

# USA Affiliate Telecons, 1 and 3 June 2010

## Agenda and Notes

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### **1. Brief introductions:**

- Call hosts: International board members from US John Godec, Anne Carroll, and Stephanie Boone-Shaw (unable to attend)
- See list of participants above

### **2. Background and update:**

- North American participants in the Phoenix meeting in January 2010 supported moving ahead with a Federation of Affiliates, and provided recommendations that were considered by the Board along with other member input
- Board still in process of establishing parameters for the affiliates, but committed to providing quite a bit of autonomy for each affiliate to do what works for them within a basic and clear framework
- It appears that affiliates will be able to keep most of their own member revenues; decisions not yet made on training revenues
- Initial deadline to shift to Federation structure was January 2011; that will be adjusted as necessary
- Canada going through similar process, and the US and Canada will continue in close communications through the affiliate-development process and beyond

### **3. Questions and answers/discussion:**

- Finances:
  - How can the US or other affiliates pay for their own administrative requirements if we have only membership dues – that's not enough
  - There are lots of ways to make money
  - Concerns about extent to which the US affiliate can really do what we need to do to launch
  - How can any group trying to become an affiliate sort this all out without the money issues being clear? This is very frustrating.

- What happens with the training process and revenues has not yet been determined (though intellectual property rights will remain with International); some noted that lots of their chapter-sponsored training brings in revenues from non-IAP2 members
- Isn't reasonable to depend too heavily on volunteers just to make it work financially
- Role of affiliates:
  - There are lots of other ways to make money, which brings us back to what the US affiliate wants and needs to do – that's key to our work to creating a US affiliate
  - How do we sort out all the Board representation issues around different types of affiliates, role of trainers on Board, funding to support developing affiliates, what happens to chapters and their funds, etc.? Affiliate criteria committee has presented draft to Board but no information yet from governance and finance committee, but that's where the other issues will be resolved.
  - Is there still an international "affiliate" for people not in countries with affiliates? And what about the notion of a "training affiliate"? No current plans for a separate training affiliate. People in countries without affiliates may join any affiliate throughout the world.
- International board:
  - Will shift significantly at end of 2010 simply with board terms expiring; unclear how many affiliates will be in place by then, so there may be some other transitional governance structure
  - What is "the board" after January 2011 and why were elections suspended last year (that felt disenfranchising)? Three members remain on the international Board through 2011 (Desley Renton, Australia; Geoff Wilson, Canada; Stephanie Boone-Shaw, US); Board representation in the future is yet to be determined.
- Communications: Will have to use various e-technologies through this affiliate-creation process to communicate and move things along
- Data, legal status:
  - Will international organization remain incorporated in US and/or could we use that incorporation for the US affiliate? Yes, for now international will remain incorporated in the US. The US affiliate will need to incorporate separately.
  - Clarifying that as there is not yet a US affiliate, we don't have independent access to the database, but the Executive Director is quite willing and able to communicate with US members until we become an affiliate
  - Don't have anyone identified to help us become a legal nonprofit, but assume that IAP2 will provide some financial support for this
- Process:
  - Very concerned that US members aren't being engaged in this process and the direction and conditions from the Phoenix meeting need to be included
  - Important to remember that the international board is responsible for rolling this out throughout the world, not only in the US; there's also a longstanding perception that the organization has forever been focused on US issues; major concerns about training revenues and international property rights remaining solely with international, when a small number of trainers developed it
- Programs and services:
  - What is it that people get from IAP2? Where's the focus on individual members?
  - Need to create a US affiliate that identifies needs and interests of US members, and then delivers

- A chapter survey found that lots of members have P2 as only a portion of their work, and there's also competition from organizations like APA, which has just formed a P2 interest group.
  - The US affiliate has to offer something that's worth our membership dues. Agreed.
4. **Volunteers to move the U.S. affiliate project forward:** See attached list below based on the two calls and various emails, noting that this is a very informal and initial compilation – others will join and some of these will drop off over time.
  5. **Time frame for next call:** Late June.

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