



AAGT BOARD MEETING

31 Oct 2010

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

| SUBJECT | ISSUE/DISCUSSION POINT | ACTION POINT | WHO IS RESPONSIBLE | COMPLETION DATE |
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| REVIEW ITEMS | | | | |
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| 1. Treasures Report | BL reported outgoings but no incomings. BL and Adam W are continuing to research options for processing credit card payments. One option is using PayPal. Adam W suggested we prepare for a membership mail out in January 2011, reminding everyone of membership dues. CG to write a letter utilizing the new year to remind all members to pay membership dues. | CG to write letter Adam W to coordinate mail out | CG | Dec |
| 2. AAGT 2012 Conference & AGM | <p>2012 AAGT Conference CG announced MB has agreed to be co convenor of 2012 conference with Pablo and Guadalupe. The board fully supports MB in this role. At time of board call, BL was in Mexico, following visit from MB & BL. BL advised the board the 2 day visit was successful. The Puebla Conference/Convention Centre is suitable with 17 breakout rooms for process groups. A meeting was also held with Puebla Hotel Association to discuss reduced hotel room rates and the tax benefits to all delegates coming from overseas. BL & MB advised a series of dates that the conference centre had available. The following dates were tabled</p> <p>15-20 May 22-27 May (includes memorial day public holiday) 29 May – 3 June 5 June-10 June.</p> <p>MB, JDP and CG raised issue of memorial day PH, that it is considered a family day and in previous experiences of putting on workshops during that time and not attracting participants. AB and MB both highlighted the issue that May is cheaper for airfares. RC enquired as to weather/temps in May versus June – MB advised no real increase that would make participants</p> | | | |

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| | <p>uncomfortable. The board recommended the dates 15-20 May, pending MB checking with Peter Philippon to see if date conflicts with any European Gestalt conferences/events. In addition to this contracts with Convention Centre and hotels to be produced and down payment made to Convention Centre to secure booking. MB to also contact CB and arrange for call for committee members on list serve and in upcoming newsletter. AB asked if dates would allow local gestalt community to attend and also cost of hotels for delegates. GA assured the board the date selected would suit local contingent and numbers expected to be estimated at 800. MB advised rates for hotels between 60-100 USD a night. MB advised board that GA suggested that due to size of possible conference we not facilitate process groups with the suggestion instead of using interest groups for delegates to connect and support each other. Board discussed various issues and perspectives on this subject. BF expressed process groups have always been voluntary. DB expressed that they had always been part of process of conferences and highlighted AGM in Spain which had 600-700 delegates, all were assigned a group. DB raised the issue that as AAGT grows globally the move into a culture that is different from AAGT culture is a big adjustment and we must appreciate the differences. AB expressed that process groups may need to adjust in perhaps how they are conducted and stressed the importance of them. Adam W expressed that process groups offer intimacy, bring people together, process groups part of AAGT brand/style and prevents self selection – fostering meetings between people that would not normally meet. JDP agreed and added the process groups are important avenue for experiential learning. CG expressed that process groups are primary way of creating community out of the contact. GF added that process groups add structure and honour people’s differences and support delegates in ironing out issues. DB raised the issue that if we do run process groups – is it then an AAGT conference?</p> <p>AGM 2011 CG advised that Dagmar was unable to secure local funding and support for conference in Edinburgh that was to serve as location of AGM. Board suggested approaching the RCP committee and requesting opportunity to add AGM to existing regional conferences. AB raised the issue that with the Embodiment conference taking place at Esalen in July 2011 could an AGM be held on West Coast. CG, GF, MB, AB, RC all attending Esalen conference. DB expressed the importance of offering to RCP to develop perhaps a new conference. CG advised the board we are required to hold an AGM due to charity issues. AB highlighted that PC had offered west coast as a site for AGM at Philadelphia. Board agreed that CG to discuss issue with RCP committee.</p> | <p>MB to check with PP about dates.</p> <p>MB to work with CB in promoting dates once confirmed.</p> <p>CG to approach RCP committee.</p> | <p>MB</p> <p>MB</p> <p>CG</p> | |
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| <p>3. Committee Reports</p> | <p>Communications: A request prior to board meeting from CB that articles are needed for the upcoming newsletter. BL to write a promotional report on Pueblo to promote conference. Adam W also is keen to explore via the newsletter avenues for members to highlight the work they are doing, research interests etc.</p> <p>Membership: No report from membership committee</p> <p>Interest Groups: JDP outlined letter that committee intends to send out to all members of AAGT and has requested feedback from board. Draft of letter is attached as appendix to minutes. JDP asked Adam W if ok to make changes to existing membership excel document. Adam W confirmed making changes is ok</p> <p>Regional Task Force: DB advised a request needs to go out to join regional task force.</p> | <p>AAGT rep to visit site and report back to board</p> <p>RC to check with NW and MN if anything to report in minutes</p> <p>Adam W to assist JDP and GM to send letter out</p> | | |
| <p>4. RCP Report</p> | <p>No report from RCP</p> | <p>RC to check with Kerry if anything to report in minutes</p> | | |
| <p>5. Directory Update</p> | <p>Directory update. BF advised he has computer disc with current directory on it. Not sure which software and if convertible to new software. Information to be collected and coordinated – perhaps at same time membership renewals go out. Adam W asked board for permission to use information on workshop fees letter to speed up process.</p> | <p>Further discussion in next board meeting</p> | | |
| <p>6. Other Business</p> | <p>Leftover from previous board meeting: On going discussion re regional development fund and scholarship fund.</p> | <p>RC to check with CG and BF for next board meeting agenda</p> | | |
| <p>Meeting closed: 5.15pm.</p> | | | | |