



Board Meeting

MINUTES August 28, 2016 4:00 PM (EST) Online Video Conference

CALL TO ORDER	Toni called to the order the Board meeting for the AAGT at about 4:40 PM (EST) on August 28, 2016 at RingCentral Meetings online video conferencing.
ATTENDEES	James Battaglia, Ryan Tolman, Maryanne Nicholls, Mark Reck, Deirdre Winter, Marlene Blumenthal, Mari McGilton, Daniel Bak, Robert “Bob” Witchel Dominique Chabre, Toni Gilligan, Daniel Bak, Dina Miller and Burt Lazarin.
APOLOGIES	Patricia Tucker, Brad Larsen-Sanchez, Alex Schlotterbeck, Janneke van Beusekom Gail Feinstein, Ansel Woldt, and Adam Kincel
CHAIR PERSON	Toni Gilligan
MINUTES PERSON	Ryan Tolman

1. Treasurers Report

Burt

DISCUSSION	<p>Cut and paste from Burt’s treasury report e-mail:</p> <p>Hi all. These are our financials as of August 28.</p> <p>CURRENT STATUS</p> <p>in our general account: \$8,335.48 in our money market account: \$52,878.13 in our PayPal account: \$3,088.85 total: \$64,302.46</p> <p>Included in the above total is:</p> <p>2017 Reserve (28% of to date expenditures) \$3,377.11 Outstanding Check to AMEDCO \$1,250.00</p>
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	Regional Development Fund	\$8,715.72
	Loan to Research Fund	\$1,005.69
	Conference account	\$25,307.61
	leaving encumbered	\$24,646.33
	In the Scholarship Fund:	\$18,695.44
	<p>The conference account to date includes \$11,855 in pre-conference registrations; the full repayment of the conference loan of 5,000 euros; and the payment of \$4,647.14 for pre-conference room rentals.</p>	
	<p>The "loan" to the Research Fund covers the difference between what was in the Fund and the total needed to make the transfer of 5,000 euros (\$5,672.15) to seed the 2017 Paris conference.</p>	
	<p>As of the end of July we have received \$12,470 in individual Membership dues compared to last year's to date total of \$11,950.</p>	
	<p>End e-mail cut and paste.</p>	
	<p>The Board notes that this is Burt's final treasurer's report. Burt reports that future treasurers may want to open different accounts for each financial allocation. Right now Burt tabulates the amount of funds allocated for different uses rather than using separate accounts.</p>	
	<p>People continue to register for pre-conference, and the pre-conference registration receipts total \$11,800 so far. Hopefully the pre-conference registration will leave a surplus for the scholarship fund.</p>	
	<p>Individual Membership is up from this time last year. Burt reports "we are doing well."</p>	
	<p>Scholarship funding is within a balanced budget, and Burt thanks Domi and Adam for not going over budget, and there may be scholarship money left over for the next conference.</p>	
	<p>The Board notes that the U.S. tax reporting year creates a functional time frame for the fiscal year reporting at the next (Taormina) conference. The treasurer's report will cover January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015, as well as numbers from the Taormina Conference, to keep the Membership informed of AAGT's current financial status.</p>	
	<p>Toni thanks Burt for his good work during his tenure as treasurer, and Burt credits successful surplus conferences funds for AAGT's current financial stability. During this meeting James expresses appreciation and admiration</p>	

	for Burt, and other Board Members echo appreciation for Burt’s service to AAGT.		
DECISION	N/A		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
N/A	N/A	N/A	

2. Taormina Conference 2016

This Discussion Chaired by Toni

DISCUSSION	Toni plans to work with Patricia on the AGM agenda.		
	Board reports will be presented at the AGM. Daniel will coordinate the Interest Group Report. Domi will present the Scholarship Fund Report. Maryanne will present the Membership Report.		
	The Conflict Management ad hoc Committee report contains recommendations for support for management of entrenched positions between members when dialogue is stalled.		
	Toni feels the recommendations of this Report should be brought to the Membership. Domi emphasizes that the document is a proposal. Marlene notes a struggle between organizing a structured conflict managing process while honoring the Covenant of Community. It is noted that the Conflict Management ad hoc Committee emerged from the membership at the last AGM and the report was not drafted by the Board (though the committee included some Board Members – Dina, Patricia, Gail, and Marlene). Bruce Aaron is Chairperson and Marilyn Lammert is an active member of the Committee.		
	The Board agreed that the Conflict Management ad hoc Committee report should be forwarded to the membership as soon as possible for Membership consideration.		
DECISION	Conflict Management ad hoc Committee Report will go online for consideration by the Membership.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Send the conflict resolution report to the AAGT Membership through the listserv.	Marlene will ask Bruce Aaron to post it.	ASAP	

3. Other Business

Board Members

	The Board intends to discuss the Regional Task Force Report at the next opportunity before forwarding the Regional Task Force Report to the membership because the report was written for Board consideration. Given the exhaustive effort required to organize the Taormina Conference the		
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DISCUSSION	<p>Board has not given the Regional Task Force Report as much attention as it would have liked to. The Board recognizes the Report as an immediate priority.</p> <p>Deirdre is working with Marco for language support at Taormina. Some presenters have proposed they bring their own translators. The translators are welcomed to attend while they are actively translating a presentation.</p> <p>Deidre suggested that a mobile phone company might be interested in offering local SIM cards for sale at the conference, given the large number of participants. Deirdre will contact Burt as convener to suggest this.</p> <p>Jim reports about 10% of conference goers have signed up for the conference listserv. Jim will start to use that listserv for Conference announcements. So far the listserv has been “glitch.” Burt notes that only about half of attendees are AAGT or EAGT members. Burt also notes that EAGT does not have a listserv, so a listserv may be a new or different experience for EAGT members or non-members.</p> <p>At Taormina, Jim would like to plan to honor the victims of the Italy earthquake, a song or moment of silence, or both. On Saturday at the general meeting Jim would like to call for a donation to earthquake funds like the Italian Red Cross. Toni calls for collaboration with the Italians for a culturally appropriate proceeding.</p> <p>The Board will attend a one day retreat at Taormina, with the exception of interim Board Secretary Ryan and Board Administrator Mari. The Board wonders who will take minutes during the board retreat.</p> <p>Meeting ends 5:30pm EST.</p>	
DECISION	Discuss the Regional Task Force Report	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Discuss the Report at the Board Retreat in Taormina.	Board	9/20/2016