

Here's a list of things that have popped into my head off and on during the day.

- There are two issues, scheduling and focus. Scheduling has become the driving force behind the 1QE discussion – there are now too many events, cannibalizing each other – but focus is relevant because GLISA reps maintain that they offer something different and important through their human rights conferences. No sports organizations asked for, much less demanded, that additional components be added to multi-sport events, especially when these components duplicate the work of other organizations. GLISA simply argues this to justify its reason for being.

- From a strategic standpoint, FGG officers and members who support cultural events should be asked to check their usual inclination to always insert the words “and culture” when people talk about the Gay Games or “the quadrennial event” as a sports event. Just this once: zip it. At this meeting, it's a distraction from getting GLISA to cooperate.

- People who say, “Don't personalize it.” The problem is that it has been the individual actions of people with interests having to do with things other than LGBT sport that have created the dilemma we're in. Most of these have been site selection/tourism greed. Conny Schaelicke (Berlin), Michael Clarke (culture), Mark Tewksbury (he'd been planning to write a book in connection with 2006 all along; it just took a different turn than his hoped-for elevation to hero status in the LGBT sports world), Tourism Montreal, Wonderful Copenhagen, Cleveland Synergy (host a games and profit off it).

- Don't expect GLISA to fold its tent anyway. Daniel hopes there's a future for GLISA North America and already issued a press release about GLISA having a partnership with ILGA and Stonewall 50. The Heritage of Pride officers were not happy and have told him it will be up to New York's sports groups to decide whether they want an Outgames brand on whatever they do in 2019.

- Sports groups are not joining or taking part in the governance of GLISA-North America.

- Consider altering what the breakout sessions will be about. Some seem off-topic to solving the 1QE scheduling problem.

- One easy way to ease financial matters. Stop holding opening ceremonies. But do the groups want to give that up?

- Give GLISA credit for raising the issue of regional organizations and competitions. Help them feel good about that as their contribution to the global LGBT sports movement. And use that as a means of getting them to stop duplicating efforts in North America and Europe.

- Obviously, how the discussion goes will depend on who shows up. The outcome is unpredictable for that reason.