

11th January 2009 Board Conference Call

The starred items (*) are those items we about which we ought to reach conclusions on the call. The number of stars has meaning. Brief matters are indicated with a hash (#).

Agenda

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Treasurer's report (Peter C) *** #

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Present: Dan, Sarah, Ansel, Peter P, Burt, Cathy, Charlie, Peter C, Robert, Maryanne.

Apologies: Bud, Brian, Adam.

Absent: Michael.

Continuing Education Report (Ansel): **Re-application Process**

Continuing Education:

Ansel is preparing the Re-Application materials to enable AAGT to maintain its Continuing Education Providership with the American Psychological Association -- something APA requires every 5 years. The application is considerably longer and more detailed than the ones he completed previously. The blank form by itself is 37 pages long prior to answering any questions. It requires more elaborate and particularized information on program planning. our 2 prior applications. For example, the involvement of AAGT's CE administrator and licensed psychologists in programmatic decisions and in the overall planning of every conference; the learning goals and evaluation procedures used to measure each goal of a set number of program presentations in each of our conferences. It is necessary to establish a CE Advisory Committee composed of representatives from the various disciplines who attend our conferences. He will be asking selected members to serve on this committee. APA also requires evidence of at least 3 psychologists who were involved over the past 5 years in program design and decision-making. Ansel has asked Bud Feder and Phil Brownell to supply him with CVs and descriptions of their involvement, the other person being himself as the CE officer licensed both as psychologist and clinical counselor.

Since Pete Cole is the CE Officer-Elect, Ansel will be sharing a draft of all materials with him to review, edit, etc. as part of his "internship" for the position. He also advised the Board that he may be sending

portions of the Re-Application materials to them for review, editing and comments. Since the project is likely to exceed 200 pages (*as previous ones*), the only officer to receive a complete set will be Peter Cole. Ansel advised the Board of the necessity of timeliness in responding to his requests as the completed packet must be at APA headquarters by February 1st. The cost of the 5-year re-application is \$300.00. Ansel will be receiving a check in that amount from Peter Cole made payable to APA that must accompany the 4 copies of the document to be considered -- NO LATE ARRIVALS OR NO CHECK ATTACHED WE LOOSE OUR PROVIDERSHIP.

In addition, AAGT will be receiving a bill for \$400.00 soon thereafter for our Annual Dues that must accompany the 2008 Annual Report. All of last year's Program Evaluations must be tallied and summarized to complete these APA's materials and NBCC's shortly thereafter. Knowing it would be impossible to accomplish this task himself prior to the deadline, the Board approved payment for someone to assist Ansel with the tallying of evaluation data. This was done via an Internet survey a couple weeks ago. He is very appreciative of the Board's support.

Communications Committee (Charlie)****

Opening the Members' list for attachments.

Discussed the risks of contracting viruses by doing so, along with the advantages of being able to send attachments to the membership. Charlie suggested opening the block selectively, for specifically requested documents. He also suggested putting this out for discussion on the members' list.

Dan suggested taking off the block and monitoring the situation for now.

Peter P wondered if this would affect the available archive space.

Charlie said he will check with Icors about the archives.

Dan highlighted the practice of emailing a links to a documents that has been posted on a website.

Upcoming Newsletter - include the Notice of Annual Meeting, Agenda, etc.

Charlie proposed sending out a truncated issue this time, due to the importance of AGM and conference announcements.

Peter P said he would write a vice-president's farewell. Charlie asked Cathy to do a piece also.

Ansel said he would see if he could summarise any findings from the evaluation forms.

Charlie also asked Ansel to make a summary of the by-law changes.

Charlie requested that all contributions be sent to him by the 19th.

Dedication of the Philly conference to Richard

This was fully supported by the board, and Richard was spoken about in terms of his relationship with AAGT. Burt stayed for this part of the discussion and will discuss with Cathy, who had left at this point.

Peter C shared that he hopes to have a published edition of Phil Lichtenberg's book on psychoanalysis and gestalt therapy available at the conference. We agreed to have some part of the conference to honour Phil. It is especially fitting since we will be in Bryn Mawr.

Inclusion of remembrances or dedication of the Newsletter to Richard

Discussed AAGT's response to the death of our dear friend and member, Richard Kitzler as well as preparations for remembrances and regards in the Newsletter and the Philadelphia conference.

2010 Conference (Cathy and Burt)***

Cathy has spoken to the university venue, and made sure they are still holding the dates for us. We don't have to make a commitment until June. They require a smaller commitment from us than the hotel venue. Cathy and Burt feeling the finalising of the venue is priority and, in view of the finances involved, feel the board should agree on which, of the two, is selected.

Cathy and Burt wanted the board to contribute to their decision-making about this.

A lengthy discussion took place of the various advantages and disadvantages of both venues, both financial and logistical. The decision was that, in the current climate, the financial implications of the hotel's contract dictate that we need to go with the university venue.

RCP report (Brian):#

Dan made a brief report in Brian's absence:

Targeting email to AAGT regions

Our database is able to be sorted so that emails can be sent to specific regions. That means, RCPs can target their own regions for their activities and for membership renewals.

NE Regional Meeting: Gestalt Therapy and Intersubjective Psychoanalysis

There is a lot of interest in the NE region (especially NYC) for a regional event on the theme of GT and intersubjective analysis. Two NYC OMs are interested, so far. Dan mentioned this to some analysts and they are also interested in attending.

Annual Meeting in Madrid: Agenda***

Date

We need to schedule the AGM during the conference due to Dan's flight. Peter P expressed concern that this may come across as ?disrespectful to the Madrid conference planners. Dan has already discussed this with the convenor and she is fine with us doing that. Dan will discuss the programme with her to look for the most suitable time for us to meet. He will speak to Carmen over the next few days and let us know outcome via the leaders' list.

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Nominations Committee

Peter P will check whether any vacancies for board positions are coming up, and will act accordingly in his role as VP.

Treasurer's report (Peter C) * #**

Peter C sent the following ahead of the call:

As of December 31, 2008 Dec 31, 08	Accrual Basis
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1001 · US Bank	17,872.90
1003 · Cooperative Bank UK	5,688.95
1004 · PayPal UK	7.94
1005 · PayPal US	4,575.41
Total Checking/Savings	28,145.20
Other Current Assets	
1021 · Petty Cash - Silvie	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	0.00
Total Current Assets	28,145.20
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
2001 · Scholarship Fund	6,277.46
Total Other Current Liabilities	6,277.46
Total Current Liabilities	6,277.46
Total Liabilities	6,277.46
Equity	
3000 · Opening Bal Equity	18,163.81
3600 · Retained Earnings	43.42
3940 · Suspense	-1,633.62
Net Income	9,608.86
Total Equity	26,182.47
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	32,459.93

Scholarship Fund (Bud):

Bud was not be on the call. He proposed that 10% of the pre-conference workshops be contributed to the AAGT scholarship fund.

Bud's Task Force on Special Training (informal name) has generated important discussion on the Members List. The Task Force has 2 members and will be meeting to discuss proposals to report to us and for the AM agenda.

We also discussed the issue of our funds. We need them. For us to meet the needs of our membership until the conference, we have to do things such as redesign our website and expand our communications function. This is an expense. We often focus our fundraising on the scholarship fund -- and this is great. But we run the risk of funding this at the expense of the operating funds of the organisation.

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Date of next meeting:

15th February.