details when I talked with her the other day. Makes a big change in the family, doesn't it!!!!  
Second, thanks for the copy of the WAY By-laws. I leave on Saturday for Georgia and Florida to speak to three Welsh groups and will have about four days with nothing scheduled. I'm planning to take with me the WAY folder and see what I can put together to be considered. If I do come up with something that might be proposed to the WNGGA Board of Trustees as an amendment to the WNGGA Constitution, I'd like several folks to look it over. I am planning to be in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on the last weekend in April and am hoping that on that weekend, several folks can get together. Would you be interested in being a part of the group? At this point, the ones who have indicated an interest (but no commitment, yet) are Carolyn Kearney (the person representing WAY on the WNGGA Board of Trustees), Megan Lloyd from Kings College, Wilkes-Barre, PA; John Ellis from Green Mountain College, Poultney, Vermont; and Kara Lewis, University of Rio Grande, Ohio. The purpose of the meeting would be to see if WAY could be put together in such a way that it could become a subsidiary of WNGGA. There would be a number of advantages involved including using the present WNGGA Headquarters as the WAY Headquarters but with separate accounting procedures, separate funds, etc. Lots of details that would need to be worked out. In preparation for the meeting, I'd put together some sort of draft that, if approved by the "WAY Study Group" could be taken to the Board of Trustees for their review and a possible presentation at the Annual General Meeting in San Jose this coming fall. With regard to that weekend, the other day of the weekend I would plan to meet with the Harrisburg 2002 Venue Committee to review the progress of their plans for the National there in the next couple years. Thanks again for sending the item; I'll keep in touch.

Ellis J.

X-From : Ellis [REDACTED] Wed Feb 21 14:54:23 2001  
From: John Ellis <EllisJ[REDACTED]>  
To: "'Ellis Jones'" <ellis@[REDACTED]>  
Subject: RE: WAY meeting  
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 15:48:26 -0500  
X-Mailer: Internet Mail Service (5.5.2650.21)

Hi Ellis,

Any more developments in the WAY meeting? I would very much like to attend and contribute to a strategy for developing WAY and the appeal of Welsh-American community events to young people in general. If possible, could you let me know the location of the meeting so that I can work things out on this end.

Thanks,  
John Ellis  
Director, Welsh Heritage Program  
Green Mountain College

-----Original Message-----

From: Ellis Jones [mailto:ellis@gustavus.edu]  
Sent: Tuesday, January 09, 2001 3:40 PM  
To: carolynk@ptd.net; m@waltlaw.com; jellis@greenmtn.edu;  
rowen@cit.mbc.edu; klewis@urgrgcc.edu  
Cc: aupshall@hotmail.com; edrene@pathcom.com  
Subject: WAY meeting

Friends: For several years, there has been a concern among National Gymanfa Ganu venues about programs for WAY and I have found that one of the problems has been that WAY is a separate organization from WNGGA. As a result, the WNGGA had to inform venues that they needed to work directly with WAY in any plans for young people at the National.

In discussions of the WNGGA Board of Trustees going back several years, the trustees have expressed their concerns but there were so many other topics to be taken up that the Board didn't really get to WAY in its agenda.

Finally, last spring at the mid-year meeting of the WNGGA Board of Trustees, I offered to see what I could do to resolve the relationship with WAY. The Board of Trustees unanimously agreed to that suggestion.

In Ottawa at the National last Labor Day weekend, I met with Carolyn Kearney (who currently represents WAY on the Board of Trustees) to discuss what might be done to help WAY through WNGGA. One suggestion is to modify the WNGGA constitution to bring WAY into WNGGA as a subsidiary. An immediate advantage would be that the WNGGA Headquarters would also become the WAY Headquarters and more continuity might be worked out since the WNGGA Headquarters is working extremely closely with each National Gymanfa Venue. (NOTE: In addition, I have been in contact with John Ellis, Kara Lewis, and Megan Lloyd, and Meirwyn Walters about taking some steps to provide more for the young people at the National.)

Because WAY is a separate organization, there needs to be a decision by WAY to go along with any proposal that it become a part of WNGGA. If WAY decides to not go along with the proposal, fine.

After a lot searching and contacts with a number of people, I have gotten two copies of the WAY Bylaws. They are both marked "Draft Copies" and date back several years but it is the best I can come up with. One I found in our archives here at the Welsh Center and the other came from Meirwyn Walters who found it in his files.

The purpose of this e-mail to you folks (as former/present WAY members) is to ask if you would be interested in meeting with me in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on Saturday, April 28. I will be there that weekend to meet

with the Harrisburg 2002 Venue Committee to review the progress of their plans.

To get things started, I am planning to put together a proposal to be the basis for a start of the meeting. At the meeting, we could brainstorm about the proposal and give reactions, suggestions, etc.

I have not yet made travel or housing plans for Harrisburg but my thought is that I will be staying at one of the hotels in Harrisburg and that we might meet in my room or a meeting room. Sorry I can't offer anyone any financial assistance since I will be paying my own way--WNGGA doesn't have a travel fund for me to use. If we could start at perhaps 10:00 in the morning and then be through by mid-afternoon at the latest, we could accomplish a great deal in that time. I would plan to meet with the Harrisburg Venue Committee on Sunday of that weekend.

Would you let me know the following: (1) Are you interested in attending this meeting in Harrisburg? Yes or No (2) Are there others that you know who might be also interested in attending.

Ellis J.

P.S. A copy of the note is also going to Alan Upshall (WNGGA President) and to Ed Field (WNGGA Constitution Review Committee Chairperson) for their information only.

X-From : EllisJ@ [REDACTED] Thu Feb 22 14:58:18 2001  
From: John Ellis <EllisJ@ [REDACTED]>  
To: "'Ellis Jones'" <ellisj@ [REDACTED]>  
Subject: RE: WAY meeting  
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 15:52:17 -0500  
X-Mailer: Internet Mail Service (5.5.2650.21)

Thanks for the reply, Ellis. Let me know how things develop.

The GMC Welsh Festival will be held on Saturday, October 13th this year. There may also be an evening event sponsored by the St David's Society on October 12th and a gymanfa on Sunday, the 14th. This is at the peak of our foliage season, so the drive should be very nice. Its best to book ahead because of the demand for rooms. Here are some numbers of local hotels: Panorama Motel (close to campus) 51 [REDACTED]; Edgewater Motel (close to campus) 80 [REDACTED]; Holiday Inn (in Rutland) 80 [REDACTED]; Hogge Penny Motor Inn 80 [REDACTED]; Tower Hall (across from campus) 802 [REDACTED]; Maplewood Inn (close) 802 265 8039; Comfort Inn 802 [REDACTED]; Dorset Inn 802 [REDACTED]

John

-----Original Message-----

From: Ellis Jones [mailto:ellisj@ [REDACTED]]  
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2001 3:27 PM  
To: John Ellis  
Subject: RE: WAY meeting

John: Thanks for the note. I only returned yesterday to the Welsh Center after being gone for a week so I've been catching up on a lot of stuff. With regard to the WAY meeting, one of the messages that was waiting for me was that "arrangements are all set at the Harrisburg Hilton for the 27th and the 28th." However, the lady who left the message has now left the Hilton and gave me the name of the man who has taken her place. I tried to reach him earlier today to find out what arrangements were but he's busy until tomorrow. The Harrisburg Venue committee has informed me that they cannot meet on Sunday the 28th so we will be meeting probably at 10:00 to noon to get an update on their plans for National 2002. A further complication is that the city will be filled with contestants in the Sweet Adaline's group contest which has put a premium on hotel rooms and, I think, meeting rooms. Soooo, sir, if you can wait a bit longer, I'll be in touch with you as soon as I have the information. I believe Janice Edwards passed on to you my request for the date of the Welsh Heritage event at Green Mountain next fall. I'd like to come out to it but need to be sure the date is clear. My wife reminded me that it would be a good time to take in a drive through the New England fall colors--Ha! Talk to you later.  
Ellis J.

To: aupshali [REDACTED] lynn owens-whalen [REDACTED]  
From: Ellis Jones <ellisj [REDACTED]>  
Subject: Welsh American Youth  
Cc:  
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Attached:

Alan: This e-mail from Alf is in response to my phone call to him asking if he would be interested in meeting with the WAY folks in Harrisburg on the 28th of April. He said he would send me a statement which is what this is. As you note at the end, he wants to be sure it has your OK for him to participate. I have contacted John Ellis late yesterday by e-mail but have not yet received a reply. Others whom I spoke with earlier this year were Kara Lewis at the University of Rio Grande, Megan Lloyd at Kings College in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania; and Meirwyn Walters, law firm in Boston. Megan and Meirwyn are past presidents of WAY. Carolyn Kearney is also planning to attend although it will have to be in the evening. Let me know if you have any problems with Alf being a part of the group.

Ellis J.

>X-From : AFReese [REDACTED] Wed Feb 28 13:53:33 2001  
>From: AFReeseJ [REDACTED]@com  
>Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 14:51:52 EST  
>Subject: Welsh American Youth  
>To: Ellis@ [REDACTED] (Ellis Jones)  
>X-Mailer: AOL 4.0 for Windows sub 112

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>Ellis,

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>Reference our telephone conversation of yesterday 27 Feb 2000.

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>For many years, almost since I first started attending Board of Trustees  
>meetings, I have been convinced that the problems with WAY are the result of  
>a lack of leadership. It may be that we expect too much from the elected  
>officers and I don't really know how they are elected or what qualifications  
>are expected. My feelings have resulted from a tendency on the part of their  
>presidents to ignore and fail to respond to correspondence intended to be  
>helpful. One president blamed everything on the "lousy" mail system in Canada  
>for her failure to answer for many months only finally doing so as the  
>national approached. More on this later.

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> For a long time I have proposed that WAY develop and lead in an activity  
>designed to meet the requirements of their members and the problems they face  
>in finding time, with their busy conflicting schedules, to participate in any  
>meaningful way during the nationals. I have put this proposal in writing to  
>Carol Kearney and waited months to receive an answer that indicated that she  
>missed the whole point.

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> The proposal is to simply arrange a summer time gathering (2-3 days) of  
>WAY members and prospective members at a college campus, taking advantage of  
>dormitory and other facilities, to present a program designed specifically  
>for their age interests. Program could cover educational, language,  
>entertainment, participatory activities such as singing and dancing, and  
>anything else deemed to be of interest. Attending participants would pay  
>their own expenses ( travel, room and board), While the WAY treasury would  
>pay the bulk of overhead expenses, attendees would also contribute a small  
>amount toward these. In that way, attendees would be participants in every  
>way and would really be free to be part of the management of their activity.  
>Where necessary, because of age of WAY members, adults could accompany their  
>children but would be encouraged to remain sort of invisible not inhibit  
>their children's participation. Participation of the WNGGA would be in the  
>form of a token contribution and as an overall unobtrusive advisor and  
>consultant to provide guidance to eliminate or prevent dangers. Everything  
>would be done to foster and instill a feeling of accomplishment on the part  
>of WAY and its officers.

> This activity could be patterned in some way along the line of the very  
> successful NAASWCH gatherings, which are really arranged by alumni of WAY.  
> This activity would not replace WAY participation during the nationals which  
> could be tailored for an even younger group.

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> The problem with WAY has been a lack of leadership and maybe we expect  
> too much. Maybe we have abdicated in an effort to instill the feeling that  
> they are responsible for their own organization and we do not want to  
> interfere. Maybe it is time to accept that this has not worked and that the  
> WNGGA must take more active leadership. Maybe it is time to accept the fact  
> that all young people may not have the skills or experience to run the  
> organization and have too much on their hands finding their way through their  
> education, early occupations, and early families. We have made passes at this  
> in the form of a WNGGA advisor. I don't think this has worked either because  
> no one wants give the impression of impinging on our young adults.

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> Maybe it is time for a look at the entire subject and for new approaches.

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> I'm sure you have advised Alan of the subject as addressed during our  
> telephone conversation. My agreement to participate assumes Alan's  
> concurrence.

> Maybe this message should be forwarded to him for his consideration.

>  
> Alf

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jellis@[redacted], 02:48 PM 2/27/01 , April Meeting

To: jellis@[redacted]  
From: Ellis Jones <ellis@[redacted]>  
Subject: April Meeting  
Cc:  
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Attached:

John: Quick note to let you know things are starting to fall into place. I will be flying in to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on Friday, April 27, and staying at the Harrisburg Hilton for two nights. On Saturday, I will be meeting with the Harrisburg Venue Committee from about 10:00 to about 1:30. Carolyn Kearney, President of WAY, will not be able to get to Harrisburg until about 6:30 or 7:00 Saturday night so my thought is to have a meeting of folks earlier in the afternoon to talk over possible plans and then to review them with her that evening. When would you be able to come? I will be by myself and can share a room with you, if needed. It is complimentary but I'm sure there is no problem if there is another person sharing it with me. My home number here in St. Peter is 507-[redacted]. My number at the office is 507-[redacted]. My email is ellis@gustavus.edu; my FAX here at the Welsh Center is 507-[redacted].

Tonight (Tuesday) I will be at a barbershop chorus rehearsal from 7:00 to about 10:00 but I have to leave about 6:30 p.m. My wife and I are going out to a Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner at a Presbyterian church in a nearby town. I do plan to be at the Welsh Center each day for the rest of the week except for Friday when I'll be involved with the College's annual St. David's Celebration.

Hope we can talk - I have a number of things to go over.  
Ellis J.

*John's office NO -*

[Redacted signature area]

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Route 21  
Whitehall NY 12887*

*March 5  
office 3:15 AM - no answer  
home 3:30 P.M. - no answer  
March 7*

*Will be staying at Aaron Player  
on Friday and on Saturday night  
Ed set 2:00 at Helton Towers for  
meeting on ~~the~~ NA Welsh Documentary  
and WAY proposal.*

- limit of 6 persons*
1. Ed
  2. John Ellis
  3. Alf Rees
  - 4.
  - 5.
  - 6.

*7:00 - Carolyn  
Kearney*

Alan Upshall, 03:44 AM 3/2/01, way

WAY

X-From: aupshall@msnmail1.com Thu Mar 1 21:45:58 2001  
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From: "Alan Upshall" <aupshall@msnmail1.com>  
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Cc: lowens-whalen@msnmail1.com  
Subject: way  
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Hi Ellis and Alf

I have been discussing WAY with Ellis over the last few months and I think that the meeting that he has set up is very worthwhile, and I support the approach. I would like Alf to go if he wishes to do so, I think his experience and background will be very helpful.

With regards to Alf's comments, I concur but I would take the arguments a little further, but before that a disclaimer. My contact with WAY has been very limited and my observations are from a distance.

When I became involved with the society I think it was Megan Lloyd and Meirwyn who were in charge, it seemed to me that they were going well but then were unable to keep it going (primarily because they and their cohorts were growing up). After a short hiatus Carolyn Kearney came along but I don't think that she had the strength to build it up. And now there is no one coming along. My thesis therefore is as much a lack of continuity as lack of leadership. Perhaps this is where WNGGA has failed in that it has not ensured some form of continuity. However, one has to look at the other side of the coin and say that WNGGA did not want to be accused of being the overbearing parent.

The responsibility factor to me primarily lies in the financial side, WNGGA has a responsibility to see that this is looked after and that it is well managed, and therefore perhaps should be involved somehow in the instatement of responsible officers. I don't know off hand how this could be achieved, but I the meeting that will be held in Harrisburg on 28th April should discuss this issue.

As far as the proposal is concerned, I will support anything responsible that would try to lead to an increased involvement of and awareness of our youth in their Welsh heritage. I'm not sure about NAASWCH, perhaps that is a bit too academic, but adjunct activity to e.g. Welsh Heritage Week? Perhaps even an arranged escorted tour to Wales for a party of youth might be a suitable starting place.

Let me know how it goes.

regards  
alan

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To: <msll [REDACTED]>  
From: Ellis Jones <ell [REDACTED]>  
Subject: April 28 meeting  
Cc:  
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Megan: Just a note to doublecheck if you will be able to join some of us on Saturday April 28, at the Harrisburg Hilton Hotel for a meeting on suggestions to revive WAY and to discuss the possibility of having WNGGA establish procedures to have a subsidiary organization for youth such as WAY.

Since I will be meeting with the Harrisburg 2002 Venue Committee from about 10:00 until after lunch, I've scheduled this other meeting to run from about 2:00 until 5:00.

John Ellis (Green Mountain College) has agreed to be there and he has some ideas about this. Carolyn Kearney (currently listed as president of WAY) will be able to be there but not until about 7:00 p.m. But those who can stay to meet with her are welcome because it will be a matter of summarizing for her what the group has come up with as a proposal to the WNGGA Board of Trustees.

A second item for the 2:00 p.m. meeting would be a discussion on what might be done to produce a documentary about the Welsh in North America. John Ellis is interested in seeing what ideas are generated and may be willing to see what grants might be available for such a project. NWAFF has already set aside \$10,000 and WNGGA has a similar fund for the project. However, if it is to be really effective, those amounts might just be seed money.

Col. Alf Reese is planning to be at the 2:00 meeting to share his thoughts on the two topics--the North American Documentary and WAY.

I hope you will be able to attend. I regret that there is no funding available for this meeting but if your College does have some faculty travel and needs a letter, let me know. I will be putting together a formal call for the meeting with agenda etc.

Ellis J.

P.S. John Ellis was able to secure a room for Friday and Saturday night at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Harrisburg (It is about a block from the Hilton).

To: m@waltlaw.com  
From: Ellis Jones <e[REDACTED]>  
Subject: Meeting on April 28  
Cc:  
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Attached:

Hi Meirwyn: Hope you have not been overwhelmed by the recent snow storm. We in Minnesota have been watching over the last few days as we have enjoyed a respite from the wintry situation while the two coasts were receiving some of what we received earlier this year.

This note is to confirm that I've set up a meeting on Saturday, April 28, at the Harrisburg Hilton Hotel starting at 2:00 to go over two items: First, what to do with WAY? and Second, what are some ideas for a documentary on the Welsh in North America.

The schedule for that day is a 10:00 meeting with the Harrisburg 2002 Venue Committee until after lunch and then the WAY/Documentary meeting in the afternoon. Carolyn Kearney (currently representing WAY on the WNGGA Board) wants very much to have the meeting but will not be able to get to Harrisburg until about 7:00 p.m. Soooo, my plan is that several of us meet in the afternoon and then those who can stay and meet with her in the evening can summarize the suggestions that we come up with in the afternoon.

What I'm proposing, as I mentioned before, is that WNGGA set up an article in its constitution which would allow for subsidiaries such as WAY to become an official part of WNGGA with the WNGGA Headquarters providing logistical support to whatever program is designed. I assume there would be a separate group which would draw up the program of activities but they would operate under the guidance of the WNGGA Board of Trustees.

Would you be able to join us? I'm sorry we don't have any funding available unless it can be agreed that some of the current money (\$14,000 plus) in the WAY bank account in Columbus can be used. If you could let me know one way or the other, I'll hold off on asking others until I know who can be there. The meeting room in the Hilton is very small because of a Sweet Adaline's organization meeting in the city that weekend and they have taken up most of the regular meeting rooms.

Greetings to the family..

Ellis J.

X-From: rowen [REDACTED] Thu Mar 8 12:38:05 2001  
Date: Thu, 08 Mar 2001 13:36:21 -0500  
From: Roderic Owen <[REDACTED]>  
Organization: Mary Baldwin College  
X-Mailer: Mozilla 4.7 [en] (Win98; I)  
X-Accept-Language: en  
To: Ellis Jones <elli [REDACTED]>  
Subject: Re: April 28 Meeting

Ellis: thanks for thinking of me. Of course, it has now been many years since I was in WAY and served as President, and I have not kept up with WAY for the past 15 to 20 years! Still, I do understand the situation and very much appreciate the way that you have laid out the issues. Also, the discussion on a possible documentary sounds interesting and worthwhile.

I need to check on a couple of other matters, but should be able to confirm whether or not I can attend by next Monday at the latest.

Pob Hwyl, Roderic

Ellis Jones wrote:

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> have watched the weather reports and have shared your frustrations even  
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> President/ representative of WAY. In fact, however, the organization for a  
> number of years has languished--currently no membership list, only a couple  
> officers, no special programs or activities, etc. The WNGGA Board in  
> response to local venues for Nationals has been puzzled about what to do  
> and for several years at each meeting has debated what to do.  
>  
> Last spring at the mid-year meeting of the WNGGA Board in Waterloo, I asked  
> the Board if they wanted me to "intervene" and see what I could do. There  
> was unanimous agreement that I should do so. Sooooo, I've been in touch  
> with Carolyn and several others about having a meeting this spring to do  
> some brainstorming and possibly coming up with some suggestions to amend  
> the WNGGA Constitution to provide for subsidiary groups (such as WAY). At  
> the present time, I'm unable to offer much help to WAY since it is a  
> separate organization. If it were to become a part of WNGGA, then our  
> Headquarters staff can provide logistical support for membership  
> recruitment, processing payments from a separate WAY account, assisting the  
> WAY Executive Committee in drawing up plans, etc. etc. etc.  
>  
> Because the Pennsylvania Sweet Adaline's group is in Harrisburg on that  
> weekend, meeting space is at a premium. However, I've been able to arrange  
> a room in the Hilton Hotel Towers for Saturday afternoon and evening. I'll  
> be meeting with the 2002 Harrisburg Venue Committee from 10:00 to after  
> lunch to go over their plans for the 2002 National and then I'd meet with  
> the WAY group from about 2:00 to about 5:00, take a break for dinner, and  
> then meet again starting at about 7:00. Carolyn Kearney has indicated she  
> very much wants this meeting but she will not be able to get to Harrisburg  
> until about 7:00 p.m. My thought is that those of us who meet in the  
> afternoon could meet with her in the evening to get her reactions to  
> whatever might be proposed.  
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> The ones who have agreed to meet so far are John Ellis (Green Mountain  
> College), Col. Alfred Reese (Past WNGGA President), and me. I've invited  
> Megan Lloyd and Meirwyn Walters to also attend but haven't heard from them.  
> John Ellis has secured a room at the Crown Plaza hotel for Friday and  
> Saturday nights. I'll be staying at the Hilton.  
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> Another topic which will be discussed at the afternoon meeting will be  
> drawing up some ideas for a Documentary of the Welsh in North America.

> John Ellis has indicated he is interested in the project and after the  
> meeting and the discussion, will decide on pursuing it by applying for some  
> sort of grant. Both the National Welsh American Foundation and the WNGGA  
> have funds set aside for it but a grant would be needed to really do a good  
> job.

> Would you let me know if you are able to attend; I'm sorry I can't offer  
> you any funding with expenses but perhaps, with Carolyn's approval, you  
> might be able to get some money from WAY for the meeting. They do have a  
> bank balance of over \$14,000.

> Hope to hear from you...

> Ellis J.

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WAY

To: Roderic Owen <row[REDACTED]>  
From: Ellis Jones <ellis[REDACTED]>  
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Rod: Many thanks for your note. Yes, I will definitely keep in touch with you on this. This April meeting will be just a beginning, I hope, of reaching out to our youth of Welsh descent to help them become aware of the tremendous heritage which is theirs. The question, of course, is how to do that and hopefully, from the April 28 meeting we'll work out some directions in which to go. Thanks again for your response. Sorry you can't be with us but as the saying goes "I've been there, done that!" myself. Will keep you posted.  
Ellis J.

At 11:26 AM 3/14/01 -0500, you wrote:

> Ellis: I am sorry to give my regrets to attending the WAY future-  
>planning meeting. I really had hoped to make it, but I am at a stage in  
>my life with three young children, a wife who teaches full-time, soccer  
>coaching, involvement in the life of a liberal arts college, etc. etc.  
>where it is a challenge to fit it all in.

> I do wish to say that from all you've told me and from what I've heard  
>in the past few years, I think that it does make sense for WAY to be  
>officially incorporated under the WNGGA. It might work for a sitting  
>WNGGA Board Member to be officially designated as the primary WAY advisor  
>and to be done in such a way that it does not intrude upon the  
>"authority" of the current WAY officers. Perhaps you, along with this  
>group, might do some unofficial brainstorming about who on the current  
>WNGGA Board might be excellent in this advisory/support role to WAY. WAY  
>does need continuity and secure mgt of its funds and when the leadership  
>from the youth is lacking then the Offices of the Exec staff and the  
>WNGGA Board need to feel authorized to step in.

> My own personal hope is that with such secure foundation that a system  
>could be put into place that would actively encourage and provide some  
>financial support for high school youth and undergraduate college  
>students to attend and participate in selected aspects of the Gymanfa  
>Ganu.

> I hope that you have a very productive gathering, and if you wish to  
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>> number of years has languished--currently no membership list, only a couple  
>> officers, no special programs or activities, etc. The WNGGA Board in  
>> response to local venues for Nationals has been puzzled about what to do  
>> and for several years at each meeting has debated what to do.

>> Last spring at the mid-year meeting of the WNGGA Board in Waterloo, I asked

>> the Board if they wanted me to "intervene" and see what I could do. There  
>> was unanimous agreement that I should do so. Sooooo, I've been in touch  
>> with Carolyn and several others about having a meeting this spring to do  
>> some brainstorming and possibly coming up with some suggestions to amend  
>> the WNGGA Constitution to provide for subsidiary groups (such as WAY). At  
>> the present time, I'm unable to offer much help to WAY since it is a  
>> separate organization. If it were to become a part of WNGGA, then our  
>> Headquarters staff can provide logistical support for membership  
>> recruitment, processing payments from a separate WAY account, assisting the  
>> WAY Executive Committee in drawing up plans, etc. etc. etc.

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>> Because the Pennsylvania Sweet Adaline's group is in Harrisburg on that  
>> weekend, meeting space is at a premium. However, I've been able to arrange  
>> a room in the Hilton Hotel Towers for Saturday afternoon and evening. I'll  
>> be meeting with the 2002 Harrisburg Venue Committee from 10:00 to after  
>> lunch to go over their plans for the 2002 National and then I'd meet with  
>> the WAY group from about 2:00 to about 5:00, take a break for dinner, and  
>> then meet again starting at about 7:00. Carolyn Kearney has indicated she  
>> very much wants this meeting but she will not be able to get to Harrisburg  
>> until about 7:00 p.m. My thought is that those of us who meet in the  
>> afternoon could meet with her in the evening to get her reactions to  
>> whatever might be proposed.

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>> The ones who have agreed to meet so far are John Ellis (Green Mountain  
>> College), Col. Alfred Reese (Past WNGGA President), and me. I've invited  
>> Megan Lloyd and Meirwyn Walters to also attend but haven't heard from them.  
>> John Ellis has secured a room at the Crown Plaza hotel for Friday and  
>> Saturday nights. I'll be staying at the Hilton.

>>  
>> Another topic which will be discussed at the afternoon meeting will be  
>> drawing up some ideas for a Documentary of the Welsh in North America.  
>> John Ellis has indicated he is interested in the project and after the  
>> meeting and the discussion, will decide on pursuing it by applying for some  
>> sort of grant. Both the National Welsh American Foundation and the WNGGA  
>> have funds set aside for it but a grant would be needed to really do a good  
>> job.

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>> Would you let me know if you are able to attend; I'm sorry I can't offer  
>> you any funding with expenses but perhaps, with Carolyn's approval, you  
>> might be able to get some money from WAY for the meeting. They do have a  
>> bank balance of over \$14,000.

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>> Hope to hear from you...

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>> Ellis J.

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To: "Meirwyn I. Walters, Esq." <m@waltlaw.com>  
From: Ellis Jones <ellis@gustavus.edu>  
Subject: RE: April 28 Meeting  
Cc:  
Bcc:  
Attached:

Meirwyn: Thanks for your note. Sorry you can't be with us, but your thought on the use of the WAY money is right on! I would indeed welcome any thoughts you might have on how WAY might operate under the umbrella of WNGGA. I have secured a sample of how another organization has provision for "subsidiary groups" but am open to any suggestions that might be made.

Our snow has finally begun to recede and hopefully within the next week or so, we'll be back to bare ground. Yesterday was quite exciting for our area because it was the first time in 60 plus days that the temperature stayed above freezing for 24 hours! Wow!

Take care--be assured that I'll stay in touch with you and would very much welcome any thoughts you might have.

Ellis J.

At 08:59 AM 3/30/01 -0500, you wrote:

>I have wanted to sit down and type up my thoughts for you on the future of  
>WAY (to the extent you might want them!). Time has been a bit short  
>recently.

>  
>Unfortunately, I have not been able to work it out to get down to  
>Harrisburg. Would it help if I forwarded some ideas, I'd be glad to email  
>them prior to the meeting.

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>I'd be a little hesitant to use the WAY money for these purposes. It's the  
>only asset WAY has and could be leveraged to provide scholarship monies to  
>attend the National (But see, I'm beginning to tell you my thoughts).

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>-----Original Message-----

>From: Ellis Jones [mailto:el[REDACTED]]  
>Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2001 9:44 PM  
>To: m@waltlaw.com  
>Subject: April 28 Meeting

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>Hi Meirwyn: Just a quick note to ask if you will be able to attend the  
>April 28 meeting on Saturday, April 28. It will be at 2:00 o'clock at the  
>Harrisburg Hilton Hotel in the Towers Meeting Room.

> Ellis J.

WAY

To: <msslloyd [REDACTED]>  
From: Ellis Jones <ellis@ [REDACTED]>  
Subject: RE: April 28 Meeting  
Cc:  
Bcc:  
Attached:

Megan: Many thanks for your note. My wife and I made plans six months ago to be on a cruise (our first) last week so I've only back in the Welsh Center for about an hour with over 90 e-mails to sort through. Your's was one of the first. Yes you have made some excellent suggestions and I'll have those with me when we meet in Harrisburg.

Congratulations on your upcoming marriage! When is the date? and who is the lucky guy? Does he need a WNGGA membership? (Ha! Just kidding!)

Thanks again for your note--will keep you posted!

Ellis J.

At 10:36 AM 4/9/01 -0400, you wrote:

>Annwyl Ellis,

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>While earlier this year April 28 seemed a good date for me, by now it has  
>problems. I am getting married June 23, and my weekends are becoming quite  
>scarce. I hope my absence won't be much of a problem.

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>Here are some of my thoughts on the agenda for April 28.

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>Regarding the WAY subsidiary question, I think the process should begin  
>soon, if only to have a secure place for the WAY funds. In doing so,  
>requirements for the WAY monies' use should be fairly strict, so that only  
>official WAY officers may use the WAY funds for WAY purposes. In other  
>words, the WNGGA itself shouldn't have use of the monies, but should act as  
>a caretaker or holder of it. Other changes need to be made regarding the  
>whole structure of WAY, but you've heard my arguments before. Young  
>liaisons at all future WNGGA venues are essential for WAY-type programming  
>to work, and efforts need to be made on the part of older WNGGA members to  
>encourage participation by their children and grandchildren. Subsuming WAY  
>into the WNGGA structure with a WNGGA sanctioned WAY representative as an  
>active voting member of the WNGGA board might work well.

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>In terms of the video -- what an exciting project!  
>When I was at Rio Grande, I worked on a film history of the Welsh coming to  
>South Eastern Ohio in the 1820's. Footage is still available and may be  
>used if you're interested in it. You might talk to Kara Lewis at the Madog  
>Center about using it.

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>Another contact might be Eirug Davies who is associated with Harvard. He's  
>done a lot of work on the Welsh out west and may be able to find funding  
>contacts. He's originally from Wales but is retired from the U.S.  
>government and an adjunct with the Celtic Studies department at Harvard.

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>I know that John Ellis will be able to secure funding for the documentary  
>project.

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>You might think about developing a series about the Welsh in North America.  
>A one hour documentary would only present a quick view of the Welsh over  
>here. If funding allows, a number of half hour segments about different  
>settlements or waves of Welsh might be nice. As you know, every Welsh  
>community and society for that matter has its story.

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>I hope these reflections help. Do let me know if you have any more questions  
>for me.

>  
>Enjoy your time in Harrisburg. San Jose is too far away for me to travel at  
>the beginning of the school year, so I'm expecting great things out of  
>Harrisburg!

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>Please say hi to your wife for me.

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>Cofion cynnes,

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>Megan

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>-----Original Message-----

>From: Ellis Jones [mailto:ell [REDACTED]]

>Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2001 9:42 PM

>To: mslloyd@kings.edu

>Subject: April 28 Meeting

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>Hi Megan: Just a quick note to doublecheck if you will be able to be at  
>the meeting in Harrisburg on Saturday, April 28. Plan is to meet at 2:00  
>p.m. at the Harrisburg Hilton Hotel in the Towers Meeting Room.

> Ellis J.

To: m@waltlaw.com  
From: Ellis Jones <elli[REDACTED]>  
Subject: April 28 Meeting  
Cc:  
Bcc:  
Attached:

Hi Meirwyn: Just a quick note to ask if you will be able to attend the April 28 meeting on Saturday, April 28. It will be at 2:00 o'clock at the Harrisburg Hilton Hotel in the Towers Meeting Room.  
Ellis J.

To: "Kara Lewis" <kl[REDACTED]>  
From: Ellis Jones <elli[REDACTED]>  
Subject: Re: April 28 Meeting  
Cc:  
Bcc:  
Attached:

Kara: Thanks for the quick response. Sorry you can't be with us but Yes, we'll definitely keep you on the mailing list on what is discussed and possibly planned. Talk to you again...  
Ellis J.

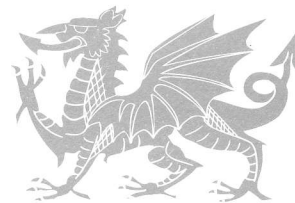
At 09:02 AM 3/8/01 -0500, you wrote:

>Ellis,  
>  
>I regret that I will not be able to come to the meeting. This weekend is  
>very busy for all at the Madog Center: one of us is at a Celtic Festival  
>and the rest are in Columbus, we have a Welsh Course planned. This is very  
>unfortunate because the matter of WAY is very close to my heart. I am very  
>aware of the importance of inspiring younger Welsh-Americans, I work in the  
>field everyday. I will send some thoughts and ideas to you before the  
>meeting.  
>  
>About the documentary, this is a great idea. If you keep me posted I will  
>certainly make inquiries into the matter.  
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>Please convey my apologies to the other members. Remember, my ansence does  
>not reflect a lack of interest, I only wish I could be there.  
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>Kara  
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>----- Original Message -----  
>From: Ellis Jones <ellis@[REDACTED]>  
>To: <klewis@ma[REDACTED]>  
>Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2001 3:18 PM  
>Subject: April 28 Meeting  
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>  
>> Hi Kara: Just a note to doublecheck if you will be able to join some of  
>us  
>> on Saturday April 28, at the Harrisburg Hilton Hotel for a meeting on  
>> suggestions to revive WAY and to discuss the possibility of having WNGGA  
>> establish procedures to have a subsidiary organizatin for youth such as  
>WAY.  
>>  
>> Since I will be meeting with the Harrisburg 2002 Venue Committee from  
>about  
>> 10:00 until after lunch, I've scheduled this other meeting to run from  
>> about 2:00 until 5:00.  
>>  
>> John Ellis (Green Mountain College) has agreed to be there and he has some  
>> ideas about this. Carolyn Kearney (currently listed as president of WAY)  
>> will be able to be there but not until about 7:00 p.m. But those who can  
>> stay to meet with her are welcome because it will be a matter of  
>> summarizing for her what the group has come up with as a proposal to the  
>> WNGGA Board of Trustees.  
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>> A second item for the 2:00 p.m. meeting would be a discussion on what  
>might  
>> be done to produce a documentary about the Welsh in North America. John  
>> Ellis is interested in seeing what ideas are generated and may be willing  
>> to see what grants might be available for such a project. NWAFF has  
>already  
>> set aside \$10,000 and WNGGA has a similar fund for the project. However,

>> if it is to be really effective, those amounts might just be seed money.  
>>  
>> Col. Alf Reese is planning to be at the 2:00 meeting to share his thoughts  
>> on the two topics--the North American Documentary and WAY.  
>>  
>> I hope you will be able to attend. I regret that there is no funding  
>> available for this meeting unless WAY would approve using some from their  
>> bank balance.  
>>  
>> John Ellis was able to secure a room for Friday and Saturday nights at the  
>> Crown Plaza Hotel in Harrisburg (It is about a block from the Hilton).  
>>  
>> Be sure to let me know if you can be at the meeting. The meeting room at  
>> the Hilton is very small because there is a Sweet Adaline's organization  
>> meeting in the city that weekend and they have taken up most of the  
>regular  
>> meeting rooms.  
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>> Ellis J.  
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## M E M O

TO: Dr. John Ellis  
Col. Alfred J. Reese Jr.  
*Ellis J.*

FROM: Ellis Jones

DATE: April 20, 2001

SUBJECT: April 28 Meeting in Harrisburg

This note confirms that arrangements are set for a meeting on next Saturday afternoon, April 28, at the Hilton Towers meeting room at the Hilton Hotel. The meeting will start at about 2:00 p.m.

To get to the Towers meeting room, it is necessary to ask for assistance at the Bellstand or the Front Desk. The meeting room is in my name.

The agenda for the meeting will be centered on two topics:

- 1) Discussion of plans for a North American Welsh video
- 2) Discussion of how WNGGA might provide constitutional assistance for WAY

It is my understanding that Carolyn will not be able to come to the meeting until around 5:00. Therefore, we other three can do a lot of brainstorming and discussion.

Enclosed with this memo are the following items particularly related to the WAY portion of the meeting:

- 1) WNGGA Constitution
- 2) WAY Draft Bylaws (dated 1993)
- 3) Megan Lloyd's Comments
- 4) Roderick Owen's Comments

Both Meirwyn Walters and Kara Lewis (Ohio Madog Center) indicated they would send comments before the meeting. If I receive them in time, I'll make copies for us to go over at the meeting.

Any questions, do call--toll free phone is 877-██████████.