

## **January 13, 2008 Board Meeting**

### **AAGT Board Meeting**

**Present:** Ann Bowman, Dan Bloom, Sarah Fallon, Ansel Woldt, Peter Philippon, Silvie Falschlunger, and Robert DeVos.

**Absent:** Jack Aylward, Marilyn Myles, , Morgan Goodlander, Peter Cole, Marcy Stern, Phil Brownell, Tine van Wijk, Brian O'Neill, and Bud Feder.

### **PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. Manchester Conference (Sarah) including discussion about booking on website**

**B. RCP (Tine)**

**C. Treasurer's Report (Peter C)**

**D. E-newsletter (Marcy)**

**E. Communications (Phil)**

**THE NEXT BOARD MEETING TIME – February 3, 2008 –same times as the January meeting.**

**Welcome – all checked in.**

### **Manchester Conference**

**Sarah – Susan Gregory emailed with a question – given the number of proposals the conference planning committee received, they need more readers. They could ask for more volunteers but Susan would also like to propose an alternative solution. This is to have two readers instead of three and if their evaluations are extremely divergent then send to a third person to review.**

**Ansel – OK as long as they are blind reviewed.**

**Robert, Ann, Peter, Dan - all are OK with this as well.**

**Peter – Ansel said that there is no problem getting CEUs for Americans for the conference.**

**Sarah – Susan did put a request for more readers on the members list (she has 60 + proposals for 42 slots). She did get a few more volunteers but not enough.**

**Ansel – also got a request for a proposal submission but it was too late.**

**Peter – the conference planning committee has the ultimate say in the proposal review process, but let them know (Sarah) that the board has no objection to having two reviewers with a third reviewer used if needed.**

**Peter and Robert – Peter had no problem booking the conference on the net, Robert did.**

**Silvie – did you have a problem registering or paying with pay pal?**

**Robert – The problem was with the payment through paypal.**

**Silvie – you have to fill out the form and mail it to me with your conference payment.**

**Peter – No, paypal should take the payment online. Perhaps something is wrong when you register from Holland and use paypal.**

**Silvie – Robert, in case you cannot resolve it with paypal, print out the form and mail it to Silvie.**

**Peter – Robert would you please contact your credit card provider also and see if there is something wrong on their end? It's important to see if this is a larger problem.**

**Peter – there still is a possibility that we will loose money in the conversion from dollars or euros to pounds.**

**Silvie – mainly we have UK registrants and she thinks that US registrants will balance this out.**

**Silvie – we have had 20 registrations at this time.**

**Sarah – Silvie and I talked before the call and noted that this (only 20 registrants so far) is very ordinary for this time of the year with conference registrations. People may wait a bit to register.**

**Peter – Yes, and the early, reduced rate offering is not up until April.**

**Peter – folks from EAGT, Germany, Italy, Slovenia have contacted him saying they are coming.**

**Peter – Thank you Sarah and the conference planners for all you do! The number of proposals proportionally is a sign of good interest in the conference.**

### **Treasurer's Report**

**Peter C sent a report to the board regarding AAGT's current finances. This will be available to the members on request.**

**Peter – Asked Silvie if she knew about the scholarship fund or tax penalty?**

**Silvie – No, I don't know about the scholarship fund. There were some expenses involved in the scholarship fund and Peter C paid those out.**

**Silvie - There are a lot of renewal forms that she has received and will be processed this month.**

**Peter – if we need to do another email round for renewals, we will do that if necessary.**

**Silvie – should we distribute a new directory at the end of the year or at the conference? When we did this at the last conference, we saved a lot of money.**

**Peter – hopefully there will also be new members signing up when they register for the conference. They would want to be included in the directory. Perhaps we can also do some of the printing in the UK.**

**Silvie – will check this out.**

**Peter – thanks for all you do Silvie.**

### **New leaders for Members and Leaders Lists needed and Web Hosting Costs**

**Dan - Phil is no longer willing to pay for or moderate the members list or the leaders list. We will need another for both. Need to put this out to the members to see who is interested.**

There was a discussion about the leaders list – there is no need for a moderator. There is a need for a moderator for the members list though.

Sarah – so we will need someone to moderate the members list and also to hold the lists.

Peter – the covenant of community will also be in place and will support the community on the members list. We also need someone to assume the role of moderator as Phil (the current members list moderator) has had to give direction and make some decisions on this list in the past.

Dan – Phil wants AAGT to pick up the renewals for the lists. This is a very low cost. AAGT2 is \$7/month.

Ann – This seems reasonable that AAGT would pay for the costs of these lists.

Peter – yes it does.

Sarah – will there be a gap in providing services on the lists?

Dan – No, I'll make sure about that.

Dan will also get contact information for Steve Logan the webmaster AAGT.org to get an updated version of the bylaws posted on the website.

*In an email sent after the meeting (1/14/2008), Phil wrote the following to clarify what is needed for the leaders and members lists:*

*Actually ... In the notes "lists" seem also to be synonymous with web sites and portals. These are apples and oranges. Lists need owners/managers and some lists need moderators. The Leaders' list is not a moderated list (it could be, but it isn't at the present). The AAGT Members' list IS a moderated list. Both of them require an owner, and I will continue to be that. Owner is a very technical term and does not mean that it's someone who could pull the plug and destroy the list, fire the moderator, etc, etc. Someone must be identified, and it's me, since I have the relationship with ICORS/Listserv, etc. What is needed is someone to manage and someone to moderate for the Members' List. Phil*

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