



AAGT BOARD MEETING

24 February 2013

ATTENDANCE:	Gail Feinstein, Cathy Gray, Marlene Blumenthal, Rodney Cole, Anna Bacik, Alex Schlotterbeck , Adam Kincel, Dina Miller, Michael Sasiain, Burt Lazarin, Patricia Tucker, Maryanne Nicholls, Deirdre Winter, Joseph De Paulo, Brad Larsen
APOLOGIES:	Bud Feder, Dominique Chabre, Peter Cole, Charlie Bowman, Ansel Woldt, Nancy Woldt, Brian Mistler
CHAIRPERSON:	Gail Feinstein
MINUTED BY:	Rodney Cole

SUBJECT	ISSUE/DISCUSSION POINT	Decision Made	Action Point	Completion Date
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REVIEW ITEMS

1. Treasures Report	No real change in budget from last month. BL reported with changeover to MemberClicks, monies owing to AAGT are processed into our account unlike PayPal which held money for some time.			
2. Budget update	BL working with CG & NW on reviewing previous years figures. Draft of budget to be presented at next board meeting and a full budget ready for AGM		Budget presented at next board meeting	
3. Membership	MN & NW working with PC, BF and Carl Hodges on opening of 2014 conference, to highlight membership.			
4. 2014 Conference update	MB raised issue of Spanish translation at 2014 conference which is being discussed at CPC meetings. MB advised that some parties are keen to have conference website translated into Spanish. BL suggested this could be good for marketing and seems to be some enthusiasm for it in addition to building on the AAGT regional conference in Mexico. There is concern that many attending regional conference will not be able to afford 2014 conference hence no need for translation. MN discussed issue of California being closer to Spanish speaking countries and sees Spanish at conference as an opportunity to increase membership. AK to take issue to RCP committee. DM asked if a long term plan that perhaps could be budgeted for to support inclusion and multi-language at later conferences. PT suggested members who speak multiple languages be advertised on		AK to raise issue at next RCP meeting	

	website who may also translate small amounts of information.			
5. Scholarship Fund	<p>GF discussed expanding Scholarship Fund. Initially set up to support bi-annual conference only, however looking at expanding it to cover attendance at AGM and to include supporting board members in attending events. A figure of 20% of SF to be used for other purposes, such as AGM, Research Conference.</p> <p>AB “With regard to the proposal to allocate funds to board members, including the president to attend conferences. I have reservations about this – I am not sure that it is consistent with the volunteer status of board members. I definitely do not support funds being allocated from the scholarship fund. To do would be inconsistent with the decision made regarding the request from the RCP for the regional conference in Mexico.</p> <p>AB highlighted to the board, the decision at Item four on of the meeting on the 26 August 2012: <i>Board did not support the allocation of funds from the existing scholarship fund to scholarships for regional conferences. MB pointed out that members currently make donations to the fund to support attendance at the biannual conference and to use existing funds for purposes other than what it was donated for, would not ethical.</i></p> <p>Should the board decide to progress the utilisation of funds for the purpose of facilitating board members attendance at conferences I think it should be discussed at the AGM and forwarded to the list for discussion – after all the monies belong to the membership.”</p> <p>CG – Agree Anna about new money. Would support board members gaining financial support to attend AGM</p> <p>AB – perhaps will have an impact on integrity of scholarship fund.</p> <p>MN – Would support notion</p> <p>BL – Agree with AB – SF money has been contributed in full knowledge of</p>			

	<p>where monies are going. Account is very fluid, so 20% being allocated is not doable. BL would support separate item in budget for board support and would think similar amount in Regional Development Fund.</p> <p>AB asked about AAGT co sponsoring conferences such as research, do we obtain any free registrations as part of co sponsorship deal?</p> <p>If expansion of Scholarship Fund is to occur, process will be a draft proposal to present at AGM. BF, DC and GF to work together on this.</p>				BF,DC, GF to work on draft proposal.
6. AGM	<p>GF outlined times allocated for AGM. Theme suggestion being celebrating our international community.</p> <p>Deadline of March 5 for any items on agenda. For agenda will need some time to discuss 2016 conference to investigate possible locations/proposals</p>				
7. RDF	<p>DW – had another meeting, discussed draft for application form. Needs to go out to membership via AAGT website. DW would like research committee to have some space at AGM and 2014 to discuss about politics of research.</p>				
8. Ethics	<p>JDP updated board on ethics committee submission to amend covenant of community. Letter outlining change has been distributed to membership and already discussion on membership lists is occurring with suggestions/edits.</p>				
Meeting closed: 5.30 pm. Next Board Meeting Date 24 March 2013					