



AAGT BOARD MEETING

Sunday 29 September 2013

ATTENDANCE:	Cathy Gray, Gail Feinstein, Rodney Cole, Ansel Woldt, Brad Larsen, Deirdre Winter, Burt Lazarin, Marlene Blumenthal, Nancy Woldt, Maryanne Nicholson, Adam Kincel, Dina Miller, Michael Sasiain, Meghann Case, Dominique Chabre,
APOLOGIES:	Bud Feder, Peter Cole, Anna Bacik, Patricia Tucker, Alex Scholtterbeck,
CHAIRPERSON:	Gail Feinstein
MINUTED BY:	Rodney Cole

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

<p>1. 2013 EAGT Conference Report</p>	<p>GF, Burt L, CG & AK attended EAGT 2013 conference in Krakow, Poland. AK & GF facilitated workshops at conference. EAGT members voted Taormina, Sicily as the next venue for 2016 EAGT conference with an invitation from organisers to combine EAGT and AAGT conference. AAGT members to vote on this at Asilomar Conference 2014. GF & BL both outlined major differences in EAGT and AAGT; these include no process groups or community meetings. GF and board discussed that these are not negotiable. AAGT conference must have process groups and 4 community meetings. BL advised that AAGT had a strong presence at the conference. Conference highlighted for GF the importance of internationality and the need for AAGT to continue developing our international community.</p>	<p>Membership to be advised of EAGT offer prior to Asilomar.</p> <p>Further discussion about Italian proposal at next board meeting</p>	<p>Italian conference proposal to be uploaded onto AAGT website</p> <p>Next newsletters to announce 2016 invitation</p>	
<p>2. Communications Committee</p>	<p>Brad L, AS, RC & AB had initial meeting. Issues discussed focused on promoting greater membership interaction with newsletter. Communication strategies included polling members with an annual survey to increase understanding of membership needs and issues, using this information to present at AGM/Conferences. Discussion also focused on better use of social media, Netiquette, a new logo and redesign of AAGT website. Also need to focus on what are the benefits of membership? These could be hosting informal teaching sessions, blogs, mini seminars and e journal ?</p>			

	NW advised that given membership committee needs to mentor someone to take over membership and the discussion about membership signalled the time to raise this issue.			
3. Peer Review 2014 pre workshop conference	DC advised board that 52 pre conference workshop proposals received and peer review commencing. No concrete number of how many can be accepted – in terms of time slots as of yet.			
4. International Task Force recommendation	Anne Leibig prior to board meeting submitted recommendations for board regarding future conference locations. Anne was going to join board call to discuss recommendations, but could not make it at last moment.	Board decided to invite Anne Leibig to join next board meeting to discuss	Next meetings Agenda	
5. Board Retreat	GF asked board if interest/support still for board retreat. Board members on call confirmed their interest in meeting for an extended period of time. Discussion focused on when to hold, with 2014 conference, either prior or after conference being strong contender. Concerns over new board members being voted at conference missing out on board retreat.	Board to meet for dinner on Sunday night prior to conference commencing	MB to check with Daisy and Peter to check if Asilomar could host board dinner	
6. Scholarship Fund	BF presented board with question re Scholarship Fund – when we receive funds from a specific country/region – should those funds be earmarked for use in those specific areas?	To be discussed at next board meeting with Bud Feder		
Meeting closed: 5.30 pm. Next Board Meeting 4pm, October 27/28.				