



AAGT BOARD MEETING

28 April 2013

ATTENDANCE: Gail Feinstein, Adam Kincel, Deirdre Winter, Ansel Woldt, Dina Miller, Michael Sasiain, Cathy Gray, Brad Larsen, Patricia Tucker, Marlene Blumenthal, Rodney Cole, Anna Bacik, Burt Lazarin

APOLOGIES: Alex Schlotterbeck, Maryanne Nicholls, Bud Feder, Peter Cole, Brian Mistler, Nancy Woldt, Dominique Chabre

CHAIRPERSON: Gail Feinstein

MINUTED BY: Michael Sasiain & Rodney Cole

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

<p>1. Newsletter</p>	<p>Publishing special edition of newsletter to provide an overview of Research Conference, AGM discussion and outcomes to members. GF to write letter to membership and Brad L to send out to members.</p>		<p>MS to send minutes of AGM to board for review before posting.</p>	
<p>2. Scholarship Fund</p>	<p>Motion at AGM – Scholarship fund be expanded to support attendance at all AAGT sponsored events including AGM, Conference, regional gathering etc to be determined by SFUND Chairs. Chairs will hold a term of office of 3 years. BL advised division of proposed allocated fund must be approved by the board.</p> <p>Funding criteria to be established for SFUND to allow for more transparency.</p>			

	<p>SFUND to be used at Regional conferences, not necessarily for individuals but more seed funding for local scholarship funds enabling more local members to attend regional gatherings.</p> <p>DM asked board to review term “AAGT sponsored event” – what does this mean? BL advised big difference between profit making events and other gatherings that offer CE credits. How do we word our sponsorship and justify our decisions?</p> <p>Brad L asked about the new different pools of funding, does board want to continue collecting separately or join? Response from board was to keep separate.</p>		<p>Board to continue to discuss this issue.</p>	
<p>3. Covenant of Community</p>	<p>PT facilitated discussion at AGM using members list discussion that had been conducted on the question of Did we want to state a commitment on social justice and human rights?</p> <p>PT reported that a consensus about this was reached and the following statement was adopted to be amended to the CoC with a change in the introduction to the CoC to be added by AW: <i>“Moreover, we will undertake, in whatever way emerges through our experience with the larger field to support the purpose and ethical values of our community, which include the human worth and dignity of every person. In this way, we declare our commitment to equality and social justice among persons within our community and in the wider, external community”</i></p> <p>PT advised that a committee has been established to draft an addition to the end of the CoC regarding violations to the CoC and a procedure similar to grievance procedure. MB, DM, BF, AW, CG, Mark Reck and Al Wong on committee.</p>			

<p>4. 2016 Conference</p>	<p>Discussion on the possibility of a joint conference between AAGT and EAGT. A bridge committee would be needed for this conference to be realized. In addition, EAGT must convene and vote before extending an official offer. EAGT members will vote at upcoming conference in September to decide on collaboration of conference. A concern arose coordinating the distinct cultures and ways of proceeding for both organizations.</p> <p>GF advised there was a invitation to submit proposals for 2016 conference venue in a joint letter with AGM news on members list serve.</p> <p>AB drew attention to the fact that GANZ hold its biannual conferences in September and requested this be taken into consideration for future conference scheduling.</p> <p>Discussion around a member of the AAGT board to communicate with GANZ around future dates for conferences.</p>		<p>Board to discuss further and nominate a person to engage with GANZ.</p>	
<p>5. 2014 Conference</p>	<p>The proposed AAGT conference date conflicts with a biennial conference hosted GANZ. AW stated we selected that date because it was the only time that facilities were available.</p> <p>PT suggested we collect expressions of interest for proposals in order to remain flexible should the joint conference not be possible. However, given that a call for proposals has already been sent Brad L suggested we encourage participants to complete the proposal process. A discussion of this topic will continue in the next meeting.</p>			

<p>6. Other business</p>	<p>International Statement</p> <p>MN and NW will form a process committee to work on an international statement provide by BF. A discussion on the sense of international occurred. AB and DW expressed that AAGT is a predominately American organization; neither have an issue with this in itself. DM proposed the possibility of offering CE accreditation for other countries. AB suggested AAGT be operational on an American level but 'own' itself as an American organization. GF stated that the international sense for the AAGT is still in the process of expanding and growing. This discussion will remain ongoing.</p>			
<p>Next AAGT Board Meeting 26 May 2013</p>				