



Board Meeting

MINUTES April 24, 2016 4:00 PM (EST) Online Video Conference

CALL TO ORDER	Patricia called to the order the Board meeting for the AAGT at about 4:21 PM (EST) on April 24, 2016 at RingCentral Meetings online video conferencing.
ATTENDEES	Patricia Tucker, Dominique Chabre, Mark Reck, Ryan Tolman, Mari McGilton, James Battaglia, Toni Gilligan, Deidre Winter, Robert (Bob) Witchel, Gail Feinstein, and Burt Lazarin and Ansel Woldt. Brad Larsen-Sanchez left early due to technical difficulties. Dina Miller excused herself early to attend a prior engagement.
APOLOGIES	Alex Schlotterbeck, Daniel Bak, Adam Kincl, Maryanne Nicholls, Janneke van Beusekom
CHAIR PERSON	Patricia Tucker
MINUTES PERSON	Ryan Tolman

1. Treasurers Report

Burt

DISCUSSION	<p>Cut and paste treasurer report from 04/24/16 e-mail from Burt:</p> <p>Hi all....these are our financials as of today (April 24).</p> <p>CURRENT STATUS</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">in our general checking account:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$9,734.69</td> </tr> <tr> <td>in our money market account:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$40,729.02</td> </tr> <tr> <td>in our PayPal account:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$6,415.29</td> </tr> <tr> <td>total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$56,879.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>Included in the above total is:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">2017 Reserve (28% of to date exp)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$1,000.09</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Regional Development Fund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$8,545.72</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Research Fund:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$4,541.46</td> </tr> </table>	in our general checking account:	\$9,734.69	in our money market account:	\$40,729.02	in our PayPal account:	\$6,415.29	total	\$56,879.00	2017 Reserve (28% of to date exp)	\$1,000.09	Regional Development Fund	\$8,545.72	Research Fund:	\$4,541.46
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	Brad asks the Board to communicate any website feedback directly to him.	
DECISION	Brad and Mari will work with Burt to streamline the transition from Memberclicks to Paypal on the new AAGT website.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Brad and Mari will provide Burt with information formerly automated in Memberclicks until Paypal systems are fully integrated with the new AAGT website.	Brad and Mari	ongoing

3. Paris Research Conference

Patricia

DISCUSSION	<p>After some debate, it is decided that AAGT will support the conference with the balance of the research fund (nearing 5000 USD). If the Paris Research Conference is profitable, AAGT stands to profit, but if the Paris Research Conference earns less than conference expenses AAGT may suffer a financial loss. The Board considers that past conferences have returned positive revenue and hopefully the Paris Research Conference will return positive revenue.</p> <p>Board member Mark Reck has taken a leadership role, and Brad Larsen-Sanchez and other AAGT members have also shown interest in helping organize the conference. .</p> <p>Mark notes that the Paris Research Conference is not an event owned by a particular organization, though previously organized through GISC.</p> <p>Ansel notes that AAGT co-sponsored previous GISC conferences. Burt notes that this conference can add value for AAGT members even if the details are not all laid out.</p> <p>The Board decides without dissent to assist in funding the Paris Research Conference with the remainder of the Research Fund (nearing 5000 USD) and the voluntary organizational skills of members willing to help, such as Mark and Brad, to represent AAGT at the event.</p> <p>The Board also notes that this type of event requires significant volunteer efforts and hopes there will be a sufficient volunteer force to complete the needed work. The Board also wishes to explore a formal process to support future research conferences so that all the hard work and discussion towards today’s decision can bear fruit towards an easier process at a later date. A discussion of potential scholarship funding for research conferences is tabled at this time.</p>
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ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Board Member Mark Reck will take the lead in representing AAGT Member interests at the Paris Research Conference	Mark	ongoing

4. Taormina Pre-Conference 2016

Patricia, Toni

DISCUSSION	<p>The pre-conference rooms have been paid for. If pre-conference attendance exceeds expectations, more rooms may need to be reserved, but right now the ratio of attendees to rooms seems correct.</p> <p>There is a concern of potential low/no attendance for some pre-conference presentations. Toni plans to send out a e-mail reminder to the membership for the pre-conference. Bob has been publicizing the pre-conference on Facebook, receiving hundreds of views. The Board decides to extend the date for pre-conference registration until the end of May.</p> <p>There is a concern that certain pre-conference presentations (about five) have not received registered attendees. Toni plans to reach out to these pre-conference presenters via e-mail to connect and share the information, as presentations with no registered attendees will need to be canceled at a future date. The Board wants to be transparent with pre-conference presenters about potential low attendance numbers for some of the pre-conference presentations, while promoting higher pre-conference attendance. As noted above, Toni will continue to send out pre-conference reminders to the membership via e-mail and Bob will continue to post pre-conference reminders on Facebook.</p>	
	DECISION	Extend the deadline to sign up for pre-conference until the end of May 2016
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
E-mail presenters with low or no registrations	Toni	5/2/2016
E-mail the listserv a reminder of pre-conference registration	Toni	5/2/2016
Promote the pre-conference on Facebook	Bob	ongoing

5. Other Business

Patricia

DISCUSSION	<p>Patricia thanks Dina for taking care of CE's, AMEDCO.</p> <p>As the meeting is running late, other items will be addressed by email if necessary, or discussed at the next meeting.</p>
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	Patricia closes the meeting at 5:38pm EST		
DECISION	N/A		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
N/A			