



## Board Meeting

**MINUTES**                  June 26, 2016                  4:00 PM (EST)                  Online Video Conference

<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	Toni called to the order the Board meeting for the AAGT at about 4:17 PM (EST) on June 26, 2016 at RingCentral Meetings online video conferencing.
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Dominique Chabre, Mark Reck, Ryan Tolman (left around 5:05 PM EST), Mari McGilton, James Battaglia, Toni Gilligan, Deidre Winter, Robert (Bob) Witchel, Gail Feinstein, Ansel Woldt, Marlene Blumenthal, Daniel Bak, and Dina Miller.
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Patricia Tucker, Brad Larsen-Sanchez, Burt Lazarin, Maryanne Nicholls, Alex Schlotterbeck, Adam Kincel, Maryanne Nicholls.
<b>CHAIR PERSON</b>	Toni Gilligan
<b>MINUTES PERSON(S)</b>	Ryan Tolman, Mari McGilton

**NOTE: The May Board Meeting was canceled due to technical difficulties, therefore there are no May Minutes to publish. Thanks to Mari for assistance with these June Minutes.**

### 1. Treasurers Report

**Sent to Board Members Via e-mail, 06/23/2016**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Cut and paste treasurer report from 06/23/16 e-mail from Burt:</p> <p>Hi all....these are our financials as of today (June 23).</p> <p><b><u>CURRENT STATUS</u></b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">in our general checking account:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$16,481.36</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">in our money market account:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$52,873.88</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">in our PayPal account:</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>\$239.06</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;"><b>total</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>\$69,594.30</b></td> </tr> </table> <p>Included in the above total is:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>2017 Reserve (28% of to date exp)</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>\$2,250.68</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>Regional Development Fund</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>\$8,595.72</b></td> </tr> </table>	in our general checking account:	\$16,481.36	in our money market account:	\$52,873.88	in our PayPal account:	<u>\$239.06</u>	<b>total</b>	<b>\$69,594.30</b>	<b>2017 Reserve (28% of to date exp)</b>	<b>\$2,250.68</b>	<b>Regional Development Fund</b>	<b>\$8,595.72</b>
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	<b>Research Fund:</b> <b>\$4,541.46</b> <b>Conference Account</b> <b>\$24,363.03</b> <b>leaving unencumbered:</b> <b>\$29,843.41</b>						
	<b>In the Scholarship Fund account:</b> <b>\$18,550.44</b>						
	<p>Adding to the <b>Conference Account</b> to date we have received \$9,640 in pre-conference registrations. We have spent an estimated \$4,850 on room rentals leaving \$4,790 for one night hotel stays for presenters, a contribution to the Scholarship Fund and, if the organizers want, the provision of drinks and snacks.</p> <p>End of e-mail cut and paste.</p> <p>Board Chair asks for any comments on the treasurer’s report. The Board has no stated comments and the treasurer’s report is noted and accepted by the Board Chair.</p>						
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**2. Proposal from Organizational Member Co-Chairs**

**Marlene, Janneke**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p><i>The Board proposes:</i></p> <p><i>(1) That the Organization Membership Board position(s) be subsumed in the General Membership Board Positions. This would mean that the current roles played by the OM board members would be taken on by the GM board members. These tasks are to:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>1. Represent the interests of Gestalt institutes, trainers, consulting firms and other affiliated organizations to the Board of directors.</i></li> <li><i>2. Serve as a liaison between the Association and affiliated Gestalt organizations.</i></li> <li><i>3. Foster interest between Gestalt organizations for submitting workshop proposals for our conferences.</i></li> <li><i>4. Coordinate communications and activities among the Organizational Members, such as surveys and research projects.</i></li> </ol> <p><i>Organizational members would continue to pay an annual membership set by the Board.</i></p> <p><i>(2) The free membership currently being offered to the representative of the member organization be discontinued.</i></p>
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	<p>The Board members discussed the proposal. Janneke and Marlene reported that in the past, representatives met prior to the beginning of the bi-annual conference. In an attempt to facilitate a process whereby a common figure of interest might emerge, representatives were gathered during the Asilomar conference. No clear figure emerged. A few North American training institutes were mildly interested in finding connection for their students. The Co-Chairs did create a listserv for the organizational representatives, which has been largely underutilized. There appears to be value in holding an organizational membership, but currently, not enough activity to have a Board Representative Position solely for organizational members.</p> <p>The Board voiced some hesitation in removing board positions. Do these board positions represent a balanced representation of the membership, or perhaps would another “member at large” Board position(s), or the creation of another board position for another job be more appropriate?</p> <p>There was little support for discontinuing the free membership to the representative of the member organization. As some member organizations are very small, there is anticipated risk of losing the member organization, and therefore some income, and the possibility of a future emergent connection between organizations.</p> <p>There were further questions of how organizations are related or representative of regions? The Board feels these issues require further study to come to a conclusion, but may not impact whether an organization becomes a member of AAGT.</p> <p>The board also wondered what constitutes an organization for membership purposes. For example, does an organization have to be a certain size, or have a certain membership or training status to qualify for an organizational membership? This merits further discussion.</p>	
<b>DECISION</b>	The Board decided to bring part (1) to the AGM and declined to bring part (2) of the proposal to the AGM.	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
The Board supported presenting part (1) of the proposal to the membership at the AGM for a vote.	Board	AGM

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>There is still no consensus from the Regional Task Force. Board Members report that a consensus is near, with some dissent over a sentence or two in the proposal.</p> <p>The Board would like recommendations from the Regional Task Force in time for the AGM. Any proposal for the AGM needs to be received by July 10, 2016. The Regional Task Force was created to clearly define regional guidelines, and the relationship between a region and AAGT, as well as the responsibility of the Board in the relationship between regions and AAGT. The Regional Board Representative has been an appointed position. The recommendations for the Regional Task Force are very much needed – regional guidelines may be an issue of the AAGT Constitution and the Board and Membership need recommendations to move forward.</p>	
<b>DECISION</b>	The Regional Task Force will provide informal recommendations including areas of consensus and areas of dissent.	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
The Regional Task Force will e-mail current recommendations to the Board.	Regional Task Force	7/10/2016

#### 4. Interest Groups

**Daniel, Bob**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Two interest groups have been formed. The first, <i>Gender and Sexual Diversity</i>, has had three meetings. The second group is <i>Gestalt Group Therapy – Peer Supervision</i>. There may be a third, <i>Mentoring, Coaching and Gestalt</i> but the Board is unsure if Membership still has interest in this group. Daniel has reached out for a response. Ansel asks about a <i>Trauma Interest Group</i>. Bob mentions that requests for group leadership via e-mail went unanswered. Deidre has interest but may not have the available time. Does Deidre have interested in convening a Trauma Interest Group? Deidre will communicate with Bob and Daniel.</p>	
<b>DECISION</b>	Deidre plans to consider convening a Trauma Interest Group.	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Deidre will communicate with Bob and Daniel about potential plans for a Trauma Interest Group.	Deidre	ongoing

#### 5. Other Business

**Toni**

<p><b>DISCUSSION</b></p>	<p>Membership Co-Chairs express thanks to Brad for assisting in communication, and thanks to Board members who have assisted in translation. The membership Co-Chairs would like a count of new members to set up a new member meeting at Taormina. The Board expresses thanks to Brad and translators including Domi and Janneke for all the hard work.</p> <p>There are upcoming Board vacancies; The Treasurer position will be vacated by Burt. Other terms are ending and needs to be considered in preparation for the next AGM. The two Interest Group Board Positions will be up in 2017.</p> <p>Gail and Marlene report that the conflict resolution task force is progressing – there should be a complete proposal to the board on the next meeting. Marlene will e-mail minutes to Toni to review progress.</p> <p>The Board discussed translation possibilities. Board members would like to have an organized plan for providing translators to people who are not used to translating for each other and are not primary English speakers. Whispering translation is the main choice. The Board is unsure of who needs the service. The Board may offer a survey on Facebook to find out. The development of a translation service may open doors for more conference participants in the future.</p> <p>Taormina CE Credits: Dina continues to collaborate with AMEDCO to coordinate Taormina CE’s. A meeting with AMEDCO is planned this week to iron out some details. Other details to consider are clock times, lengths of breaks, etc., so CE proposals meet all criteria.</p> <p>Toni continues to seek space for process groups in Taormina. Domi is working continually to arrange for the Taormina Auction benefitting the AAGT scholarship fund, including e-mail and Facebook communications.</p> <p>Toni reiterates that any AGM agenda items need to be submitted by July 10<sup>th</sup></p> <p>Toni closes the meeting at or near 5:31pm EST</p>	
<p><b>DECISION</b></p>	<p>Marlene will e-mail Toni the Minutes from the Conflict Resolution Task Force</p>	
<p><b>ACTION ITEMS</b></p>	<p><b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b></p>	<p><b>DEADLINE</b></p>
<p>Marlene will e-mail Toni the Minutes from the Conflict Resolution Task Force</p>	<p>Marlene</p>	<p>July 10, 2016</p>

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