



Board Meeting Minutes

Date: December 4, 2016 Time: 1:00PM EST Venue: Online Video Conference

CALL TO ORDER	Toni Gilligan called to the order the Board meeting for the AAGT at about 1:32PM (EST) on , December 4, 2016 via RingCentral online video conferencing.
ATTENDEES	Emily Meyer Stewart, Ryan Tolman, Mark Reck, Deirdre Winter, Mari McGilton, Robert “Bob” Witchel, , Toni Gilligan, Dina Miller, Patricia Tucker, Brad Larsen-Sanchez, Ansel Woldt (with some technical difficulties), Billy Desmond, Nives Vrecic, Talia Bar Yoseph Levine, Jon Blend, Maryanne Nicholls, Jim Battaglia, Marlene Blumenthal
APOLOGIES	Daniel Bak, Dominique “Domi” Chabre, Burt Lazarin, Gail Feinstein
CHAIR PERSON	Toni Gilligan
MINUTES PERSON(S)	Ryan Tolman

1. Newsletter

Emily, Patricia

DISCUSSION	<p>The Board welcomes Emily Meyer Stewart as the new AAGT Newsletter Editor. The Board discusses publishing photos from Taormina in the newsletter, and the importance of a disclaimer or consent for group or individual photos published in the Newsletter. In the future, such disclaimers or consents may be part of conference planning so that conference photos can be published for the Membership.</p> <p>The Board discusses participations of organizations and training centers in the AAGT Newsletter, such as training descriptions and dates. Other contents of the Newsletter can include a brief financial report and the AGM meeting notes.</p>	
DECISION	The AGM meeting notes will be included in the newsletter. A brief financial report will be included in the newsletter.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Brad will provide a brief financial report for the newsletter.	Brad	Newsletter Submission Deadline

2. Treasurers Report

Brad

DISCUSSION	<p>A cut and paste from Brad’s e-mail report from the treasury:</p> <p>Here is a summary for the newsletter. This is as of December 4.</p> <p><u>CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS</u></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">in our general account:</td> <td style="width: 20%;"></td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: right;">\$4,438.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>in our dedicated scholarship fund account:</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$8,245.38</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>in our money market account:</u></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>\$50,204.00</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total:</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$62,887.58</td> </tr> </table> <p>Included in the above total is:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">2017 Reserve (28% of to date expenditures)</td> <td style="width: 20%;"></td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: right;">\$2,572.30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Regional Development Fund</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$220.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Research Fund</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$150.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Scholarship Fund</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$8,245.38</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>Conference account</u></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>\$12,765.00</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Leaving unencumbered</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$38,934.90</td> </tr> </table> <p>End of e-mail cut and paste.</p> <p>The Board asks about the financial results from the Taormina Conference. Right now the funds are not settled so exact figures are known, however past conversations indicate a positive financial outcome.</p>			in our general account:		\$4,438.20	in our dedicated scholarship fund account:		\$8,245.38	<u>in our money market account:</u>		<u>\$50,204.00</u>	Total:		\$62,887.58	2017 Reserve (28% of to date expenditures)		\$2,572.30	Regional Development Fund		\$220.00	Research Fund		\$150.00	Scholarship Fund		\$8,245.38	<u>Conference account</u>		<u>\$12,765.00</u>	Leaving unencumbered		\$38,934.90
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3. CE Credits

Dina, Board

DISCUSSION	<p>Dina reports a fee is required of \$300 USD (versus \$200 USD in the past) every two years is due to continue AAGT CE accreditation for the California Board of Nursing. The Board supports California Board of Nursing if California Board of Nursing CE credits are useful to Members. Dina plans to send an e-mail to the listserv to evaluate Membership interest in California Board of Nursing CE credits to see if the accreditation is useful to the Membership. Ansel notes that in the past the California Board of Nursing CE accreditation has been utilized for CE Credits by members.</p> <p>Those who want CE Credits for the Taormina Conference need to follow the</p>
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	<p>feedback link for conference evaluation in order to receive CE Certificates. Although the link may have already been provided to all CE seeking attendees, not all attendees requesting CE Credits have responded, so the Board suggests one more e-mail with the feedback link for conference evaluation to be forwarded to attendees seeking CE Credits, along with a deadline for response.</p> <p>Amedco also has a conference evaluation summary which may be forwarded to Taormina Conference Organizers and Process Group Organizers/ Facilitators.</p> <p>There have been Pro’s and Con’s to using Amedco CE accreditation which the Board will take into consideration before the next conference.</p>	
DECISION	<p>Send final notice for those requesting CE Credits to use the online link to provide Taormina Conference evaluations to receive CE Credits. Survey members to see if California Board of Nursing CE accreditation is useful to the Membership.</p>	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
<p>Send out a final call for Taormina Conference evaluation for those seeking CE Credits, survey the membership through the listserv to see if California Board of Nursing CE accreditation is useful to the membership.</p>	<p>Dina</p>	<p>As needed to meet CE/accreditation deadlines.</p>

4. 2017 AGM

Toni

DISCUSSION	<p>The Board has considered three locations for the 2017 AGM Venue. One consideration was the Cleveland, Ohio, United States location; however there was no associated conference or event to correspond with the AGM.</p> <p>A second consideration was the 2017 Paris Research Conference, however the required minimum of ten Board Members attending was considered unlikely according to an e-mail survey conducted by the Board.</p> <p>The third consideration was an AAGT AGM corresponding with the UK British Gestalt Journal 25th Anniversary Conference in Reading, UK. The e-mail survey to Board Members indicated that this location is most likely to include the required minimum of ten Board Members. The Board intends to move forward with plans to hold the AGM in conjunction with the UK/BGJ 25th Anniversary Conference. The Conference is scheduled from June 30, 2017 to July 3, 2017. Toni intends to connect via e-mail to assess interest in holding the AGM before or after the UK/BGJ 25th Anniversary Conference.</p>
DECISION	<p>The 2017 AGM will be held in conjunction with the UK British Gestalt Journal 25th Anniversary Conference in Reading, UK scheduled from June 30, 2017 to July 3, 2017.</p>

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Use e-mail communication to determine whether to hold the AGM before or after the conference according to feasibility	Toni	Before the next Board Meeting

6. Organizational Membership Committee

Nives, James

DISCUSSION	<p>The Organizational Membership Committee is still developing an identity for the position of Organizational Representatives. Nives and James are working to make contact with training centers.</p> <p>Potential plans include requesting a 30 second video from training centers promoting gestalt training to promote interest in training centers, and using the AAGT website to promote training centers. Is there a place on the AAGT website to advertise workshops? Are there Member Organizations outside the United States? Bob has the support of the board in linking the efforts of the Organizational Membership Committee to the AAGT Facebook Page, which has received significant interest surrounding the Taormina Conference.</p> <p>The Board is supportive of efforts by the Organizational Membership Committee to provide mutual support for Member Organizations and training centers.</p>		
DECISION	N/A		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
N/A	N/A	N/A	

6. Other Business

Toni, Board

DISCUSSION	<p>2018 Conference: The Board would like a liaison between the AAGT Board and the Appalachian Gestalt Training Institute (AGTI) to begin conference preparations. Toni plans to contact a potential volunteer to help facilitate. Marlene and Brad offer support for conference development. The Board discusses issues of tolerance and diversity, and at least one Board Member has had positive experiences in the Asheville area.</p> <p>The membership co -chairs are exploring connections with student groups at various Gestalt training institutes internationally.</p> <p>The Board considers purchasing an AAGT Ring Central account to support use by the Board and Interest Groups, and other potential uses. Right now the Ring Central Account runs through Brad’s business telecommunications lines. Brad will look into the costs of a dedicated AAGT Ring Central account for AAGT use. Brad has been happy to share his business telecommunications with AAGT but the drawback is that there is only one</p>		
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	<p>meeting available at a time so there have been instances when Brad has needed the line for a business meeting and the line is in use for AAGT.</p> <p>The Board would like to move forward towards AAGT’s dedicated account for online conferencing for the Board Meetings, Interest Group Meetings, and other potential uses.</p> <p>There is still unfinished business surrounding the regions. The Board is interested in continuing dialogue be more specific in the process of regional activity and how to determine a regional contact person.</p> <p>The Board has no objections to AAGT Members promoting their book publications on the listserv, but the promotion must come from the Member, not from the Board.</p> <p>A request to consider restructuring the Organizational Membership process emerged from the 2016 AGM, specifically involving a change in the way Organizational Dues and Organizational Representative Dues are levied. The fees charged for Membership (including the Organizational Membership Fee) are designated by the Board. Toni plans to contact the Member who proposed the rationalization for change, to make sure Toni had understood the proposed changes to present to the Board.</p> <p>Meeting ends on or about 2:42PM EST</p>	
DECISION	Learn more about purchasing an AAGT Ring Central account	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Brad will research costs of an AAGT Ring Central Account and report to Board	Brad	Before the next Board Meeting
DECISION	Find a liaison to begin communication with AGTI for the 2018 Conference	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Contact a potential liaison with international conference planning experience	Toni	Ongoing until a liaison is found.