

## **AAGT Board Teleconference Minutes 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2009**

**Present:** Dan, Peter (minutes), Burt, Cathy, Charlie, Ansel, Robert, Bud, Adam, Maryanne

**Apologies:** Brian, Sarah

### **Communications Committee (Charlie)\*\*\*\***

We urgently need to update the website, which hasn't been updated since the new officers were elected. Most of the work on revising the website is done. A lot of the wording needs to be revised, e.g. taking out the Interest Group wording. Charlie will forward a list of what needs to be done and Dan asked for comments to be sent urgently.

Charlie suggested that having a later renewal date has advantages for people who are financially stretched.

There is a link to an organisational page and a regional page, both with no content.

There is a link to the Membership Directory, and the information needs to be put in, and then updated regularly (twice or four times a year) between Adam and Charlie.

Adam asked that items the office needs to do should be sent as a separate e-mail to him. We need to encourage Steve to speed up. Charlie will give Steve a deadline, we suggested of two weeks. Charlie will also ask him to put updated lists of officers on the website.

Advertising in Newsletter by OMs: Done away with the whole-page advertising for OMs: now two News and Notes sections: one for OMs and one for individual members.

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

Went in on time. Is affecting the program proposals, because the format has changed. Ansel will communicate this to the CPC.

Ansel is tabulating the Manchester feedback and sending it to the CPC in digital form.

Ansel was thanked for his work.

### **2010 Conference (Cathy and Burt)\*\*\*\***

Just had a call, which went very well.

**Venue:** Decision to go to the downtown hotel. General agreement to this. Cathy will send Dan the contract to sign. An initial budget has been sent out, and was agreed to be a good working document.

**Fees:** Possibility of having a student rate. Problems about how 'students' are defined, and how

much income they would have. Cathy will take this back to the CPC.

**RCP report (Brian):** Dan gave a brief report in Brian's absence.

We have started a trial RCP email discussion group in the Australia and new Zealand region which is off to a great start with 40 members and Dan and Tali are the guests for the next few months/ Also several RCPs have joined to see how it works and apply it in their region, like an Internet Saloon.

Also we will have another call early in March to try and iron out the bugs of the one in February. And hopefully hold the election

Not many people on the call, difficulty bringing people in.

News: NE Regional Rep Vacancy

NE Regional Meeting (?): Gestalt Therapy and Intersubjective Psychoanalysis

**Scholarship Fund (Bud)\*\*\*\*:**

Bud proposed that a minimum of 10% of the pre-conference workshops be contributed to the AAGT scholarship fund. CPC supports this.

In Manchester, room cost was taken off the takings, and the rest went to the presenters. In Philadelphia, the CPC proposal is to have a flat fee to presenters. The 10% of the Scholarship Fund is to be taken off the gross.

**Manchester DVDs: What to do with them?**

For example:

1. We can offer them as incentives for early registration for 2010;
2. The RCPs can use them as additional incentives to the members in their regions to local members (in good standing) a souvenir of the conference they did not attend.
3. We can sell them on our website.
4. We can sell them at other conferences (Madrid, for example) and at our regional conferences.

We decided to do this on e-mail, as there were not enough people on the call by this time.

**Madrid:** Maryanne will send out a posting on the AAGT Members List asking about people who want to come to Madrid, so we can organise group application.

**Next meeting** Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Daylight saving will have started in Europe and USA, and ended in Australia. Robert sends his apologies.

Minutes kindly taken by  
Peter Philippon,  
AAGT Vice President.