

**July 17, 2005 Conference Call**

**AAGT Board Meeting**

**Present:** Brian O'Neill, , Ann Bowman, Peter Philippon., Tine van Wijk , Peter Cole, Marcy Stern, Bea Mackay, Warren Weir, Ansel Woldt, Bud Feder, Marilyn Myles, Bruce Aaron

**Absent:** Morgan Goodlander, Jack Aylward, Sylvie Falschlunger

*Previous Notes from emailing re: how to make the board calls more efficient*

**Everyone call in within 5 minutes of the start time**

**Limit check-ins to 1 or 2 minutes each.**

**Once our call has begun (which occurs once two people have "arrived") and someone else dials in, do not interrupt whatever process is going on but instead pause every 3 or 5 minutes to review who's present.**

*Next Call*

**????, 2005. Brian will try and arrange a call from Amsterdam for the Board members who cannot attend.**

**Agenda for July 17, 2005:**

- 1. Sirata Hotel Bill**
- 2. Treasurer Report**
- 3. Conference (Vancouver)**
- 4. Amsterdam**
- 5. RCP**

*This is Bud's last conference call*

**All the present members thanked him for his involvement and wished him well. He will be in Amsterdam and will be involved in the conference, marathon and annual meeting. Brian stated that Bud has brought us from darkness to dawn and has really added good energy to the board and the organization. THANK YOU BUD!**

*Newsletter*

**Deadline is September 1, 2005. Please send Amsterdam info ASAP with pictures. Really need to have this submitted on time for the fall newsletter. Marcy asked that if someone could send pictures digitally to her that would be very helpful.**

*Sirata Hotel*

**Bud, Bruce, Ann, Brian and Sylvie have been on the sub-committee to review the conference attendees and the room roster as noted by the Sirata Hotel. Bud will let the hotel know that we have a different figure (and he will check these figures again) and talk with them about the discrepancy.**

**The board agreed that the sub-committee has their confidence to negotiate the best deal without coming back to a Board meeting. The board also agreed to ask Burt Lazarin in Amsterdam to join the team.**

*Treasurer Report*

**Bruce says that some monies have come in since the last call.**

*International Gestalt Therapy Association*

**Brian and Peter P have the impression that IGTA would like to amalgamate with AAGT.**

**Brian stated that Walter has asked that we consider adding an “international” board member to be appointed to look after international interests. IGTA would also prefer to have “International” to be placed in the name of AAGT.**

**Brian will put this forward for the Annual Community Meeting for discussion.**

*RCPs*

**Marilyn is encouraging people to join in on the calls. Do they need a project to help people have sense of purpose for the calls? Bud suggested a directory be made again and perhaps the RCP's can help with this. Also, they are very important in encouraging people to attend the conferences.**

*Amsterdam Conference:*

**There are 47 persons registered and two marathons will be held prior to the conference.**

**Ansel will send Continuing Ed info to Tine for Amsterdam.**

**There is also a need for advertising material for the Vancouver Conference to be distributed in Amsterdam.**

*Vancouver Conference*

**Victor Daniel has agreed to be co-chair of the program committee. Bea will ask the other members if they would like to co-chair with him first, then open it up to general membership.**

**Peter Cole will be chairing the Peer Review committee. Many board members (including Ann, Marilyn, Brian) also volunteered to do some peer reviewing. Peter will email re: this.**

**The Vancouver committee will discussion how and what materials will be sent to Amsterdam to advertise for the Vancouver Conference.**

**Marilyn Miles volunteered to chair a committee for the Interest groups. This involves coordinating what interests groups want to meet and the logistics of this.**

**The Scholarship Committee will be discussed in Amsterdam during the general meeting as outlined in the June 12<sup>th</sup> minutes.**

*The following were email discussions prior to the call which have been added to these minutes:*

***RE National Board for Certified Counselors (submitted by Ansel Woldt):***

**We have received notification by letter from the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) and affiliates as follows:**

**"We have reviewed the materials submitted with our 2005 Annual Update Form and fee. You have passed the review and your NBCC approval is ongoing. We thank you for your commitment to excellence in the continuing education of National Certified Counselors."**

***Amsterdam Conference Budget as of 7/18/05 (submitted by Tine van Wijk):***