

**July 23, 2006 Conference Call**

**AAGT Board Meeting**

**Present: Brian O'Neill, Ann Bowman, Peter Philippon, Bea Mackay, Phil Brownell, Tine van Wijk, Marilyn Myles, Claire Asherson Bartram, Peter Cole, Mae Tang, Ansel Woldt, Warren Weir, Jenny Edwards.**

**Absent: Morgan Goodlander, Jack Aylward, Alan Singer, Bruce Aaron, Sylvie Falschlunger, Bud Feder, Victor Daniels, Marcy Stern.**

**PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. Call for Officers (Peter)**
- B. Conference Vancouver (Warren and Bea and Victor)**
- C. Treasurer, Membership that is needed (Peter C)**
- D. Manchester Update (Mae Tang and Jenny Edwards)**
- E. RCPs (Marilyn)**
- F. Scholarships (Bud)**
- H. Yalta regional Conference (Tine)**
- I. Works Study (Claire Bartram)**
- G. Other business**

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***RCP***

**Marilyn reported the RCP will have one more meeting. They talked about the regional conference in Yalta during their last meeting. She also reported there is new membership from the Philippines, India, S. Africa as well as some new members from Canada. Concerns they are addressing how to do more outreach with new members. Marilyn talked with Alan Singer and together they are looking at how they can welcome new members (at the conference?)**

**Peter P has been invited to a conference in S America and will be able to do some outreach there.**

***Treasurer Report:***

**Peter C gave the treasurer's report. We are pretty close to having all the conference expenses paid. Congratulations were given to Warren and Bea for their good work!**

***Vancouver Conference***

***In an email sent prior to the conference call, Silvie wrote: The pre-conference workshop 'Strangers on the Shore' picked up registration, we have 7 now, so there is only the 'Gestalt Dreamwork' with 5 registrations in question. With cancellations & new registrations we have now 160 registrations. There are still some presenters NOT registered yet. For the harbor cruise I count 99 people. I'm working on the Directory & will meet with Bud on Tuesday for a final check, after these corrections we are ready for printing.***

**Bea and Warren – things are going well with the conference. Contracts are being signed and they have had much “helpful help” from the local folks. They have hired two people for logistics and registration.**

**Phil – what should we do about conference presenters who have not registered?**

**Claire – also persons who have asked to do work study have not registered.**

**Phil – should we contact these folks?**

**Ann – suggested that Silvie contact these folks via email and ask for confirmation.**

**Board agreed to this.**

**Peter P – read off the list and several people did have information about them from our call.**

**Bea – will contact Silvie and ask her to contact these folks directly.**

**Warren – is the poster session happening?**

**Phil – no there will be no persons exhibiting as these folks have been included into the regular schedule.**

**Warren – inserts for programs?**

**Ansel had suggested that Bea contact someone from Sage regarding what they might want to do. Sage representatives will not be at the conference so Ansel will coordinate a table for them. Ansel has also sent evaluation forms and conference**

evaluation forms which need to be copied in Vancouver. He also has other forms printed and ready to go. He will submit a bill to Peter C. when he is finished.

Warren – noted that there is a charge for EVERY audio visual piece – including easels.

Peter P – what way will AAGT address the conflict that is happening in the Middle East? He would like to see that there is a place for person's to meet about this in the conference schedule. Suggested some possibilities like: create a time slot for this where workshops have been cancelled; put in as a community building session like we have done in the past; and/or we could make it a part of the community meeting process.

Brian noted that Phil had raised concern that creating a slot for meeting on this issue during the regular program schedule would unnecessarily create competition with other program offerings and would not allow those presenting workshops at that time to attend. Brian felt that offering nothing or offering a discussion during our Community meeting (which could overshadow the meeting in general) were not best options.

Claire – noted that the lack of acknowledgement of the conflict at the EAGT conference was a difficult experience for many people.

Warren – favors placing this in the program

Ansel – an alternative would be setting aside a time which does not conflict with the program. This meeting time would be intentional, moderated and clearly identified. Persons could meet in a suite, lounge or in the courtyard (Bea).

Brian – wants it to be clearly identified with a clear boundary, time, place, etc so that it will happen. From his experience in Experiments in Community Building, he strongly recommends that there is a designated room, time and moderator. Brian would be glad to be the moderator.

Phil also volunteered to moderate as well.

Marilyn – how will we let people know?

Warren – bulletin board and announcements at conference.

*Process Groups*

**Jack Aylward reported prior to the conference call that there currently are 9 persons who have volunteered to lead process groups. This would mean there would be 17 attendees per group.**

**Board – want no more than 10 persons per group.**

**Peter C volunteered himself and Daisy to lead a group together.**

**Peter P – will put an announcement out on the AAGT list for more volunteers.**

**Several board members suggested that we also invite persons without much experience to co- lead.**

**Peter P suggested we put energy into getting persons to lead the process groups first before we ask for co- leaders.**

***Call for Officers:***

**Ann Bowman volunteered to run for Secretary again. Peter Cole is willing to run again for Treasurer.**

**Peter P has notified the membership that there are open positions. There was one interested response for the President's position.**

***Work Study:***

**Claire has a schedule for work study. Concerned that Sage book table will not be manned especially since there are books for sale.**

**Bea – Daniel Cline will be collecting the money and could do this for Sage table too.**

**Claire – would like to talk with Daniel and logistics person so that this will be clear.**

**Ansel – locate the table next to the registration table and folks can pay for the Sage books at the registration table.**

**Warren and Bea – other folks also want to sell books and not have a manned table. May need someone other than the registration person to handle this.**

**Brian – 3 categories – Sage (unmanned table but we have agreed to look after it); persons who have a table and attend to it themselves; and those in between. It's the "in between" tables that are at issue. Irv would like to sell some of his books but has no one to attend to the table. Suggestions is that Irv's books could be at the same table as Sage. Persons could also take them to the registration table to buy them and they of course could be processed separately from the Sage books.**

**Claire – will send out work study schedule**

**Warren – other issues too with selling other commodities at the conference which need to be addressed.**

*Scholarships:*

*In an email prior to the conference call, Bud sent the following:*

*Scholarship fund report...: Funds raised to date, approx \$6000 [maybe Peter C has the exact figure]14 awards have made to persons from: Germany [1] India [1] S. Africa [1] The Philippines [1] England [2] Canada [1] USA [7]*

*I anticipate additional funds. about \$1000, to accrue from the auction and from the used materials table and these have already been allocated in advance, after discussion between Peter C & me*

*Manchester Conference*

**Mae and Jenny reported that the conference will be held (July 23 – 27 2008 with pre-conference workshops on the July 21-22, 2008). They have post cards ready for Vancouver to notify members and would like to put these in the welcome package. They also have an A5 (which is a half a regular sheet of paper) announcement ready as well for distribution. They will have a Poster to hang on the wall.**

**Bea - Need to send it to Bea by August 1 for inclusion in the packets.**

**Mae and Jenny asked too if they can also have the announcement on the website for persons to download.**

**Either Phil or Bea will contact the webmaster about this.**

**Peter P – better to have the post cards and announcements printed in Vancouver rather than sent via the mail. He suggested Mae and Jenny send Bea the announcements via email in a form that is easy for printer companies to use.**

**Announcement will also be made via a flip chart poster in the gathering room**

**Peter P – Mae and Jenny have done an amazing amount of work getting venues, dates, etc for the conference. He expressed much appreciation to them both.**

**Brian suggested Bea and Warren meet with Jenny and Mae. Bea plans to attend the planning meeting for Manchester.**

**Brian also invited Jenny and Mae to the initial Board Meeting in Vancouver to meet the Board.**

*Yalta*

**Tine – sent a flyer out over the email.**

**Phil – how do we support all regional conferences?**

**Peter P – could be a conflict with advertising a regional conference in Yalta and advertising the annual meeting which is in Los Angeles during the Southwest Conference. If we advertise both, there is a potential for persons not to attend the annual meeting. We very much need members to attend the annual meeting.**

**Tine – would need support in the way of money to get Yalta going.**

**Peter P – could also switch the meeting to Yalta**

**Brian – need to stick with what we decided early which was to have it in conjunction with the South West Regional Conference in the USA.**

**Suggestion was to place a full page ad for the annual meeting in the Newsletter and half page ads for regional conferences.**

**Board agrees that we do want to support the regional meetings.**

**Peter P – Regarding the annual meeting at the Southwest Regional conference, he is concerned that persons who are not part of AAGT and have declared themselves independent will make decisions at the annual meeting which would not reflect the membership at large. He reiterated the importance of AAGT members attending the annual meeting.**

**Tine – if there would only be 10-20 (non-Russian) AAGT members, it would already be enough to get the conference going. The idea is of course that our colleagues in Russia and Ukraine will become AAGT members, so we will be able to stay in contact after the conference.**

**Board agreed to continue this discussion on the list serve.**

***Peter P – much thanks and appreciation to Brian for all his work and direction. THANK YOU BRIAN!!***

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