



AAGT BOARD MEETING

27 February 2011

ATTENDANCE:	Cathy Gray, Dan Bloom, Anna Bacik, Joseph De Paulo, Nancy Woldt, Ansel Woldt, Pablo Allen, Judy Graham, Bud Feder, Ginny Macintosh, Marlene Blumenthal, Peter Cole
APOLOGIES:	Rodney Cole, Gail Feinstein, Burt Lazarin, Adam Weitz, Charlie Bowman, Guadalupe Amescua, Kerry Shipman & Maryanne Nicholson (unable to connect to conf call)
CHAIRPERSON:	Cathy Gray
MINUTED BY:	Nancy Woldt and Rodney Cole

SUBJECT	ISSUE/DISCUSSION POINT	DECISION MADE	ACTION POINT	COMPLETION DATE
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REVIEW ITEMS

1. Treasures Report	No report tabled.		RC to check with BL if any information to table	
2. AAGT 2012 Conference Report	<p>MB advised board the CPC is looking to the Board for direction regarding whether the Puebla Conference will be bi-lingual or English speaking or a combination of Spanish and English. Key points: Our conferences have always been English speaking and we should not apologize for this process (DB, JG).</p> <p>JG added PA and GA have indicated that most of their population are accustomed to presentations spoken in English</p> <p>BF asked how the Mexicans might feel about one or the other-question could not be answered</p> <p>MB indicated the CPC realized the board was never asked the bi-lingual or not question</p> <p>PA suggests, if it is a combination of both, it could be difficult to decide</p>			

	<p>and 10% to the scholarship fund Any monies raised above these figures will go to the general fund</p> <p>AB asked if membership will be included in conference registration AW offered in the past members benefited with reduced conference fees</p> <p>Below is attached copy of report MB submitted prior to board meeting outlining planning and costs for conference</p> <p>CPC has taken some initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hired Phil Brownell to design and administer the Conference Website/price was excellent/he offers a skill no other volunteer offered. • Agreed to cap registration at 800: in order to accommodate Process Groups, lunches, workshops • Agreed to working toward opening registration in June. Call for Pre-Conference proposals should be going out by the end of next week. <p>CPC is asking for input from the Board on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Conference Presenters' Benefits (see Ann's summary below)¹ • Are we an English speaking conference or bi-lingual? • How do we support having a multinational attendance at the conference? Mexican enrollment is predicted to be early and abundant. • Do we want registration to be open non-unilaterally? <p>BUDGET: still in draft stage:</p>			
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Concept	Includes	U.S. Expense			
Registration Fees	800 people @\$450				
Pre-Conference Fees	200 people @\$100 each day. Cost of Room & Coffee Breaks included in Convention Center Cost.				
Sponsors' Contribution					
Convention Center	Rooms- lunches- coffee breaks- chairs, Room division	125,000			
Logo	Contest	164			
Welcome cocktail	One glass wine, orders \$400/pers	16,000			
Mexican Party	One glass wine, dinner, patio, music \$400/person (incl. in registration fee)	56,000			
Translation	Equipment Simultaneous translators	8,292 3,508			
Projector & Screen for Plenary; Honored Guest	Large projector/giant screens,	3515			
Committee dinner	\$300/person x 30 person	1750			
Travel expenses	6 travel expenses to Puebla (from Xalapa)	2,610			
Publicity	Souvenirs (t-shirts, coffee cups w/conf. logo; Mexican souvenirs)	5,696			
Stipends	5 for plenary+honored guest speaker@ \$500 per	3,000			
Registration,	Welcome package: bag, program, pen + folder + name tag. \$11+ per person	9,000			
Continuing Education @200 ppl CE; 500 Cert. Attend.	Chg for CE Certificate: \$20	800			
Conference Calls	Budgeted in case of problems with	2,200			

	Skype		
Additional Large Rooms for Honored Guest Speaker, for AGM on Saturday	We did not reserve the large room for these days...	??	
Microphones, wireless	4 for plenary, 2 for comm. Mtgs. Fri, Sat, Sun (10)	500	
Tent	To cover the Plaza during lunch	3,200	
Stage 2 days	1-For Plenary (6-7 people) 2-For Honored Guest	??	
TOTAL		241,235+	415,400
If base registration fee is \$400			
375,400			
¹ Pre-Conference Benefits & Costs for Presenters (from Ann Bowman) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ I have noted several options (we were not in agreement so we chose to include all the suggestions) for the board to review. Ultimately, it is the board's decision how this is done so please pass this along for your next board meeting. The board may also have other suggestions on who to distribute the proceeds. ○ Last conference after expenses, a 10% scholarship donation was taken and the workshops were given up to \$500/full day workshop and \$250 for half day workshop (in total - NOT per presenter but per WORKSHOP). If there was money left over, then it went to AAGT general fund. ○ Suggestions for Pueblo from 2011 preconference committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1)After costs, the presenters are given all the money (with a suggestion for donation back to scholarship fund or some other AAGT need) ▪ 2)After costs and a 10% donation to the scholarship fund, the presenters are given the remainder of the proceeds for their workshop 			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 3)After costs and a 10% donation to the scholarship fund, the presenters are given the remainder of the proceeds up to (\$1000 or a different set amount) then the rest goes to AAGT general fund. 			
<p>3. RDF</p>	<p>DB introduced the RDF proposal which is being created to support existing regions. DB suggests developing regions will be supported in other ways. He refers to another committee, possibly chaired by BF, Peter Phillipson, at least there is another committee working on new regional development (Speakers Bureau, perhaps)</p> <p>JG expressed concerns about the loss of funds for scholarship, due to the suggestion that the RDF would take some of the regional and conference activity income, which in the past has gone to scholarship. (refer to item #2 in the 2-26 RDF report) Report is tabled below.</p> <p>BF did not think that RDF and Scholarship should be co-mingled at this time BF suggested scholarship donations are a matter of individual choice NW said that is true, but the RDF is proposing taking a portion of what usually goes to scholarship via regional and conference activities AB would like the board to note that when talking about regions, be aware that Australia as a whole is NOT a region. RDF proposal should include a more concise explanation of what a region is...</p> <p>AW suggest he sees what the RDF can do for the regions, however what are the responsibilities of the regions back to AAGT CG wondered what might be the beginning thoughts of the criteria to access the RDF funds DB suggested that the criteria is not formulated at this time NW asked DB if he wanted to receive input and ideas from the board via a conversation on the internet-it was agreed RDF should look for suggestions to assimilate ideas before the next conference call in March</p>			

	<p>Regional Task Force Report: as of February 27, 2011</p> <p>The Regional Task Force received a mandate from the second AAGT Community Meeting of the June 2010 biennial conference to be make recommendations to the board for implementation of the AAGT Regional Development Fund. The board and task force would present a proposal for consideration at the Annual General Membership Meeting.</p> <p>The Task Force is chaired by Dan Bloom, vice president, and Gail Feinstein. Members are Brad Larsen, Nancy Woldt, Deirdre Winter, Kerry Shipman, Anne Leibig, and Maryanne Nicholls. Cathy Gray, president, is ex officio. Members communicated on a google group.</p> <p>A call for membership of the Task Force was placed in the AAGT Newsletter and on the Members List.</p> <p>Notice of the details of the RDF, and subsequently, of the questions being considered by the Task Force were also published in the newsletter and on the list.</p> <p>The RCPs discussed the RDF and were also given a survey for the members in their region. The survey solicits opinions about the RDF and the needs of the members for such a fund. We are still collecting surveys</p> <p>Accordingly, the Task Force believes the membership has had sufficient notice of the RDF and an opportunity to discuss it.</p> <p>This is our proposal and the concerns that each aspect of the proposal addresses. The proposal includes items that are open for recommendation by the board, the task force - and, of course, ultimately, the membership.</p> <p>The existing regions of AAGT, which emerged from the interest of AAGT members and selected a Regional Contact Person and Representation to the board, are more and more active. The organization recognizes a need to concretely support these regions in their activities. Such recognition would be a visible gesture of the membership of how the organization is</p>			
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	<p>involved in developing gestalt therapy among its membership everywhere on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>To this end, it is proposed that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a Regional Development Fund be established to offer financial assistance to existing regions. [This is for existing regions. The development of new areas and new regions is being addressed by another fund in planning. When new regions have an RCP, of course, they are part eligible for this fund.] 2. The RDF be funded from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • regional activities; • the membership; • conference registration; • Donors-at-large; • And in any and all other ways 3. The funds shall be maintained by the treasurer of AAGT; 4. A committee will be established to disburse from the fund; 5. This committee is to be representative of the organization. [It is not to be seen as a "from the top" bureaucracy. The regions shall not feel their activities are under supervision. This is CRUCIAL. We recommend it include Organizational member reps. RCP reps, AAGT members, AAGT, another BD member, ... This is to be decided.] 6. Disbursement are loans or grants, to be decided by the applicant organization and the committee. The good of the fund shall be considered. 7. Disbursements are not for the use of individual members, but for local AAGT activities. 			
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	<p>8: Actions by the fund, including all considerations by the disbursement committee, are transparent to given to the membership.</p> <p>9. Mindful of the important function of the Research Fund, AAGT does not want the RDF to affect the funding of that fund. To assure this, the RDF's impact on the organization, including its affect on the funding of the RF, shall be regularly evaluated.[This is added to anticipate concerns about the Research Fund. Perhaps it is unnecessary or ill -advised.</p>			
<p>4. Other business</p>	<p>CG announced that Adam Weitz will be resigning his position in June. It is a personal matter-not reflection on AAGT. CG and Adam are already looking for a replacement to train-not waiting until June</p> <p>AB asked the board to consider returning the board calls to regular phone conferencing. Skype is not working for those in Australia and others, very frustrating General response was to continue to try and improve the SKYPE process-and dial in others</p>			
Next meeting: 27 March 2011				