



Board Meeting Minutes

Date: October 30, 2016 Time: 1:00PM EST Venue: Online Video Conference

CALL TO ORDER	Toni Gilligan called to the order the Board meeting for the AAGT at about 1:51PM (EST) on October 30, 2016 via RingCentral online video conferencing.
ATTENDEES	Ryan Tolman, Maryanne Nicholls, Mark Reck, Deirdre Winter, Mari McGilton, Daniel Bak, Robert “Bob” Witchel, Dominique “Domi” Chabre, Toni Gilligan, Dina Miller, Burt Lazarin, Patricia Tucker, Brad Larsen-Sanchez, Gail Feinstein, Ansel Woldt, Billy Desmond, Nives Vrecic, Talia Bar Yoseph Levine, Jon Blend
APOLOGIES	Jim Battaglia, Justin Laird, Marlene Blumenthal
CHAIR PERSON	Toni Gilligan
MINUTES PERSON(S)	Ryan Tolman

1. Treasurers Report

Burt

DISCUSSION	This is Burt’s last financial report as Brad transitions into the Treasurer position. The following was retrieved (via “cut and paste”) from Burt’s 10/30/2016 Treasurer’s report e-mailed to the Board:	
	<u>CURRENT STATUS</u>	
	in our general account:	\$3,958.95
	in our money market account:	\$52,882.52
	in our PayPal account:	\$224.83
	total:	\$57,066.30
	Included in the above total is:	
	2017 Reserve (28% of to date expenditures)	\$5,109.33
	Regional Development Fund	\$9,508.81
	Conference account	<u>\$22,304.35</u>

	<p>Leaving unencumbered \$20,143.81</p> <p>In the Scholarship Fund: \$6,722.08</p> <p>The conference account includes an estimated (all expenditures have not been paid) pre-conference surplus of \$6,070. As of the end of October we have received \$13,695 in individual membership dues and \$3,215 organizational dues.</p> <p>End cut and paste.</p> <p>The numbers for individual membership receipts is up about \$1000 from last year. The scholarship fund has a balance of about \$6700 despite large expenditures for Taormina Conference scholarships. Though the final numbers are not in there hopes to be a surplus from both the Taormina Conference and Pre-Conference. Burt recommended, as we have had in the three pre-Taormina conferences, a separate conference account and conference treasurer in the future.</p> <p>Overall, there has been a positive financial trend for AAGT, primarily due to conference surplus, which is re-invested towards new conferences.</p> <p>Ansel notes the treasury is in much better shape than it was 17 years ago.</p> <p>The Board thanks Burt for his exceptional service as AAGT Treasurer.</p>
DECISION	Burt will support Brad in Brad’s transition to the Treasurer position.

2. 14th AAGT Conference in 2018

Toni, Board

DISCUSSION	<p>The Board discussed a location for the 14th AAGT Conference in 2018.</p> <p>Despite multiple calls for conference proposals to host the 14th AAGT Conference in 2018, the proposal from Asheville was the only complete proposal submitted.</p> <p>The Board acknowledges that North Carolina has received much attention from legislation known as “HB2,” otherwise known as the “bathroom bill” which requires people to use the bathroom identified with the gender on their birth certificate. HB2 weighed heavily on the Board and the Membership when discussing a conference in North Carolina.</p> <p>Board members voiced mixed emotions. Board members had followed AAGT listserv commentary, as well as the private opinions from the</p>
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	<p>Membership received via email after a request for feedback was made to the Membership was regarding Asheville and HB2.</p> <p>After many opinions were voiced, there was a general sentiment to proceed with planning the 14th AAGT Conference in 2018 in Asheville, North Carolina because the Board believes holding the conference in Asheville is supported by the Membership.</p> <p>Therefore, the Board agrees to support each other, the Membership, and the Asheville Organizers to hold the 14th AAGT Conference in 2018 in Asheville, North Carolina so that the conference is all-inclusive despite the HB2 legislation. The Board supports a Conference theme embodying LGBTQ+ tolerance and promoting diversity.</p> <p>The Board notes planning for a conference in North Carolina was not without dissent (dissent both within the Board and the Membership).</p> <p>Toni will work with the Board to draft an e-mail announcement to the membership ASAP. The Board will inform the Asheville organizers ASAP.</p>		
DECISION	Toni will draft an e-mail announcement to move forward with plans for the 14th AAGT Conference in 2018 in Asheville, North Carolina.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Inform the membership and Asheville organizers of the intention to move forward with planning for the 14th AAGT Conference in 2018 in Asheville, North Carolina.	Toni, in conjunction with the Board	ASAP	

3. Other Business

Toni, Board

DISCUSSION	<p>The CEU/conference evaluations are in development and the evaluations will be distributed in conjunction with the EAGT.</p> <p>Today the Board focused the majority of time on the decision to proceed with conference planning for the 14th AAGT Conference in 2018 in Asheville, North Carolina. The Board recognizes that many important agenda items require follow up. Agenda items include: Paris Research Conference, AGM 2017, Organizational Management Chairs and Representatives, Regional Task Force, Conflict Process, AAGT Newsletter, and Communications Director/Admin activities.</p> <p>The Board plans to address prioritized agenda items via e-mail communication, and plan the time and date for the next Board Meeting.</p> <p>Meeting ends 5:30pm EST.</p>		
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DECISION	Follow up with agenda items via e-mail.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Follow up with agenda items via e-mail	Board	ongoing	