

## 1997 AGM

Minutes of the ATI AGM, November 7-9, 1997

### 1. Treasurer's Report

- New Dues for 1998: A discussion at the AGM raised the issue of inadequate funding for ATI and the necessity to raise the dues, especially since the passing of the motion to set aside 10% of ATI's income for emergencies and contingencies. No actual vote was taken but a consensus was clear that the dues must go up considerably for Teaching Members and smaller amount for General Membership. Action: Since it is the power of the Board within the Bylaws to raise dues, it is agreed to raise the dues for 1998 to \$US 55 (£UK 33) for General Membership and to \$US 120 (£UK 75) for Teaching Membership. A notice will go out to the membership with the January communiqué. Agreed
- Motion to put away 10% of dues income for emergencies and reimbursement of past expenses: This motion passed at the AGM.

### 2. AGM

- 1998 AGM Committee: There is currently no chair, but the following people have offered to help out: Jan Baty, Jamee Culbertson, Jim Froelich and Pat Nicholson. Pat has offered to help find a location for the 1998 AGM somewhere along the mid-eastern US coast (e.g. Maryland, Virginia, Washington DC.). Action: Agreed
- Policy on AGM Committee Responsibilities: To integrate the Business Meeting (largely organized by the Board) and the other events of the AGM (organized by the AGM Committee), it is important to integrate both aspects of planning. This means defining clearly the responsibilities of the AGM Committee. The AGM Committee should look after
  - a) Find a location for the AGM and handle all interactions with location management,
  - b) Overall planning of the AGM, while working with the Board to integrate the Business Meeting with other events,
  - c) Plan and schedule individual workshops, panel discussions, seminars and performances,
  - d) Create and distribute publicity materials for the AGM, including registration forms
  - e) Handle registration for and inquiries about the AGM,
  - f) Have a liaison local to the AGM location to help people find accommodation (if necessary) and help out with orientation of arriving participants.

Action: Agreed

### 3. Teaching Membership Motion Tabled at AGM

This motion reached a level 3 discussion using Formal Consensus, but by consensus was tabled until next year. To avoid difficulty and undue time taken at the AGM, the motion and its implications and any alternatives proposed by other members should be put forward in plenty of time for the next AGM.

Action: Tommy and David to liaise about the process for this Agreed

#### 4. Ad hoc PDC Committee

At the AGM an ad hoc committee was formed to invite all those who have an interest to talk about a new direction, a new charge, an additional charge, or a reinterpretation of the charge of the PDC and bring any ensuing proposal to the 1998 AGM. Anyone who would like to take part may join the Ad Hoc committee. Current membership is: convenor, Bob Lada, Bruce Fertman, Catherine Kettrick, Martha Fertman, Jano Cohen, Ann Johnson, Ruth Brownstein, Diana Bradley, Elisha Gummere (Tommy Thompson will be the Board Liaison).

A suggestion did come from Bruce Fertman that the PDC itself or an Ad Hoc committee be formed to look into changing the mission of the PDC from creating the criteria for certificating teachers to developing criteria for assessing Sponsoring Members. This is worth exploring as we progress. It is felt that the main aim of this current Ad Hoc PDC Committee is to compare the existing Sponsoring members' criteria with the PDC proposed draft of sponsoring criteria, highlight similarities and develop a proposal that either combines the two or suggests the best criteria for ATI to adopt as a criteria for certificating teachers. Action: Committee will convene and begin discussion. Agreed

#### Formal Consensus

— Formal Consensus Motion at AGM It was agreed by consensus at the AGM that “we table the decision to adopt or not adopt Formal Consensus; that at the 1998 AGM we use Robert’s Rules to go to a Committee of the Whole, then use Formal Consensus to make decisions and return to Robert’s Rules to vote on those decisions; that we do so at as many AGMs as we need to learn enough about using Formal Consensus to feel comfortable deciding to adopt it or not; that we establish a Formal Consensus Agenda Planning Committee and a Formal Consensus Process Committee to take the concerns we have with the process and try to resolve these concerns as much as possible for the 1998 AGM.”

— Formal Consensus Agenda Planning Committee At the AGM a committee was formed to work on the agenda for next year’s AGM for the Business Meeting (especially planning how to structure the further discussion and decision on whether to adopt Formal Consensus). Members are: convenor, Bill Walsh, Catherine Kettrick, Ann Seelye, Elisha Gummere, Jan Baty, Diana Bradley, Ruth Brownstein, Jano Cohen, Vincent Fraser, and Tommy Thompson (Board Liaison), with C.T. Butler to be called on when needed. Action: Tommy to inform members of the details of the committees responsibility. Bill Walsh remains the facilitator. Agreed

— Formal Consensus Process Committee

At the AGM a committee was formed to look into the form that Formal Consensus would take in ATI if adopted. That is, how would it be implemented and what changes would need to happen to the Bylaws. Members of the committee are: convenor, Tommy Thompson, David Gorman, Jan Baty, Catherine

Kettrick, Debi Adams. Action: Recommendations will be put forth as a possible way to implement Formal Consensus. Agreed

#### New Chair of Ethics Committee

— New Chair of Ethics Committee At the AGM, Holly Sweeney offered to chair the Ethics Committee. Since Doris Dietschy's term ended at the AGM and Holly had not been officially elected, the Board approved her as an Interim Chair subject to an upcoming mail-in ballot. Action: Mail-in Ballot to go out with next Communiqué. Agreed

— It was agreed to request the Ethics Committee to work towards being able to propose a revised draft of the new Code by the deadline for proposal of Motions for the 1998 AGM. Action: Agreed

Meeting Closed by Chair November 9th, 1997

-----End of November, 1997 AGM Minutes-----

David Gorman, Executive Secretary of ATI