

X-From: johndlloyd [REDACTED] Mon May 21 15:11:01 2001
X-Mailer: Microsoft Outlook Express Macintosh Edition - 4.5 (0410)
Date: Mon, 21 May 2001 15:10:33 -0500
Subject: WAY Account
From: "John D. Lloyd" <johndl [REDACTED]>
To: e [REDACTED]

Ellis,
I hope all is going well with you. My parents told me they had the pleasure of seeing you up in Waterloo and that, even without the planned-for Welsh choir, the gymanfa went off well.

I am writing about a difficulty with the WAY bank account that has just arisen. As far as I know, WAY has never had a separate tax identification number; treasurers, including myself, have simply used their own social security numbers for the account. This has never posed a problem until now. I have received a notice from the IRS, via the bank, that they plan to start withholding taxes on the interest on the WAY account. This creates a problem both for WAY and for myself as the money is, effectively, in my name.

It seems to me we have a couple of choices to avoid an erosion of WAY funds. First, we could apply to the IRS for a tax identification number for WAY. Second, we could expedite the transfer of WAY funds under the umbrella of the WNGGA which is already set up for this sort of thing. Personally, I would prefer the latter action as we were already planning to take that step in the near future. To protect WAY's funds (and myself for that matter) I think the money should be put into an account under the WNGGA's aegis as soon as possible. I will contact Carolyn Kearney and sound her out but I would welcome your views as this is something that involves all of us. Thanks for your time and take care.

John

WAY

To: "John D. Lloyd" <johndlloyd@earthlink.net>
From: Ellis Jones <ellis@gustavus.edu>
Subject: Re: WAY Update
Cc:
Bcc:
Attached:

John: Thanks for your notes. I had a large number of e-mails which had come in yesterday afternoon and this morning when I was out so I've been trying to process them as quickly as I could.

Here is an update on what was taken up by the WNGGA Board at its meeting. It was agreed that a committee should be appointed to "prepare a proposal for WNGGA to officially include provision for a youth group in planning." In the report was also a suggestion as to who would be on the committee and you are listed as one of them. I have not yet had time to send a note to all of the folks listed on the committee and what the Board's decision was. I have to be sure that it is OK with President Upshall that I make the contact. He may want to do the contact himself.

One option that might be taken up by the the new committee would be to transfer the funds directly to WNGGA with a very clear stipulation that the contribution is to be used for scholarships for youth.

Barring any unexpected delays, I'll try to clarify this with President Upshall within the next three days.

OK???

Ellis J.

At 12:40 PM 5/22/01 -0500, you wrote:

>Ellis,
>Just an update on WAY matters. I talked to the Fifth Third Bank where the
>WAY account is held and they said that the problem stems from the fact that
>the account has been dormant for a while. They advised me simply to make a
>small deposit, which I have done, and this should clear up matters. For the
>long term I still believe it is important to get things settled between the
>WNGGA and WAY sooner rather than later. I think it would be best if I
>transferred the WAY funds to Carolyn Kearney since she has an official role
>in WAY and is the one actively working with you to figure out WAY's future.
>Thanks for your time and take care.
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>John
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To: "Alan Upshall" <aupshall@hotmail.com>
From: Ellis Jones <ellis@gustavus.edu>
Subject: WNGGA Youth Proposal
Cc:
Bcc:
Attached:

Alan:

You should have received a copy of the note I sent to the "WAY Folks." I have already received responses from 3 of them "comping at the bit."

In the note I indicated "The next step is that President Upshall will be in touch will all of the persons mentioned in F above."

It would seem to me that you could simply forward the message and make it from you indicating that you would like (name) to serve as chairperson of the committee. The committee needs to work with the Executive Director in putting together the proposal for consideration in September at the San Jose Nationa.

If an amendment to the WNGGA Constitution is proposed, it does need to be "submitted in writing to the Executive Director at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting" (WNGGA Constitution, Article 19)--August 2, 2001, for consideration at the Annual General Meeting on September 1).

However, any proposed constitution amendments do need to be sent to the Constitution Review Committee before they are sent on to the Headquarters. Hence, the proposal (if it is to be a consitutional amendment), needs to be prepared within the next few weeks.

Another option might be to simply propose a policy for the WNGGA Board to consider with actual amendment of the Constitution coming a year from now.

The Board does want to resolve this situation and asks for your help. If you have any questions, please contact me or the Executive Director.

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Alan, I don't know if you would want to add anything to what was passed at the Waterloo Board meeting.

Finally, since John Ellis seems most eager to work on this, he might be the person to have as the chairperson.

Ellis J.

To: ncrtc@ptd.net
From: Ellis Jones <ellis@gustavus.edu>
Subject: Status Report
Cc:
Bcc:
Attached:

Carolyn: Here is the e-mail sent out about 10 days ago which was returned to me because of an incorrect address. Please note as you read through it in No. 5 that this special group (primarily WAY individuals) are to prepare a proposal for the WNGGA Board to officially include provision for a youth group in the planning." What the group decides to do remains with that group.

In your phone call you indicated that you have a number of concerns and if you still have them after reading this e-mail, be sure to let me know.

A related item which came up within the past couple weeks concerns a notice which John Lloyd received from the bank in Columbus about the IRS taking steps to start collecting tax on the deposit. My understanding from John is that all he needed to do was to make a deposit so that the account was showing some activity. What is to be done with that account is a decision to be made by WAY which I assume means you and John. Perhaps you might want to contact him.

My wife and I are taking a short vacation leaving early tomorrow morning (Friday) for the family cabin 270 miles north of here in northern Minnesota. I'll be back in the Welsh Center next Wednesday morning.

Ellis J.

>Date: Wed, 23 May 2001 13:54:05 -0500
>To: carolynk@ptd.net, johnlloyd@earthlink.net, ellisj@greenmtn.edu, msllloyd@kings.edu, klewis@mail.rio.edu, m@waltlaw.com, rowen@cit.mbc.edu
>From: Ellis Jones <ellis@gustavus.edu>
>Subject: Status Report
>Cc: aupshall@hotmail.com, lynn_owens-whalen@richmond.sd38.bc.ca, afreesejr@aol.com
>
>Ladies and Gentlemen: This e-mail is in response to several inquiries I have received about what the Board of Trustees did about WAY at its May 12 meeting in Waterloo, Ontario. What follows is a copy of what was reported to the Board. At the end is a summary of the action which was taken:
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>A. EJJ reported that a meeting had been held in Harrisburg on Friday, April 27, with EJJ, Dr. John Ellis, and Col. Alfred Reese attending. He also reported that he had contacted Carolyn Kearney and had briefly reviewed what had been discussed and she indicated approval of the suggestions.
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>B. At the Harrisburg meeting a brief review of the WAY Bylaws was done.
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>C. There was agreement that there should be programs for youth at the National Gymanfa Ganu
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>D. There was agreement that rather than "amend" the WAY bylaws, a special committee be asked to prepare a proposal for the WNGGA Board of Trustees to officially include provision for a youth group in the planning. This could be a proposed new Article in the WNGGA Constitution.
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>E. It was agreed that guidelines for support of the youth would be (1) to have a special program for youth below 18 at the Natinoal Gymanfa Ganu; (2) to have a non-Labor Day weekend for Welsh youth group; (3) to establish an endowment fund for funds to support the non-Labor Day weekend event; (4) to use the WNGGA Headquarters for logistical support of the youth group.
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>F. It was suggested that the following persons become a committee to implement No. D above: John Ellis, Kara Lewis, Carolyn Kearney, John Lloyd, Megan Lloyd, Roderic Owen, Meirwyn Walters, and EJJ
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>G. It was recommended that the Board of Trustees approve C-D-E-F above.

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>Following a discussion of the report, the Board of Trustees did approve C-D-E-F as given above. The next step is that President Alan Upshall will be in touch with all of the persons mentioned in F above.

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>In summary, movement has begun. If you have any questions, please let me know.

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> Ellis J.

To: aupshall [REDACTED], Lynn Owens-wha [REDACTED]
From: Ellis Jones <ellis [REDACTED]>
Subject: Welsh Youth Study Committee
Cc:
Bcc:
Attached:

Alan and Lynn:

At the Waterloo meeting, the motion which was passed about a group preparing a recommendation for the Board of Trustees regarding Welsh youth were the following (with e-mail addresses):

Carolyn Kearney (ncrtc@ptd.net) (NOTE: Carolyn has been serving on the Board of Trustees representing WAY for several years even though the organization is in existence in name only. EJJ has tried to work with her but she has been difficult to be in touch. WAY has not collected dues or had any projects or activities for a number of years. An on-going problem for them has been the distance between officers and the lack of opportunity to have planning sessions. Carolyn does not have a list of the other persons who were the last officers of the group except John Lloyd - see below - nor copies of the WAY Bylaws nor copies of Minutes of meetings. EJJ secured the Bylaws from Meirwyn Walters as well as found a copy in the WNGGA archives.)

John Lloyd (johnlloyd@earthlink.net) (NOTE: John is the last Treasurer of WAY and is the custodian of over \$14,000, the residue of the WAY treasury. The money is currently on deposit at a bank in Columbus, Ohio. In a note from him about two months ago, he told EJJ that the IRS had notified him that they were going to start taxing the deposit. He contacted the bank and the reason for the IRS intervention was that it had been inactive for so long. So John sent his personal check to "reactivate" the deposit and IRS has pulled back. John wants to get the funding situation reactivated as soon as possible since it is costing him money. He currently is living in Minneapolis completing his doctoral dissertation while his wife is a professor at a College near St. Cloud, Minnesota - about 90 miles northwest of Minneapolis-St. Paul)

John Ellis (ellisJ@greenmtn.edu) (NOTE: John is a history professor at Green Mountain College, Poultney, Vermont, and is in charge of their Welsh Heritage Program. He is the person who met with Alf Reese and EJJ in Harrisburg in April to review what might be done with WAY and WNGGA. He was involved in the suggestion that there be a program for youth at the National for those who accompany their parents and then to have a separate program some other time during the year for the college and high school age folks later during each year. John already has a Welsh Heritage weekend in October at Green Mountain College geared to interests of the college age youth.)

Megan Lloyd (mslloyd@kings.edu) (NOTE: Megan is a past president of WAY and was just married on June 23 to a philosophy professor at Kings College. She has served on the WNGGA Board of Trustees. She is willing to help review any suggestions or ideas. She has been very active in establishing NAASWCH.)

Kara Lewis (klewis@mail.rio.edu) (NOTE: Kara is in charge of the Madog Center for Welsh Studies at the University of Rio Grande, Rio Grande, Ohio, and has responded very enthusiastically to see what can be done for the youth. She was not able to attend the Harrisburg meeting because they had a Welsh weekend at Rio Grande on that same weekend.)

Meirwyn Walters (m@waltlaw.com) (NOTE: Meirwyn is a past president of WAY and is concerned that something be done for the youth. He wants to be sure that the money which is on deposit in Columbus, Ohio, is used to further the objectives of the organization.)

Roderic Owen (rowen@cit.mbc.edu) (NOTE: Rod is the son of Joan Owen Mandry and is a past officer of WAY and currently very very involved with NAASWCH. He is a professor at Mary Baldwin College in Virginia. He too was unable to attend the Harrisburg meeting because of a commitment at Mary Baldwin College that weekend. He is enthusiastic about providing some sort of program for the youth.)

Ellis Jones (ellis@gustavus.edu) (NOTE: EJJ name was included on the list because of the constitutional requirement that he is to be a member of each WNGGA Committee - except nominations. At the 2000 Waterloo meeting, since the matter of WAY had been on the agenda for several years, he offered to try to work with WAY to bring the situation to some sort of closure. He convened the meeting in Harrisburg which was attended only by John Ellis and Alf

Reese.)

Out of that meeting in Harrisburg, it was agreed that rather than try to amend the WAY Bylaws, a committee should provide a suggestion or proposal to the Board of Trustees to provide programs for the Welsh youth of the continent. With regard to the WAY fund balance, one suggestion was that the group might review the possibility of contributing the fund to WNGGA to be reserved for scholarship for specific youth activities and not be a part of the WNGGA general fund in any way.

This would mean that WAY as a separate group would be phased out and, the original bylaws could be taken into consideration if any proposal is made to amend the WNGGA Constitution creating an article for not just youth but other "associated organizations" which would then be under the WNGGA umbrella.

Hope this helps.

Ellis J.

X-From: aupshall [REDACTED] Sun Jul 15 18:24:22 2001
X-Originating-IP: [206.159.10.152]
From: "Alan Upshall" <aupsha [REDACTED]>
To: ellis [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Welsh Youth
Date: Sun, 15 Jul 2001 23:23:58
X-OriginalArrivalTime: 15 Jul 2001 23:23:58.0482 (UTC) FILETIME=[39374720:01C10D85]

HI ellis
It's catch up weekend.

I ahve already sent a couple of emails with other correspondence. As to
WAY. What do you think about this committee:

Megan Lloyd, John Ellis, Kara Lewis, MARtha Davies and Joan Mandry with John
Ellis in the chair?

I realise that there are only two WNGGA BOT members in here but my goal is
to get ideas from relevant people. Joan and MARtha would make good headway
here.

Let me know. Lynn is in Wales so I do not ahve any opinion from her.
regards
alan

>From: Ellis Jones <ellis@gustavus.edu>
>To: aupshall@hotmail.com
>Subject: Welsh Youth
>Date: Thu, 28 Jun 2001 12:24:49 -0500

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>Alan: Where are we on the Board decision to have a committee appointed to
>look into ways to broaden the WNGGA umbrella to include youth in a way
>previously done by WAY? My last word to those who had expressed an
>interest was that the Board had passed a motion and that you would be
>taking the next step.

>
> Ellis J.
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To: "Alan Upshall" <aupsh[REDACTED]>
From: Ellis Jones <ellis[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Fwd: Re: WAY committee
Cc:
Bcc:
Attached:

Alan: Megan Lloyd ???? , Yes! I assume her email address remains the same:
mslloy[REDACTED]
Ellis J.

At 04:51 AM 8/24/01, you wrote:

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>This is like a lottery. Shouold I try megan lloyd?
>ALan
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>>From: "Roderic L. Owen" <rlo[REDACTED]>
>>To: Alan Upshall <aupshal[REDACTED]>
>>Subject: Re: WAY committee
>>Date: Thu, 23 Aug 2001 19:58:38 -0400
>>
>> Annwyl Alan: thank you for thinking of me and extending the invitation
>>not
>>only to serve on this WNGGA committee but also to serve as Chair. I feel
>>honored.
>>
>> You are quite right that I have already been in touch with Ellis
>>earlier
>>this year about the challenges WAY faces; the nature of its connection to
>>the
>>WNGGA; and the need to reach out to youth in North America generally. I
>>think
>>that it is only fair to let you know that I am a 46 year old college
>>professor
>>and a father of three young sons myself.; in short, I have not been a WAY
>>member
>>for many years. Also, although I have been attending the Gymanfa off and on
>>all
>>my life (and am a former WAY President - 26 years ago!), my commitments as
>>a
>>teacher and father make it very difficult to regularly attend the Gymanfa,
>>not
>>to mention attend other Welsh-American activities outside of this immediate
>>region (Virginia).
>>
>> So, I do not think it would serve the organization well for me to
>>serve as
>>the Chair, but I am willing to carve out the time to serve on the
>>Committee.
>>Alan, having also served as an administrator and organization leader, you
>>have
>>my full empathy and support as you put together a strong committee with a
>>very
>>clear charge and a capable and experienced Chair.
>>
>> Again, yes, I will serve on this committtee -- just not as Chair !
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>> Pob Hwyl, Roderic
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>>Alan Upshall wrote:
>>
>> > Annwyl Roderick
>> >

>> > This email should have been written about three weeks ago but a
>> combination
>> > of circumstances held it up, not the least being that I had lost your
>> email
>> > address. However, an email from Dafydd yesterday (along with a glowing
>> > reference with support, of course, from your mother) enables me to
>> connect.
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>> > Earlier this month I communicated with several people about a WAY
>> > initiative committee which was to look how to bring the WAY
>> organisation
>> > back into the umbrella of WNGGA and I extended the brief of the group to
>> a
>> > realistic evaluation of what could be done to expand the horizons of
>> > attracting welsh youth in North AMerica. I believe that Ellis Jones
>> sent
>> > out an email earlier in the year after a meeting that he and Alf Reese
>> held
>> > with John Ellis.
>> >
>> > I asked 5 people to join the committee and in trying to create a broad
>> > outlook I solicited John Ellis, Megan Lloyd Joan Mandry, Kara Lewis,
>> Martha
>> > Davies and Ellis Jones to be that group. I vacillated between yourself
>> and
>> > Joan at the time and eventually plumped for Joan. Joan has responded
>> > indicating that she would prefer not to be part of the group and she
>> > recommended that you take her place. Even if she had not, I would have
>> > asked you anyway.
>> >
>> > The reason for the email therefore is to ask whether you would join this
>> > committee, but I have an extra request. John Ellis has declined the
>> chair
>> > due to other committments. On the strength of the recommendation from
>> > Dafydd and Joan and also Ellis Jones, I ask if you would be prepared to
>> > chair this group.
>> >
>> > Ellis Jones, I know, sent a note to several poeple earlier this year
>> with
>> > several suggestions, and I believe that you were included. I appreciate
>> that
>> > initially it was suggested that we have some proposals as to how to
>> > incorporate the WAY group within the constitution of the WNGGA ready for
>> the
>> > San Jose NATIONAL. I also appreciate that this is unlikely. However, a
>> > target time frame could be that we have the proposal ready for the mid
>> year
>> > meeting in Kingston, Ontario so that we can make any necessary
>> amendments to
>> > the constitution at the annual meeting in HARRISBURG in 2002.
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>> > I look froward to your reply
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>> > Hwyl Fawr
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>> > Alan Upshall
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To: "Alan Upshall" <aupsha[REDACTED]>
From: Ellis Jones <ell[REDACTED]>
Subject: Kara Lewis Interest
Cc:
Bcc:
Attached:

Alan: Inadvertently I neglected to mention to you that Kara Lewis from University of Rio Grande was at San Jose. I talked briefly with her and indicated that my understanding was that you would be in touch with her. With all the other stuff going on I forgot to mention it to you. She has written to indicate that she didn't have a chance to talk with you. She is very interested in doing what she can with the WNGGA Youth Initiative Committee or whatever it is being called. Would you be able to drop her a note. If Megan Lloyd isn't interested in being chair, perhaps Kara would. She is very conscious and is interested in working out ways to involve the Welsh youth more. Her e-mail address is klewis@rio.edu.
Ellis J.

X-From : klewis [REDACTED] Tue Sep 11 10:45:26 2001
From: "Kara Lewis" <klew [REDACTED]>
To: "Ellis Jones" <ellis [REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: WNGGA
Date: Tue, 11 Sep 2001 11:44:55 -0400
X-MSMail-Priority: Normal
X-Mailer: Microsoft Outlook Express 5.50.4522.1200
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Ellis, I didn't get a chance to talk to Alan. If he can email me, we can discuss what needs to be done. This is a good time for us. I have a number of students from Wales who are just itching for projects to get their teeth into.

I think that it is a very smart move changing the name. I think that us Gymanfa goers will always call it the Gymanfa, but this may attract a new crowd.

I look forward to hearing from you and Alan.

Yn gynnes, Kara
----- Original Message -----
From: "Ellis Jones" <ellis [REDACTED]>
To: "Kara Lewis" < [REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, September 10, 2001 4:19 PM
Subject: Re: WNGGA

> Kara: Thanks for your note. Did Alan Upshall get a chance to chat with
> you about membership on the special WNGGA committee? There were so many
> other things going on I didn't get a chance to doublecheck with him. If
he
> didn't, I'll remind him and then you'll hear from him.
>
> The big news that came out of San Jose is going to be sent to all WNGGA
> members within 10 days and then will be a lead article in both the Y Drych
> and the Ninnau. The news is that the 2001-2002 WNGGA Board of Trustees on
> Saturday, February 1, voted unanimously to change the name of the week of
> the National starting with Labor Day Weekend, 2003, to THE NORTH AMERICAN
> FESTIVAL OF WALES including the 72nd National Gymanfa Ganu. The name of
> the organization will not be changed nor will the Sunday events name be
> changed--only the descriptor for the previous days. Alan has prepared the
> special announcements and we busy getting them ready for distribution.
> Tremendous step forward to finally make it easier to tell the world what
> the week is all about--that it is more than just a four day hymn sing!
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> Let me know if you talked with Alan.....
>
> Ellis J.
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To: "Alan Upshall" <aupsha[REDACTED]>
From: Ellis Jones <ellis@[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: WAY
Cc:
Bcc:
Attached:

Alan: Excellent note to Kara! I'll be in touch with her on further details.
Ellis J.

At 03:38 AM 9/21/01, you wrote:

>Dear KARA
>THanks for your very positive response and I am delighted that you can work
>with the organisation to move the WAY group ahead.
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>I tried to cover the ground in my earlier email, but I envision the
>committee performing two functions.
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>First to bring WAY back into the WNGGA administrative structure. I think
>that this is best not because WNGGA wants some form of control but because
>of the oscillations that WAY has gone through over the years and there is
>therefore a real worry about the assets and other legal aspects of the
>organisation. If we can secure those we would be on safe ground.
>
>Second, a forward looking approach to the younger Welsh in North America. I
>know that several people have looked at this perennial problem in the past
>and have met with little success. It can be regarded as a thankless task
>since it is difficult. I believe that the approaches of the past have
>concentrated upon more social events (special gatherings at the Gymanfa etc)
>and perhaps that is not the way to go.
>
>There are a couple of questions that I can think of:
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>Where do the potentially interested youth come from?
>Is the interest familial or social?
>Is it cultural or ancestral?
>Is it multi ethnic or just Welsh?
>Can it be tied to other celtic groups?
>Where is the best place to find these people?
>What attractive information needs to be provided to turn them on?
>What is the age bracket of real interest?
>Can there be cooperation between the Welsh groups in this challenge (e.g.
>Welsh Heritage, Welsh Choir, Rio Grande, Festival of Wales etc.)? How can
>these all work together to bring the level of visibility higher which might
>then attract the younger people?
>
>I am sure that there are many more that you and your committee can consider
>and provide some answer to.
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>I will write to the committee with the news and then I would like to leave
>it to you to contact your committee members since that will give you
>opportunity to make your case. As usual with volunteer committees, progress
>depends on the amount of time the volunteers can spare. I think you have a
>very strong group, and I look forward very much to your proposals. The
>Board of Trustees meets in April in Kingston Ontario. Ellis will have the
>exact dates, and a report for that meeting would be very valuable.
>
>Please let me know if there is anything else I can do to help. I am only an
>email away.
>
>Diolch yn fawr for your enthusiasm and commitment
>Hwyl Fawr
>Alan
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>>From: "Kara Lewis" <kl[REDACTED]>
>>To: "Alan Upshall" <aupsh[REDACTED]>
>>Subject: Re: WAY
>>Date: Tue, 18 Sep 2001 11:55:09 -0400
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>>Alan,
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>>I would love to chair this committee. Please let me know what is involved
>>and what would be expected of me.
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>>Let me know.
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>>Kara
>>
>>Kara Lewis
>>Cyfarwyddwraig/Director
>>Canolfan Madog Center
>>Prifysgol Rio Grande/University of Rio Grande
>>Rio Grande
>>OH 45674-0500
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>>740-245-7186
>>www.rio.edu/madog
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>>----- Original Message -----
>>From: "Alan Upshall" <aupsh[REDACTED]>
>>To: <klew[REDACTED]>
>>Cc: <ellis@gust[REDACTED]>; <lowens-whale[REDACTED]>
>>Sent: Tuesday, September 18, 2001 3:26 AM
>>Subject: WAY
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>>
>> > Dear Kara
>> >
>> > I am sorry that I missed you in San Jose, but I must be honest, i missed
>> > most things with the meeting schedule that I had. One day I shall be
>> > able
>> > to go to the Festival and attend the seminars and eisteddfod. Ellis has
>> > just written telling me that he met you and how enthusiastic you were
>> >
>> > Since sending my email about 2 months ago I have had correspondence with
>> > John Ellis and Roderic Owen, and both have declined to chair this
>> > forward
>> > looking committee, although they both agreed to serve. It was a
>> > function
>> > of
>> > other reponsibilites.
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>> > Ellis has written highly of your enthusiasm and that is just what we
>> > need
>> > to
>> > put these new approaches into place. HAD I seen you in San JOSe, I
>> > would
>> > have asked whether you would be interested in the chairing the committee
>> > and
>> > so I do so now. As I said previously, I am just as interested in having
>> > a
>> > more forward looking approach to Welsh youth in North America as I am in
>> > bringing the organisation back into the fold so to speak. Enthusiasm
>> > and
>> > ideas are the keys to this future. THE change to the naming of the
>> > event
>> > the North AMERICAN Festival of Wales (which will begin in 2003) might
>> > also

