



## Board Meeting

**MINUTES**                      March 27, 2016                      4:00 PM (EST)                      Online Video Conference

<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	Patricia called to the order the Board meeting for the AAGT at about 4:19 PM (EST) on March 27, 2016 at RingCentral Meetings online video conferencing.
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Patricia Tucker, Robert (Bob) Witchel, Dominique Chabre, Mark Reck, Ryan Tolman, Deirdre Winter, Janneke van Beusekom, Marlene Blumenthal, Dina Miller, Adam Kincel, Maryanne Nicholls, Burt Lazarin.
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Toni Gilligan, James Battaglia, Alex Schlotterbeck, Brad Larsen-Sanchez Ansel Woldt, Mari McGilton, Gail Feinstein, Daniel Bak.
<b>CHAIR PERSON</b>	Patricia Tucker
<b>MINUTES PERSON</b>	Ryan Tolman

### 1. Treasurers Report

**Burt**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Cut and paste treasurer report from 03/26/16 e-mail from Burt:</p> <p><b>CURRENT STATUS</b></p> <p>in our general checking account:                      \$10,208.74  in our money market account:                      \$40,727.30  in our PayPal account:                      \$5,077.11  total                      \$56,013.15</p> <p>Included in the above total is:</p> <p>    2017 Reserve (28% of to date exp) \$865.39      Regional Development Fund                      \$8,545.72      Research Fund:                      \$4,541.46      Conference Account                      \$15,930.79  leaving unencumbered:                      \$29,883.36</p> <p>In the Scholarship Fund account:                      \$18,230.44  Finally, from our conference account we have provided a loan for the hotel</p>
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	<p>deposit of 5,000 euros (at the time converting to dollars it was \$5,540) and reimbursement of Toni and Burt for site visits; also Burt for five nights during the conference since he is one of the conveners. We used 2,013 euros to secure rooms for the Board retreat and for the annual meeting. With the remaining 2,987 euros we made a partial payment for the pre-conference rooms. This past week I wired the conference hotel another 1,181 euros (\$1,359.97) to complete the rental for the pre-conference rooms. Over the next few months I expect there will be more conference expenses. To date we have received \$4,467 in pre-conference registrations. I want to remind the Board that we will be reimbursing members for 2/3 of one night's stay for the retreat. This will also trigger a matching contribution from the organization into the Regional Development Fund.</p> <p>-end of e-mail cut and paste.</p> <p>The board discussed 2/3 reimbursement of standard rate per night for conference hotel room for the board retreat attendees and the accompanying matching contribution into the Regional Development Fund. Burt asked for board agreement, and there were no objections. Burt asks for attendees to confirm attendance well ahead time so that checks can be cut.</p>				
<b>DECISION</b>	The reimbursement of 2/3 of the standard hotel rate (to be established) to board members for the board retreat on September 20 was approved.				
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Board members should submit reimbursement requests to Burt as soon as possible.					

**2. Paris Research Conference**

**Patricia and Mark**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Paris Research Conference organizers have requested support from AAGT. Mark and Brad have had contact with Paris Research Conference organizers and they and several other AAGT members have expressed interest in participating in the organizing of this conference along with the EAGT. Mark is willing to help clarify what specific support organizers want. The Board asks Mark for a proposal for AAGT involvement in the Paris Research Conference. The Board discussed the many aspects of organizing a conference, such as CE provisions, finances, providing conveners, etc. The questions of financial and human resources provided by AAGT are at the forefront of this conversation – how many hours are AAGT members willing to volunteer, and what financial commitment is expected from AAGT. Mark notes that a Board decision should be made sooner than later so that Paris Research Conference organizers can move forward, but unfortunately the Board needs more data to make a decision. The Research Fund may provide some financing but currently a decision committing AAGT members' time and finances requires more consideration. The Board will wait for Mark's</p>
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	recommendations and clarification to make a decision.	
<b>DECISION</b>	Mark plans to create a proposal for AAGT involvement in the Paris Research Conference. Patricia plans to seek clarification of expectations from Paris Research Conference planners.	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Create a proposal for AAGT involvement in the Paris Research Conference.	Mark	?
Seek expectation clarification from Paris Research Conference planners.	Patricia	?

**3. Taormina Conference 2016**

**Maryanne, Burt, Patricia**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Pre-Conference Registration numbers seem to be meeting expectations. The board discussed the logistics of reserving enough rooms to meet capacity requirements in Taormina. The Board is unsure of the number of new members who will be attending, and there will need to be a room reserved for a new member meeting. The Board will seek an exact number from Mari.</p> <p>There is at least one bi-lingual presentation. The Board discussed benefits and challenges of bi-lingual presentations, including informing potential attendees and managing language barriers with interpreters.</p> <p>Additionally, the Board notes that there is a list of recreational activities in the Taormina on the AAGT website under “conference site,” in support of a well-rounded experience at the conference.</p>	
<b>DECISION</b>	Find out the number of new members attending Taormina Conference 2016	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Seek the number of new members attending Taormina Conference 2016	Burt, Mari	?

**4. CE’s**

**Patricia, Dina**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>The Board discussed contracting with AMEDCO to manage CE accreditation for conferences. Dina has created a spreadsheet outlining the details of a potential contract with AMEDCO, but not all Board Members have seen the spreadsheet. Dina plans to re-send the spreadsheet to board members for consideration. The biggest advantages to contracting with AMEDCO seems to be nationally accredited CE’s for social workers (including New York and California), reducing some initial costs from ASWB, and reducing AAGT’s administrative burden to manage CE accreditation.</p>	
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	<p>The Board wonders if contracting with AMEDCO will create an impersonal experience for CE presenters, with the experience of working with non-AAGT members to have their CE objectives checked for accreditation compliance. How much assistance will AMEDCO provide to bring CE presentation objectives into compliance? Currently bringing CE objectives to accreditation standards is a large administrative burden to AAGT; if AMEDCO could lighten this aspect of the administrative burden AMEDCO could be a great investment. Additionally, the Board wonders how presenters might submit CE objectives which meet accreditation standards without the need for further revision.</p>		
<b>DECISION</b>	Dina plans to send the Board the spreadsheet for further Board Review		
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	
Send the spreadsheet to the Board about AMEDCO details.	Dina	April 5, 2016	

**3. Other Business**

**Patricia, Bob, Adam**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p><b>Scholarship Fund:</b></p> <p>Domi noticed that the scholarship fund is growing, and the Board wonders how extra scholarship funds will be allocated, as current distribution of scholarship funds to Taormina seem to be settled, and any surplus money can be used for the next conference or other scholarship eligible AAGT-sponsored events.</p> <p><b>Interest Groups:</b></p> <p>The Board notes that there has been lots of listserv interest in a trauma group. Interested AAGT members may appreciate direction to form a cohesive group separate from the listserv activity. Cultivating interest groups may be a point of interest for Board Members absent today, to be revisited at a later date. The Board recognizes that Daniel may want to start an interest group on gender and sexuality.</p> <p><b>Funding Request:</b></p> <p>The Board has received a request to financially support the revision of a book. While the board seemed in agreement that the book is a worthy endeavor and an important work, financial support for revising a book would be unprecedented. Current AAGT parameters could financially support a project based upon a research proposal – research funds may be available if a research proposal is submitted.</p>
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	<p><b>New Membership Drive:</b></p> <p>There is a letter to send out about new student membership to AAGT. Student Membership is free for the first year, but the website may not be ready to accept free new membership applications, so publishing the letter should be postponed until the website is prepared to accept applications. A brochure on New Memberships is in the works.</p> <p><b>Regional Task Force:</b></p> <p>The third draft of the RTF proposal has been written, and there may be one more meeting towards agreeing the wording to integrate different views into a final document. The RTF will continue to work.</p> <p><b>Looking Forward:</b></p> <p>Should the Board encourage a discussion about the next conference? This will be addressed by the Board at a later date.</p> <p>The meeting ends at 5:43pm EST.</p>		
<b>DECISION</b>	N/A		
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