

Present: Dan, Cathy, Sarah, Adam, Charlie, Peter C, Bud, Ansel.

Apologies: Maryanne, Brian, Robert.

EAGT and Rosh Hashanah (Dan):

Dan asked whether AAGT should take a formal position on the Berlin conference dates, as they clash with Rosh Hashanah. A discussion ensued in which the board recognised what has happened, and acknowledged the pain this has caused. We understood this to be a scheduling mistake on EAGT's part and that nothing formal should be said or done by us in response to this. We understood that EAGT was planning to address this situation at their conference by arranging for services at an historic Berlin synagogue. There was further discussion about how we can learn from this in relation to our own community in AAGT.

EAGT and past-presidents (Dan):

EAGT have offered to waive the 2012 fee for "immediate" past AAGT presidents (of the directly preceding term of office) in addition to the current president and Dan asked if the board felt AAGT should return the gesture. This was approved in the spirit of extending cordial relations.

2010 Conference (Cathy and Burt):

Payments have been made to the venue in order to secure arrangements. Janneke van Beusekom and Peter C have been involved with this. Peter requested to be able to borrow from the scholarship fund to cover initial up front payments for the conference during this time when revenue is not yet sufficient to cover early expenses. The Board approved with the assurance that the scholarship would be repaid as revenue continues to come in from registrations.

Elections Committee (Bud, Dan, Cathy)

Dan gave a summary of a document the committee have been working on that described the AAGT election process. It will soon be sent out to the membership.

Scholarship Fund (Bud):

Bud sent a detailed report to the Board prior to the meeting.

We have had applications for more money than we have in the fund. A discussion took place about how we might address this - whether to prioritise some applications over others, whether to split equally the amount we have between all applicants, or whether to grant the full amount to all applicants in the belief we would receive more scholarship funds before the conference. It was suggested that, where a region has raised money for the scholarship fund, then participants from that region might be prioritised as benefiting from that money. This is not policy currently, but was felt to be worth considering for the future. It was unanimously decided that the board would accept the recommendation of the scholarship fund committee in terms of the above. The board expressed its appreciation for all their hard work.

Treasurer's report (Peter C):

Peter C gave a report of the current treasury - particularly in relation to the conference. All is currently on track.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1						Oct 31, 09

2	ASSETS					
3		Current Assets				
4			Checking/Savings			
5				1001 · US Bank		19,768.71
6				1003 · Cooperative Bank UK		1,228.00
7				1004 · PayPal UK		5.33
8				1005 · PayPal US		4,812.45
9			Total Checking/Savings			25,814.49
10			Accounts Receivable			
11				11000 · Accounts Receivable		-3,487.50
12			Total Accounts Receivable			-3,487.50
13			Other Current Assets			
14				12000 · Undeposited Funds		2,542.50
15			Total Other Current Assets			2,542.50
16		Total Current Assets				24,869.49
17	TOTAL ASSETS					24,869.49
18	LIABILITIES & EQUITY					
19		Liabilities				
20			Current Liabilities			
21				Other Current Liabilities		
22					2001 · Scholarship Fund	7,323.46
23				Total Other Current Liabilities		7,323.46
24			Total Current Liabilities			7,323.46
25		Total Liabilities				7,323.46
26		Equity				
27			from Bankcard			708.19
28			3000 · Opening Bal Equity			11,922.52
29			3600 · Retained Earnings			5,833.95

30			3940 · Suspense			-1,633.62
31			Net Income			714.99
32		Total Equity				17,546.03
33	TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY					24,869.49
34						

Membership Renewal Report (Adam):

Adam gave an update.

Conference registrations have also been coming through to him.

Next meeting: 17th January 2010

Sarah Fallon
AAGT Secretary