

Find Your Sticky – What Stuck with YOU from Today’s Mini-Retreat

- Appreciation
- Successes
- Data
- Having unmasked time and very nice food
- Energy to move forward
- Perspective of whole
- Everyone participating
- Speaking of ourselves – why here with ARAW
- Written materials to take home
- Wow!
- I understand what a private foundation is etc.
- I can’t believe the capacity Jenny has for creating systems for every question we have
- How perfectly today suited all the questions we have about operations
- Clare is amazing and gives complete and clear presentations of anything!
- Success of in-house staff
- Great presentation – thank you
- Think we’re mostly on same mode of thinking
- Information wonderfully set out – comprehensive
- Glad to see we’re all in agreement to remain a private foundation
- Right people for right spot and time
- Communication is key
- Future depends on ability to think outside the box
- I understand foundation vs charity
- The range and format of data availability
- The surface of board members’ backgrounds has only been scratched
- The commitment and energy of board and staff is boundless
- Our path forward is becoming clearer and will require continued work
- Stats on beneficiaries are fascinating – important to know
- Value of database
- Definition of private foundation and learned why we are one
- Sincere and real commitment of ARAW team
- The money spent on grants to women and beneficiaries – good it can do
- So impressed with the presentation and the thoroughness of the information
- Feel reinforced in my understanding of what we are doing
- Further clarifies the return on investment we so often discuss
- I’d like to see what it would mean to handle the remaining 3 COA’s with additional in-house staff
- I would like to know more about the characteristics of beneficiaries
- Amazed at in office productivity
- Wondering how many women we can help/applications processed per year
- The independence provided by our status as a private foundation - we can take advantage of it
- Loved learning about private foundation vs charity
- Curious about how we might move more “outreach” in-house
- Gratitude for and to our amazing Executive Director and staff
- Interest in spending policy
- Information we have access to
- Understanding of private foundation
- Expansion of in-house staff?

Connection to Mission – unifying elements

- ✓ Community
- ✓ Impact
- ✓ Substance/experience
- ✓ Personal connection
- ✓ Sense of fulfillment
- ✓ Giving back
- ✓ Challenge

Board Member Fun Facts – Who is Who!

- 🍷 I was once stuck, alone, for over an hour, in a very small room with a very angry Jamie Lee Curtis -trying desperately to get her to do something she didn't want to do. I won!! – **Debbie Brooke**
- 🍷 I am a novice gardener - and I love it! – **Angela Natho**
- 🍷 In 1985, I was in a Thanksgiving food segment of Mr. Rogers. I was working in the soup manufacturing division at the HJ Heinz factory in Pittsburgh and gave him a tour of how vegetable soup was made. – **Mary Ellis**
- 🍷 I play a game or 2 of cribbage almost every evening with my husband. We keep a running tally and know who has won each month and also year! We are pretty evenly matched. We have fun and sometimes more fun than the other when there is a SKUNK! – **Jo-Ann Beaulieu**
- 🍷 When John F. Kennedy was running for president, he voted in my district. I went and took the opportunity to shake his hand...there was a bit of my face of in the photo that was published in the Boston Globe. – **Roseanne O'Connell**
- 🍷 I was born on March 17th, which most of you know is St. Patrick's Day. I was born to French Canadian parents, but I married an Irishman by the name of Patrick. He was a really good guy, but definitely not a saint. – **Jeannette Doyle**
- 🍷 I sold Del's lemonade at the summer Olympics in Atlanta. – **Diane Laflamme**
- 🍷 Embarrassed to admit, I am a THE VOICE (t.v. competition) fanatic!!! I am seriously addicted and never miss an episode. – **Shannon Bachman**
- 🍷 The first concert I attended was the Beatles in Boston. – **Jane Stankiewicz**
- 🍷 I lived in Japan for three and half years. – **Gloria deSa**
- 🍷 Gale Beaton taught me how to twirl a baton! – **Cathy Mayall**
- 🍷 I recently found a litter of kittens under our deck. We identified 2 kittens but didn't want to get too close for fear of scaring mama. After several weeks of keeping mama and babies safe, Habitat for Cats was able to retrieve mama and her six beautiful kittens - two grey, two black, a tabby and a calico like the mama. This all makes me a proud kitty grandma. – **Rosemary Saber**

Questions...

WHAT IS A PRIVATE FOUNDATION PRESENTATION...?

What are some examples of public charities in our area?

- Southcoast Health System, New Bedford Whaling Museum, Coastal Neighborhood Network, Zeiterion, Community Nurse Home Care, United Way, New Bedford Symphony – also, just to thoroughly confuse matters so is The Community Foundation. Just because the entity has “foundation” in its name does not mean it is a foundation
- Examples of local foundations are: The Carney Foundation, The Island Foundation, Demello Charitable Foundation, New Bedford Port Society Ladies Branch, ARAW

What does it mean to have *Association* in our name?

- Per legal review “Bottom line: I think that ARAW is a non profit corporation and is not an unincorporated association, or an association in the sense of a fraternal relief or membership benefit organization, and that it is not required to have members. I don't know if ARAW originally intended to only make grants to beneficiaries who were also members. If this were true, and this was still its purpose, members would be a

necessary part of the organization. However, there is nothing in the 1866 deed, the current Articles of Organization, or the bylaws that indicate to me this intention.

It is my understanding that the ARAW has a long and established tradition of membership, and wants to maintain that tradition, while keeping membership management and governance as simple as possible. Restricting membership to the board of directors is a perfectly acceptable and helpful resolution of the governance and management issues related to having members as well as directors.”

How many programs before we would be considered an operating foundation?

- It must be primarily what we do. Even if we added another program or two (in addition to FLO) our direct support and grant making to organizations is what we do primarily. Should we decide to add programs, it would be in our best interest to consult legal and accountants to see when or if our designation changes.

STATE OF THE ASSOCIATION PRESENTATION

What is happening to the Acushnet Council on Aging?

- Although Acushnet COA is no longer a grant funded community partner, we continue to work with them when a need arises with an existing Beneficiary and we continue to receive referrals from them. We also refer to them when a need arises that goes beyond the purview of ARAW’s capacity as a private foundation.

What is involved in beneficiary updates?

- When the Beneficiary Committee awards reoccurring support, it is for a period of one year. An annual update is due a year from the date the award is first made to ensure the support is still relevant, appropriate and/or whether there are any other needs. This is determined through the resubmission and update of the two-page application, so it reflects the Beneficiary’s current situation. An annual update is also submitted for those Beneficiaries who have received a gift.

What is the eligibility for FLO?

- The same eligibility guidelines are in place for FLO as for ARAW Beneficiaries. All FLO participants have a record of eligibility on hand so they are “teed up” should a request be identified at which point a full application will be completed for submission to the Beneficiary Committee.