

MINUTES for GRD BOARD meeting, March 16, 2005.

Meeting called to order at 8:40 PM by Gabriel 'Mondo' Vega, Chairman.

All Board Members present.

MOTION: Waive reading of minutes, Mondo; 2-Laurel King –PASSED by acclamation

Agenda: Work on basics of next year's seminar track, discuss use of GRD BUDGET for next year.

Mondo: GAMA BOD is confident in GAMA's financial situation. Board members encouraged the GRD to submit a full budget at their Board Meeting.

Discussion: Various plans for developing seminar track. There is general agreement that we want to carry the project as far as we can to accept as much responsibility as possible.

Mondo: With the current climate, the Main GAMA Board has little interest in direct involvement in GRD business. Anthony is a 'fully-empowered' Executive Director, and the MGB is happy to leave the responsibility for the seminars to us.

We should keep Trey involved in communication.

IDEAS: List seminars by tracks.

Compensation for speakers was dismissed by GAMA staff. We'd prefer to come up with a 'soft money' way to compensate speakers: room nights, booth fees, food compensation, etc. There will be no compensation of any kind this year.

A self-generated audit of GAMA is on its way to determine our full financial health.

There are no specific plans for a fall meeting. We need to plan to do most of our business at Origins.

Scott Thorne: Request that GAMA help defray costs of a winter meeting because of how useful it is in finishing early Seminar track.

Linda R-M: FTF contact with GAMA staff and each other was very helpful at last year's Vega winter meeting.

Many new volunteers have approached Kelli and Laurel for seminar and 'followup booth' work next year.

After discussion, the deadline to assemble the final list of seminars and speakers was set at the deadline date for the pre-registration book.

LAUREL/International Committee: Would like to assemble a list of international distributors, manufacturers/publishers, and retailers so that the Board can be more aggressive in soliciting their involvement from the GAMA staff.

POTENTIAL BUDGET ITEMS:

Banner for exhibit hall to advertise retailer lounge/skybox. ~\$200

(Kelli: Followup Booth is working very well, but we need to mention the service at all seminars and have better schedules for volunteers)

'Peanuts' sign for booth. ~\$100.

Coffee service, juice, snacks in lounge, along with fruit and bagels. MORNING setup (pastry, bagels, juice, etc): \$1000, AFTERNOON setup (chips, etc): \$500, BEVERAGE: \$2.50/can, charged for consumption.

Inexpensive Laser Printer for GRD Skybox (for seminar & mentor printing). ~\$100, though 'press room' equipment is also available for GRD use, per Anthony.

World Map with pins for retailer location. ~\$20

Pin board for messages. ~\$50

Smaller tables and more chairs. ~free, just requires notification during setup next year.

Pins for IDing GAMA Retail Division: ~\$1.50 each

MOTION: GRD approves overwhelmingly of the job the GAMA staff has done in organizing the show.

-Mondo

Keli Wallace, 2-Laurel King, Passed by Acclamation.

Suggestion to Anthony: Add seminar titles and presenter names to room signs. Anthony: no problem.

Linda: NO SMOKING signs needed, along with earlier removal of ashtrays.

Anthony: Will be in a meeting with the hotel to improve service for next year. He has a number of complaints that will be addressed.

Deadline for pre-reg book for next year: Mid-October. Resolved to have seminar text complete and ready for Anthony by October 1.

Suggestion: Place ad in Origins book for GTS Seminar input and volunteers. Anthony suggests that we use C&GR for that.

WINTER MEETING: Columbus? ~\$2500 total cost for all GRD Board members to meet and plan for GTS.

Point of info: Origins travel is charged against the division, but not charged against discretionary funds of the GRD Board.

Anthony asked that the GRD provide him with a list before GTS of office supplies the GRD might need, and the staff will bring them from Columbus.

MOTION: Allow Mondo to bring budget to MGB and negotiate with \$1000 discretion.

1- Anthony 2-Laurel, passed by acclamation

Scott T- Suggested we place GRD Board minutes on GAMA web site with a pointer to web site on GIN and submitting to C&GR.

Jason Zara- Suggested we start an organized method for stock swap on GAMA board. (A- Message board on web site is easy to arrange) Has found GTS to be a good place for stock swapping with other retailers.

Anthony- Working with the GRD board and assignments for staff is “some of the most pleasurable work he does”, the GRD is “always wonderful to work with, and (he) expect(s) it to continue with new members as well.”

MOTION to ADJOURN- Rob Moses 2-Laurel
APPROVED by acclamation @ 10:25 PM.