

May 21, 2006 Conference Call

AAGT Board Meeting

Present: Brian O'Neill, Ann Bowman, Bud Feder, Tine van Wijk, , Peter Philipppson, Peter Cole, Sylvie Falschlunger, Victor Daniels, Bea Mackay, Marcy Stern, Ansel Woldt

Absent:, Morgan Goodlander, Jack Aylward, Alan Singer, Bruce Aaron, Warren Weir, Phil Brownell, Marilyn Myles

PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Call for Officers (Brian, Peter P)
- B. Conference (Warren and Bea and Victor)
- C. Newsletter Editor (Marcy)
- D. Scholarships (Bud)
- E. SEP Service Exchange Program (Brian)
- F. Connection with EAGT and AAGT
- G. RCP (Marilyn)

NEXT BOARD CALL June 18, 2006. Same times as usual.

Regional Conference Discussion

Tine has been discussing regional conference options for persons in Yalta. The Board decided that if our colleagues in Yalta, Crimea became AAGT members, they were free to organize a Regional AAGT Conference and do not need the consent of the board. The only consent they do need of the board was that they pay for their membership at the special rate of \$ 10. This was agreed for Russia and Ukraine.

Victor said he would like it if their membership would not rival with the membership of the EAGT, the European Association for Gestalt Therapy. But the EAGT is a completely different kind of organization as it is only for Gestalt professionals. You have to commit to their criteria to become a member and the AAGT is more open.

Reduced Membership Fees

There was a discussion by the board members that more countries are in need of a special membership rate - for example: Russians, Ukraine's, some South American countries, etc.

Brian suggested that distance traveled not be a consideration but the economics of the countries be the main concern.

Peter Cole was asked to chair the committee to look into this. Tine and Peter P volunteered to be on the committee.

Vancouver Conference

In an email prior to the conference call, Warren and Bea submitted the following:

- 1) Local PR and Marketing is ongoing:
 - a) 1850 flyers went out to registered clinical counselors in early May
 - b) Sending email and flyers is ongoing across Canada.
 - c) Connection has been made to Gestalt Institute in Mexico City, Buenos Aires and San Francisco

2) A/V This is our understanding so far - A DVD will be created which includes the 4 conversation hours plus plenary. Audio taping of all other sessions (where appropriate) will be converted to CD's.

Questions:

a) Would you like the DVD's and CD's to be available immediately at the conference or can they be mailed out afterwards. Any comments on that process.

b) What about consent? Who do we need consent from? How is consent obtained? Who could we get to handle getting consent? Victor: is there anyone on the program committee that could do this?

What about requesting consent on the same form that presenters submit where they put down their A/V needs (like flip charts etc)?

3) These are the things we are looking after locally:

Local publicity and marketing

Tourist info

Harbor Cruise

Transportation to and from Harbor Cruise

Food services co-ordination

Dance band has been booked

A/V coordination

Work/study coordination

Irish Interest group

Signage/Map coordination

Local Worker Bee

Registration: Registration package: name tags, pens, maps, bags etc.

Billeting and room sharing

On site Logistics

Board discussion:

There was a lot of support given to the Conference Planners for how well the conference planning is going.

Consents - Victor suggested one page consents.

Brian suggested that the committee research and come up with a consent.

Publicity - Brian suggested that there needs to be a publicity chair. Names were suggested and a discussion followed. This person would primarily do two things - coordinate people who are looking after various areas of publicity. They would also formulate and oversee a publicity plan for N America in general.

Peter P - Need someone to go through the directory and contact the institutes to see if they have publicity to distribute and/or if they need publicity pieces to distribute.

Ansel - Newsletters are important. Need someone to also look into which journals we are in.

General discussion. The conference is now included in the Gestalt Review and British Gestalt Journal. If we try to get publicity into new journals at this date it is probably too late to be effective for the conference.

Sylvie has the directory and offered to contact the institutes and send out flyers as needed.

Nancy Woldt also volunteered to help Sylvie with the calls. Sylvie will send Nancy the list of organizations and they will talk about how to divide the work. Bea will coordinate and be in touch soon with them via email.

Work Study -

Bea has been talking with Claire and will email the board after the call today.

Nominations:

6 offices are due to be filled this year. Ansel will email these to Peter P. Peter will write up a short description for each office and email this to the membership for suggestions and nominations.

Treasurer Report:

Peter C gave the treasurer's report. Peter stated we are in good shape and stable financially at this time.

Scholarships

Right now we have \$4,000 in the fund. At this time scholarship assistance will be given to one person from India, one person from the Philippines and one person from S Africa. The others recipients are from the US and Canada. The allocations exceed what we have in donations by \$1,500. Bud feels the shortfall will be rectified and offered to guarantee the short fall amount himself.

Brian suggested that Bud need not cover this personally as AAGT will most likely be able meet these expenses.

Charlie Bowman has agreed to do the auction again. There will be a table for materials people bring to sell at a discount at the auction.

Newsletter Editor

Need to look for a new person to do this. Marcy and Phil have been discussing the need for the Newsletter, publicity and marketing to be coordinated together as there is so much overlap. Marcy suggests more than one person be involved with this as she feels the Newsletter is too much for one person to do. Marcy will write something about her experience, time involvement and needs for the job. She said that the

person needs to be computer literate and familiar with Microsoft publisher.

Peter P - perhaps AAGT can pay for a course in Microsoft Publisher for the next person who does the Newsletter.

Brian and the board gave many, MANY thanks to Marcy for her time and her effort.

SEP Service Exchange Program and AAGT Directory

Bud, Sylvie and Peter P discussed Les Wyman's submission to the AAGT Directory describing his services. At this point, the description is too long for the directory and cannot be published as a part of the SEP offering.

It was suggested that he meet with the board at Vancouver re: how he can make his program a stand alone program for the SEP requirements.

There is confusion regarding if his program write up is advertising (which is not allowed in the directory) and if it is a stand alone program for SEP. Brian will email Les and find out more information.

Name Change

Notification of this issues is in the Newsletter. Sylvie is going to email the Newsletter to members again and will also add the call for board nominations (Peter P will get this information to her).

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