

August 10th, 2016

Dear AAGT Members,

We hope that you will be able to join us on Sunday, September 25th at the Hilton in Giardini Naxos, Sicily for our Annual General Membership Meeting! All are welcome and we encourage you to come and share your thoughts and ideas with us and take an active role in our Association!

Here is the proposed agenda so far. Members may submit additional agenda items at any time before the AGM begins. We also welcome dialogue about any of these agenda items on our members' list-serv!

Also, please be sure to note the list of open Board positions and think about whether you know anyone (maybe yourself!) who would be interested in being nominated! AAGT depends on its members to participate in our ongoing development, growth, advancement and associating!

In accord with our Constitution, this letter serves as official notice to our membership of the Annual General Membership Meeting and its agenda and announcement of open Board positions 45 days prior to said meeting.

Looking forward to being with you in Sicily,

Patricia Tucker
AAGT President

Agenda for the AAGT Annual General Membership Meeting – September 25, 2016 Taormina, Italy
(revised 9/12/16)

1. President's Overview of the Year
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Proposals regarding Officer Elections and Appointments:
 - a. Organizational Members Representative(s) – Proposed by the board Co-chairs of Organizational Members: That the Organization Membership Board position(s) be subsumed in the General Membership Board positions and that the Organizational Members board position(s) be eliminated
 - b. Communications Officer -- The Communications Officer position was established in 1993. The function of this position was primarily to establish methods of communicating effectively to and among AAGT members (via listservs, newsletter distribution, and email announcements) and the public at large (via website). Now that these procedures are established, the doing of these procedures can easily be completed by the administrative assistant. The current Communications Officer proposes that the role of communications office be retired as of the AGM.
 - c. Modification to the by-laws, submitted by Brad Larsen-Sanchez -- [Section 4. Conveyances and Publications](#)
The Association may publish and distribute such materials, newsletters, journals, tapes, films, or other matter that may be of interest to the membership as may be authorized by the Executive Council and/or

Board of Directors. The official method for the conveyance of information relative to the functioning of the Association shall be email distributed to the entire membership (currently via MailChimp). Messages can then be forwarded to the membership listserv, but it should be noted that sending announcements to the membership listserv alone does not constitute communication to the entire membership. These communications shall be reviewed by the Board of Directors and sent by the AAGT administrative assistant. The *AAGT Newsletter* is to be published on a quarterly basis and edited by the Newsletter Editor and pre-reviewed by the Board of Directors. Endorsements appearing in any publication of the Association shall be approved by the Executive Council. The Administration and direct management of AAGT publication activity shall be under the auspices and direction of the President and/or his/her designee from the Board, and/or member(s) of the Association with expertise in editing and publication.

4. Board Offices UP FOR ELECTION OR APPOINTMENT at AAGT's 2016 AGM

President: 4-year term on Board: 1 year as President-Elect, 2 years as President and 1 year as Past-President; Elected at AGM

Secretary: 2-year term; Elected at AGM (Current Secretary is Acting-Secretary who took over when Secretary resigned).

Treasurer: 2-year term; Elected at AGM

Newsletter Editor: 3-year term; Appointed by the Board at AGM

Regional Contact Persons' Officers: 2-year term; Elected at AGM

Research Liaison Officer: 2 year term; Appointed by Board at AGM

Regional Development Liaison Officer: 2 year term; Appointed by Board at AGM

Organizational Members' Officer: 2-year term (*There is a proposal to be acted on at the AGM to eliminate this office from the Board.*)

Associate Continuing Education Officer: Year-to-year appointment at discretion of the Continuing Education Officer

At-Large Board Members: Year-to-year Board Appointment

3. 2018 Conference Venue Selection -- Review of proposals and selection of venue.

4. 2017 AGM Site Selection – Several possibilities are emerging.

5. Organizational Members/Organizational Members Reps:

Proposal submitted by Perry Klepner: That the current waiver of AAGT annual membership fees for organizational representatives be eliminated. They would then pay annual dues as all members do. This is a volunteer action and should not have a monetary benefit in accordance with the volunteerism integral to AAGT's values. With this done, if the Board prefers, some adjustment can be made to eliminate or reduce membership dues for organizations, so my proposal is income neutral to AAGT.

6. Regional Task Force Report -- This task force, formed at the Puebla conference in 2012, undertook to better define AAGT's relationship to its Regions, and the Regions relationships to AAGT. The task force met over the past 2 years and has submitted a report to the Board. The board is currently reviewing that report and will submit summary and recommendations thereof.

7. Conflict Process Task Force Report , Submitted by Task Force chair Bruce Aaron -- This task force, formed at the 2015 AGM meeting in New Jersey took on the task of creating a process whereby AAGT might better address conflicts among members that appeared in need of assistance towards resolution or acceptance of differences. The task force's report and recommendations will be presented.

8. Review of the Peer Review Process – Changes to our current Blind Peer Review process for conference presentations will be reviewed and possible changes considered.

9. Internationality -- A continuing discussion of the meaning of our being "an international community", its ramifications and emerging needs

10. Acknowledgements and Thank-Yous to Board members Burt leaving the Board as Treasurer, Marlene and Janneke to leave board if Org. Member Reps position is eliminated.

11. Welcoming Toni Gilligan as our new President

12. Patricia Tucker stepping down as President.