

December 4, 2005 Conference Call

AAGT Board Meeting

Present: Brian O'Neill, Ann Bowman, Tine van Wijk, Bruce Aaron, Peter Philippon

Absent: Morgan Goodlander, Jack Aylward, Sylvie Falschlunger, Alan Singer, Bud Feder, Warren Weir, Marcy Stern, Ansel Woldt, Marilyn Myles, Peter Cole, Bea Mackay
NEXT BOARD CALL December 18, 2005. Same times as usual (use 3PM EST as a guide)

Secretary's Report:

Ann- The November AAGT Board Minutes are now on the AAGT website (go to the home page, click on About AAGT, then click on AAGT Executive Council and the link for the minutes is located near the top of that page). The minutes can now be posted to the website after they are approved for the members to view. Discussion by the board members present regarding whether to post them in the Newsletter as well or to put notice in the Newsletter that directs persons to the AAGT website. Board agreed at this time to post the notice in the Newsletter directing members to the website and to encourage those who would like a printed copy to let Marcie or Ann Bowman know so a copy may be sent to them. Peter – Suggested that the Webmaster add to the home page “minutes are now on line”. Ann Bowman will follow up with this.

Vancouver Conference:

Sylvie has the registration form completed for the conference. She needs to be informed about the costs for the conference. Peter – we need to get that finalized before the next conference call in January. As a board, we are over all responsible for the conference. It is important that we don't have a financial loss like the conference of 2003. Brian – Bea and others are in dialogue about this. Brian, Bud and Ansel are also being consulted as well as needed. Tine and Peter agree that we need to come up with a figure soon so that people can begin the process of registration. Tine – Costs were easier to calculate for Amsterdam. Tine stated that Bea has contracted costs for approximately 200 people.

Brian – talked about his experience with Ganz. Agrees that Bea and Warren need support with deciding the fees for the conference. He would like to keep the number of people involved in this decision to a reasonable level. Ann – Suggested that the Executive Counsel should be a part of this decision including the Treasurer. Brian - will talk with Bea about this and set up an email with the conference planners and Executive Counsel. Bruce and Brian has discussed previous years of decision making regarding conference costs, etc. There is no “established procedure” in place with which to follow from year to year.

Peter stated he did see the Vancouver announcement in the Gestalt News and Notes on the Internet.

AAGT Email List

Phil Brownell has established a couple of email lists for AAGT and will have those up soon. Everyone agreed that Phil has done a great job with this.

2006 AAGT Annual Meetings

Ann inquired about how it is that the 2006 AAGT annual meeting does not appear to be incorporated into the Vancouver Conference dates. She would like the AAGT community meetings to be also be incorporated within the conference. The Fall 2005 AAGT Newsletter has them listed as occurring August 13-15, 2006 after the conference has ended. Peter – would also like the AAGT meetings to occur within the conference time frame. Bruce – would like this and expressed the concern that many people will leave after the conference is over and not stay for the meetings. This occurred in Amsterdam as well when the meetings were conducted after the conference ended. He also expressed concern that persons who may be taking on new roles for AAGT would already have plane tickets and not be able to attend the meetings. Brian – It's important to have another meeting with the board to discuss this and other conference issues within this month.

Board members present agreed to schedule another board meeting in 2 weeks, December 18, 2005 at the same time as usual. Brian will send out an agenda for this meeting.

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