



Board Meeting Minutes

Date: October 28, 2018 Scheduled Time: 1:00-3:00PM EST, USA Venue: Zoom

CALL TO ORDER	The Board President, Talia Bar-Yoseph Levine, called the AAGT Meeting to order at 1:09PM (EST, USA) on October 28, 2018 via Zoom video conferencing		
ATTENDEES	Billy Desmond Brad Larsen Sanchez Burt Lazarin Deirdre Winter Dina Miller Domi Chabre	Katie Mead Laura Carite Mari McGilton Mark Reck Marlene Blumenthal Maryanne Nicholls	Nives Vrečič Lorbek Shareefah Sabur Talia Bar-Yoseph Levine Vaclav Pfeifer Mikolasek
APOLOGIES	Ansel Woldt, Catie Beaulieu, Jon Blend, Toni Gilligan		
CHAIR PERSON(S)	Talia Bar-Yoseph Levine		
MINUTES PERSON	Shareefah Sabur		

The meeting was opened with a “check-in” from everyone present.

AGENDA ITEM	Naming of the Scholarship Fund	
DISCUSSION	There was discussion about naming the Scholarship Fund after Bud Feder since he was the founder and ongoing supporter and advocate for it. The board reached consensus for renaming it to be <i>Bud Feder Scholarship Fund</i> and that an invitation would be extended to membership to make confidential donations “in honor of Bud.”	
DECISION	The Scholarship Fund will now be name the Bud Feder Scholarship Fund.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Scholarship Fund Committee will craft the statement for inviting membership to make the confidential donation and the information to be posted on the website to inform every one of the history and context of this naming.	Domi	11/25/18

AGENDA ITEM	2020 Conference		
DISCUSSION	Maryanne Nicholls, Sinéad Kavanagh, Billy Desmond, and Toni Gilligan are the conveners. They have met several times over the past four weeks and consulted with others in Ireland. Dates of the conference have been confirmed, September 6-13, 2020. The Board meeting will be on September 6 and the main conference September 9-13. The conference will be held at the Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co. Clare. They will be holding a block of rooms from September 6-13 and 10-15 rooms for Saturday the 5 th . The overflow hotel is Lahinch Golf & Leisure Hotel in the nearby seaside village of Lehinch, which is 3km away. Shannon airport is about 50 minutes away and Dublin about three hours away. Transportation from those airports will be available for signup. More information will be forthcoming after their next meeting.		
DECISION	N/A		
	ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	Email the full proposal to the Board	Conveners	ASAP

Process reflection: The conveners expressed great appreciation for the collaboration throughout Ireland to be able to set the dates.

AGENDA ITEM	Treasurer's Report		
DISCUSSION	The Treasurer's Report was given as of September 30, 2018. The expectation going forward is that the Treasurer will always report the most recent closed month.		
DECISION			
	ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	Future discussion of how excess funds will be used.	Burt and other volunteers	TBD

AGENDA ITEM	Role of Treasurer		
DISCUSSION	There have been no responses or expressions of interest to the call for Treasurer. One suggestion was to hire a bookkeeper to help with the day-to-day recordings. Another suggestion was to try to recruit through personal invitation. Brad announced that will not continue as acting treasurer past December 31, 2018.		
DECISION			
	ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	Contact at least one AAGT member to invite them to fill the role of Treasurer.	Each Board Member	11/25/18

AGENDA ITEM	Relationship with Others		
DISCUSSION	A small group consisting of Tali, Brad, Nives, Vaclav, and Mark met on October 27, 2018 to discuss and explore the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How AAGT will relate to other entities? • How will AAGT connect? • How will our relationships support our international status? 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How does establishing relationships overlap with the Human Rights Social Responsibility Committee? 	
DECISION	The role of the Communications Director is vital to these discussions and shall be included in future meetings.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Meet again in early December	Tali, Brad, Nives, Vaclav, Mark, and Katie	12/15/18

AGENDA ITEM	2019 AGM	
DISCUSSION	Locations now under consideration: Quito, Ecuador; Santiago, a week before or after the Research Conference; and Mexico. Mexico would be in an all-inclusive property in late August or early September. There remains a desire to make the AGM as accessible as possible for as many people as possible. There is recognition of the urgency of setting the date	
DECISION		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
2019 Committee to bring back the recommendation to the Board.	Burt	11/25/18

AGENDA ITEM	Human Rights Social Responsibility Committee	
DISCUSSION	There was no formal report from this group. Deirdre Winter has suggested that steps be taken to form a joint mailing list between the AAGT and the EAGT Human Rights Social Responsibility Committees.	
DECISION	N/A	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

AGENDA ITEM	Support for Board Member Attendance at AGM	
DISCUSSION	Discussion is tabled until the next meeting.	
DECISION		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

The meeting was ended with a “check-out” from everyone present at 2:56pm

Process reflection: Feeling like we have covered a lot today and that the pacing allowed a good balance between task and relationship.

The meeting was closed with a “check-out” from everyone present.

Meeting ended 3:05PM EST, USA

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Next Meeting: November 25, 2018, 1:00-3:00PM EST, USA