



Board Meeting Minutes

Date: February 24, 2019 Scheduled Time: 1:00-3:00PM EST, USA; 1900-2100 CET (Central Europe Time) Venue: Zoom

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| CALL TO ORDER | The President Talia Bar-Yoseph Levine, called the AAGT Meeting to order at 1:02PM (EST, USA)/ 1902 CET (Central Europe Time) on February 24, 2019 via Zoom video conferencing | | |
| ATTENDEES | Billy Desmond Brad Larsen Sanchez Burt Lazarin Catherine Gray Catie Beaulieu Deirdre Winter Dina Miller | Domi Chabre Katie Mead Laura Carite Mari McGilton Maria Oneide Maryanne Nicholls | Nives Vrečić Lorbek Shareefah Sabur Sinead Kavanagh Talia Bar-Yoseph Levine Toni Gilligan Vaclav Mikolasek |
| APOLOGIES | Ansel Woldt, Jon Blend, Marlene Blumenthal, Mark Reck | | |
| CHAIR PERSON(S) | Talia Bar-Yoseph Levine, President | | |
| MINUTES PERSON | Shareefah Sabur, Secretary | | |

The meeting was opened with a “check-in” from everyone present and the business portion began at 13:18 EST USA/1918 CET.

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| AGENDA ITEM | 2020 Conference |
| DISCUSSION | The 2020 CPC report was given by Sinead Kavanagh. There were 21 people present at the first meeting. It was a positive gathering of people from around the world. The teams and sub – committees are forming and they left with a plan for next steps. Their sights are on practical issues, e.g. hotels (Falls Hotel and Lahinch Coast Hotel), room capacity, and maps about room capacities. Lahinch is closed until April for refurbishment. They hope to get in after April. The committee are glad to have Billy and Toni back, as this brings the full team together. |

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| | <p>The query of the membership for ideas about themes was successful. Members were appreciative, responsive, and enthusiastic about the opportunity for input. They selected and presented to the board the theme: Edges of Exile and Belonging. The CPC had deep reflection about this theme. The committee felt it is being lived out in our lives and environment. The theme will drive the logo etc. Each board member weighed in on the theme and there was some discussion about the impact the word “exile” had on some.</p> | | |
| DECISION | <p>Consensus on the theme: Edges of Exile and Belonging</p> | | |
| | ACTION ITEMS | PERSON RESPONSIBLE | DEADLINE |
| | <p>The CPC will continue to plan and provide updates to the board.</p> | <p>CPC Chairs</p> | <p>Routinely</p> |

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| AGENDA ITEM | Bud Feder Scholarship Fund (BFSF) | | |
| DISCUSSION | <p>Cathy Gray was invited to the meeting to report on behalf of the BFSF Committee at the Board’s request. Attention was drawn to the bylaws. The charge to the Scholarship Committee is to raise funds and to distribute them fairly, and they are humbled by that charge. There are still challenges in weighing each request. They are setting up a point system based on predetermined priorities. Applicants will also be asked to complete an online form stating why they are interested in attending the AAGT Conference. They will also contact the applicant via webinar, should there be additional questions. Maria requested that we have solid criteria to justify scholarship grants. The board is appreciative of the efforts of the committee and inspires more support. The board decides which conferences get supported by scholarships. Historically, twenty percent of funds raised was allocated for conferences other than the bi-annual conference. The committee welcomes other comments.</p> | | |
| DECISION | | | |
| | ACTION ITEMS | PERSON RESPONSIBLE | DEADLINE |
| | <p>Committee continue to refine and implement scholarship criteria and priorities</p> | <p>Committee</p> | <p>3/31/1</p> |
| | <p>Treasurer continues to explore the legal and regulatory aspects to report back to BFSF and the board.</p> | <p>Maria</p> | <p>3/31/19</p> |

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| AGENDA ITEM | Treasurer Report | | |
| DISCUSSION | <p>The conference funds have been fully dispersed in February. The money market account is just under \$30,000. Maria will send more details once she revisits the report designs. The Finance working group met and considerable</p> | | |

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| | discussion arose around developing a two-year budget. They had completed a one-year budget and will prepare a two-year budget for the next meeting. The Executive Committee will be looking more closely at the processes for distributing scholarship money. | | |
| DECISION | To proceed with routinely preparing a two-year budget. | | |
| | ACTION ITEMS | PERSON RESPONSIBLE | DEADLINE |
| | Prepare a two-year budget for the next meeting. | Maria | 3-31-19 |

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| AGENDA ITEM | Safe-Keeping | | |
| DISCUSSION | <p>There continues to be ongoing discussion about the safekeeping of AAGT documents and how to manage them through transition when new people take on roles; as well as aiming towards separating private and organizational emails.</p> <p>The board is being asked to complete a profile sheet that would allow appropriate members of the organization to reach someone in case of emergency and to reach someone who would be able to give the organization access to any AAGT files in their possession.</p> <p>Google has been proposed as a platform for unifying AAGT files and communications. Mari has sent policies and procedures for use of Google. Research indicates that a private server does not match the needs of AAGT and there is no physical location to house it. There was some push back due to the lack of confidence in privacy when using Google, and concern about their business practices and ethics. Members were invited to propose other solutions in a way that details how that solution would meet our specific requirements.</p> <p>We need to attend to these three concerns: privacy and access; continuity; and ethics. We need to arrive at a solution for the good of the organization as a whole.</p> | | |
| DECISION | | | |
| | ACTION ITEMS | PERSON RESPONSIBLE | DEADLINE |
| | The profile form is to be re-sent to board members for completion | Mari | ASAP |
| | Research and present alternative solutions to Google according to specifications | Dierdre, Toni | ASAP |
| | Search for best option | Mari, Brad, Vaclav | ASAP |

The meeting was ended with a “check-out” from everyone present at 15:13PM EST (Eastern Standard Time, USA; 2113 CET (Central Europe Time)).

There was an appreciation the ability for the board to differentiate and build consensus.

Next Meeting: March 31, 2019 13:00-15:00 EST (Eastern Standard Time, USA); 1900-2100 CET (Central Europe Time).

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