



AAGT BOARD MEETING

26 September 2010

ATTENDANCE:	Cathy Gray, Dan Bloom, Gail Feinstein, Marlene Blumenthal, Bud Feder, , Rodney Cole, Joseph De Paulo, Burt Lazarin, Adam Weitz, Peter Cole, Ansel Woldt, Nancy Woldt , Jud y Graham, Ginny McIntosh, Charlie Bowman, Guadalupe Amescua
APOLOGIES:	Brian Mistler, Maryanne Nicholls, Kerry Shipman, Anna Bacik, Marilyn Myles
CHAIRPERSON:	Cathy Gray
MINUTED BY:	Rodney Cole

SUBJECT	ISSUE/DISCUSSION POINT	ACTION POINT	WHO IS RESPONSIBLE	COMPLETION DATE
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REVIEW ITEMS

1. Treasures Report

BL has begun work on budget for next year.
 Currently in our bank account: \$27,965.37
 of which Scholarship Fund is \$4,490.80
 leaving unencumbered **\$23,474.57**
 ** approx \$580 in credit card transactions are to be added**

BUDGET FOR 2011

Web hosting	\$600
Web design	\$500
Telephone	\$2000 (assuming no Skype)
Admin	\$6000
Accounting	\$700
CEU	\$700
Dues/Subs	\$500
Regional Dev?	\$3000
Misc	<u>\$1000</u>

Total Expenses: \$15,000
 Total Revenues
 from Memberships: \$15,000

Upon tabling budget, GF questioned as to whether the \$3000 RDF
 Should be considered an expense rather than an income.

<p>2. Committee Reports</p>	<p>Interest Groups: Form developed to be sent out via next newsletter and email. Form is intended to gauge interest in interest groups. Intention is to then form a nucleus of interested parties.</p> <p>Communication: CB reported that the upcoming newsletter has plenty of material.</p> <p>Organisations: MB advised that letters have been sent out to existing org members. MB & AB to begin work on list that Ansel W provided. GF complemented MB & AB on letter.</p> <p>Membership: NW advised letter to members is ready to go out with the assistance of Adam W. Adam to add interest group information to letter .</p>			
<p>3. AGM & Conference 2012 Report</p>	<p>GA outlined work completed for 2012 conference at Puebla Conference Centre. GA is awaiting visit from BL & MB to review site for conference and possible hotel accommodation. BL questioned prices on conference centre website – which GA confirmed are in peso's. Meal breaks and beverage requirements need to be planned so that accurate costing can be finalised. GA requires more input about AAGT role and responsibilities about decision making, planning etc. Concern still about dates selected and GA to check with conference centre about other dates available. Current date selected is usually good climate, later in July/Aug can be too hot and Sept can be very wet. CB suggested using the newsletter to list dates selected and ask readers for any concerns (other large conferences, religious holidays etc)</p> <p>CG advised that AAGT to pay for BL and MB flights to Mexico.</p> <p>Edinburgh – nothing to report</p>	<p>BL & MB to report back to board following visit. Conference committee to continue working with GA.</p>		
<p>4. RCP Report</p>	<p>No report</p>			
<p>5. Scholarship Fund & Regional Development Fund</p>	<p>This issue was left over from previous board meeting. Discussion is on the use of the scholarship fund and whether it can be expanded to allow members to attend more localised/regional conferences and gatherings. Up until this discussion Scholarship fund has only been used for biannual conference. DB asked if this was related and how related to the RDF that he and GF are working on. BF advised this was not what he was thinking. CG discussed the possibility of fund to support/encourage members to AGM</p>			

	<p>in Edinburgh at this stage and to further consult on wider use. CB questioned how fund would be managed and used example of himself wanting to attend local Australian conference – would this be allowed? What is the structure and the rules? Who would determine?</p> <p>Question was also raised about non AAGT members accessing funds as presently membership is not compulsory. BF discussed a regional fund being for regional members – perhaps cost would be smaller – given smaller distances to travel. BF expressed his intention that applicants should not be made to join AAGT. DB supported CG suggestion about using fund to support Edinburgh as it may encourage people to attend the AGM. CG raised the possibility of 2 funds one for regional and one for AGM and Conference. JDP asked about prioritising the funds. PC reminded board members that making scholarships funds to board members needs to be carefully handled. GF & DB suggested consultation with RCP’S to further analyse what regionals want and need, with the idea that part of fund will be funded by regions. NW asked about a link between this and membership issues. DB suggested NW join committee. JDP raised issue again about non members being allocated money. BF reiterated it had never been considered before. RC advised that upcoming Australian AAGT regional gathering has built in price for those non members attending, ensuring stronger membership in Australia. CB asked if wider membership needs to decide about this? NW suggested that scholarship fund recipients be given free membership to AAGT as part of allocation of funds.</p>			
<p>6. Other Business</p>	<p>Skype/conference calls for board meetings. Concern from board members about phoning into Skype – do we call in or does someone call us? CB asked is one way easier or cheaper? A quick web search reported that cost to org is 18.00 for 3 months/60.00 for year. 1.2 cents a minute to call out or 13.99 a month. Issue could be that leader of meeting must bring everyone into call and it requires a strong internet connection. Difficult to run meeting and manage Skype at same time.</p> <p>Committee Reports: CG requested committee members submit brief written reports prior to meeting to avoid last minute overload. JDP agreed and added this would ensure other board members are briefed before call and speed up process. NW asked if committee reports could include committee needs or wants.</p> <p>Gestalt Journal: DB advised he is working closely with PB on the on-line journal. Some issues that will need to be discussed include the gestalt L list as AAGT is responsible for content. DB&CB to discuss further.</p>			

Meeting closed: 5.30pm.				