

#### **Board Meeting**

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

CALL TO	Patricia called to the order the Board meeting for the AAGT at about 4:21		
ORDER	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 Kincel, Maryanne Nicholls, Janneke		
	van Beusekom		
CHAIR	Patricia Tucker		
PERSON			
MINUTES	Ryan Tolman		
PERSON			

**Burt** 

#### 1. Treasurers Report

Cut and paste treasurer report from 04/24/16 e-mail from Burt: Hi all....these are our financials as of today (April 24). **CURRENT STATUS** in our general checking account: \$9,734.69 in our money market account: \$40,729.02 **DISCUSSION** in our PayPal account: \$6,415.29 total \$56,879.00 Included in the above total is: 2017 Reserve (28% of to date exp) \$1,000.09 Regional Development Fund \$8,545.72 Research Fund: \$4,541.46

	Conference Account	\$11,236.83		
	leaving unencumbered:	\$31,554.90		
	In the Scholarship Fund accoun	nt: \$18,230.44		
	Adding to the Conference Account to date we have received \$5,937 in preconference registrations. We have spent an estimated \$4,850 on room rentals leaving \$1,087.			
	End of e-mail cut and paste.			
	Taormina Conference 2016 pre-conference room rentals are completely paid for. The conference funds are lower than usual due to Taormina expenditures.			
	Board members note that, traditionally, conference scholarships are awarded due to need based requests and conference attendance rather than association affiliation. The Board wishes to review conference scholarship funds paid regardless of recipients' association affiliation. No changes to current practice for Taormina Conference 2016 are recommended. The Board leaves space to consider association affiliation when granting future conference scholarships. In other words, the Board wishes to consider that AAGT members may receive priority over non-members when applying to receive future conference scholarship funds.			
DECISION	Review conference scholarship			
ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Board Members will review the decision to grant		Domi	Next Board	
Taormina 2016 Scholarships regardless of recipients' association affiliation for			Meeting	
administrative clarification.				
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2. Website Brad

DISCUSSION	Brad has been working steadily to manage the new and improved AAGT website. Patricia thanks Brad and Mari for all of their behind the scenes work. Brad is working with the web developer and the team at Paypal to streamline the allocation of funds from AAGT Paypal to the AAGT Treasury accounts. Brad also plans to work with Mari and Burt to ensure a smooth transition from Memberclicks to Paypal. When considering integrating Paypal services to the needs of AAGT, the Board would like to make sure scholarship fund contributors are recognized for their contributions, and funds are clearly demarcated from the point of sale or donation (Paypal) to the Treasury.
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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		Brad and Mari	ongoing
information formerly automated in			
Memberclicks unti	l Paypal systems are fully		
integrated with the new AAGT website.			

## 3. Paris Research Conference

Patricia

	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 ret			
DISCUSSION	positive revenue and hopefully the Paris Research Conference will return		
	positive revenue.		
	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		
	Mark notes that the Paris Research Conference is not an event owned by a		
	particular organization, though previously organized through GISC.		
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	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.		
	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.		
	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.		
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ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Board Member Mark Reck will take the lead in		Mark	ongoing
representing AAGT Member interests at the			
Paris Research Conference			

## 4. Taormina Pre-Conference 2016

Patricia, Toni

DISCUSSION	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.  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.  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.		
DECISION			
ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE Toni	
	E-mail presenters with low or no registrations		5/2/2016
E-mail the listserv a reminder of pre-conference registration		Toni	5/2/2016
Promote the pre-co	onference on Facebook	Bob	ongoing

5. Other Business Patricia

	Patricia thanks Dina for taking care of CE's, AMEDCO.
DISCUSSION	As the meeting is running late, other items will be addressed by email if necessary, or discussed at the next meeting.

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	Patricia closes the meeting at 5:38pm EST		
DECISION	N/A		
ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
N/A			