

Board Meeting, 25th April 2010

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

Apologies: Bud, Robert.

Conference Report (Cathy and Burt):

Burt reminded us that the conference fee increases on 15th May. Cathy reminded us that after 15th May registrations must be made on site

The planning team is on schedule with tasks.

We currently have 209 registrants, although 14 of the presenters haven't yet registered along with others we know are planning to attend. We hope to get it to 250.

Burt and Cathy are engaged in checking the fine details of the conference venue and programme. All seems well!

Cathy asked all board members to confirm their attendance or not for the final Board meeting on the Sunday following the conference.

Treasurer's Report:

\$53,300 has been paid out to the conference so far.

\$15,675 current balance in the California account.

\$1500 is in the UK bank account in Manchester.

Peter is looking at a more detailed way of managing the books for the Philadelphia conference. He is meeting with Adam, our book-keeper, to look at this more closely.

Peter reported that he still hasn't received the money from the UK bank account.

Also that the DVD company in Manchester say they have not received their payment.

Peter Philippon has agreed to look into these matters again.

Pretty much all of our resources are now with the conference. We hope the conference will make a profit so those resources will go back into the general funds of the organisation.

Peter clarified that we have no more money than this and he wondered if we need to look at increasing our membership fees. We keep our fees low yet we do have ongoing expenses. Are there other ways of developing money? There was an agreement to alert the membership to this at the AGM in Philadelphia.

Burt asked if we have an estimate of our annual expenses. Peter C said it would be fairly easy to provide this. Can we identify patterns - in terms of membership payments etc? Adam clarified that our membership is currently 373, including organisational members. It would be interesting to compare this figure with previous years.

Charlie clarified that we have sold advertising on the website in previous years to raise revenue, but we didn't really have the structuring in place to make this viable. He also shared his view was we are always broke before a conference.

AGM Agenda:

It was agreed we would hand out the topics on the agenda at the AGM in Philadelphia. There was discussion on the importance of giving enough space to the election of officers.

It was confirmed that the outgoing president "passes on the gavel" to the incoming president as the final item at the first community meeting of the conference.

2012 Venue:

There has been interest in holding the conference from members in California, Israel and Korea. There has also been some initial interest in Ireland, but not a formal proposal as yet.

Elections Committee (Bud):

In an email he sent prior to the meeting, Bud reported that "Nobody has responded to our emails reaching out and asking for either committee involvement and/or nominations". And "I think we will need to fall back on our usual way of letting people emerge into offices at the conference".

Scholarship Committee (Bud):

31 grants have been made, creating a total of approximately \$15,000.

Most of the money has been raised and, through ongoing efforts [dedicated workshops, pre-conference 10% split, auction] the rest is comfortably projected.

Communications Committee (Charlie):

The board thanked Charlie for the tremendous job he has done with this role. Brian Mistler has agreed to get involved in Communications.

Scholarship Committee Board Position:

This was discussed. Also the possibility of the role, instead, being a board position that relates to all our fundraising committees.

APA Continuing Education Report re. Reviewers' Citations (Ansel):

Ansel has almost completed his work on this, and he should be able to post it tomorrow. The board thanked Ansel for this big piece of work that he has been engaging with on our behalf.

NBCC Annual CE Report (Ansel):

Ansel needs to complete this annual report and is proceeding with that also.

Other items:

Charlie let us know he is soon collecting Sol Rosenberg's library - a donation from his widow to AAGT and Kent State University. We expressed our appreciation of the generosity of this gesture, and how much value we place on such a cherished resource.

Sarah was congratulated for "her outstanding work as Secretary and the solid contributions she has made to the Board decisions and discussion throughout her term. Her work on the Manchester Conference followed by her term as Secretary constitute a significant personal sacrifice and major contribution to AAGT."

Next meeting: 16th May 2010