



Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 29, 2017 Time: 1:00PM EST Venue: Online Video Conference

CALL TO ORDER	The Board Administrator called to the order the Board meeting for the AAGT at about 1:42PM (EST) on January 29, 2017 via RingCentral online video conferencing.
ATTENDEES	Ryan Tolman, Mark Reck, Nives Vrecic, Mari McGilton, Robert “Bob” Witchel, Deirdre Winter, Dina Miller, Patricia Tucker, Brad Larsen-Sanchez, Talia Bar Yoseph Levine, Jon Blend, Maryanne Nicholls, Burt Lazarin (audio), Marlene Blumenthal, , Emily Meyer Stewart, Gail Feinstein, Dominique “Domi” Chabre, Sandra Tompkins (audio), Nicholas Emmanuel
APOLOGIES	Toni Gilligan, Ansel Woldt, Jim Battaglia, Daniel Bak, Billy Desmond
CHAIR PERSON	The Board is not chaired on this occasion. Individual Board Members order the Meeting. Board President Toni Gilligan is unable to be present due to technical difficulties.
MINUTES PERSON(S)	Ryan Tolman

Treasurers Report

Brad

	Excerpted from Brad’s e-mail report from the treasury. All figures are in U.S. Dollar (USD):
	The Association for the Advancement of Gestalt Therapy STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY January 1-29, 2017
DISCUSSION	TOTAL REVENUE Individual Membership 450.00 Total Revenue \$450.00 EXPENDITURES

Bank Charges	99.37
Organizational Merchant Fees	14.55
Office Expenses	7.00
Other General and Admin Expenses	198.40
Postage And Delivery	130.00
Scholarship Fund Disbursement	600.00
Regional Fund Disbursement	3,000.00
Video Conferencing	69.99
Total Expenditures	\$4,119.31
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NET REVENUE \$	-3,669.31

The Association for the Advancement of Gestalt Therapy
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
As of January 28, 2017

TOTAL ASSETS

Current Assets Bank Accounts Conference Fund	22,247.22
General Fund Checking	3,179.14
Money Market Account	18,208.05
Regional Development Fund	6,648.81
Research Fund	50.00
Scholarship Fund Checking	7,745.38
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Total Bank Accounts	\$58,078.60

AAGT now has its own Ring Central Account after using Brad’s account for an extended amount of time – thanks Brad for the generous use of your business account. The Board is unsure of the current number of AAGT Members. The number of Members might be provided by Mari. The Board wonders how Membership due reminders are sent out? Can this process be automated?

The transfer of AAGT’s surplus Taormina money is planned for this month, a little over 5000€. The Board plans to deliberate on the allocation of the surplus. In the past conference surplus has supported the Scholarship Fund for the next conference.

DECISION	N/A		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
N/A	N/A	N/A	

2018 Asheville Conference

Nicholas, Sandra, Board

<p>DISCUSSION</p>	<p>Today the Board is joined by AAGT Members Nicholas and Sandra from AGTI in Asheville.</p> <p>The Board discusses the need for a theme, title, and logo for the next conference. A specific theme must emerge to start moving forward. Some propose a Human Rights themed conference, and the Board, Nicholas, and Sandra seem in agreement for a Human Rights themed conference.</p> <p>The Board, Nicholas, and Sandra brainstorm possible names for the conference, and agree to continue the discussion via e-mail following the meeting, with a deadline of February 10, 2017 to have a decision for the name of the conference.</p> <p>Sandra discusses venue and date options. Sandra notes that action to reserve space needs to happen quickly, especially if AAGT wishes the AAGT Conference to occur on or around Gay Pride Week in Asheville. This is peak tourist season in Asheville.</p> <p>Sandra has found the Crowne Plaza Asheville a viable location to accommodate the conference and plans to continue logistic planning this week.</p> <p>The Board asks Sandra and Nicholas what they need going forward, and what support is needed.</p> <p>First, a Conference Planning Committee (CPC) needs to be formed. There will need to be Committee Chairs, and Committee Members.</p> <p>Sandra reports AGTI has plenty of willing volunteers, and would appreciate organizational guidance from AAGT to inform AGTI how the planning is organized. The question arises concerning the use of new Committee Chairs (presumably from AGTI), or experienced Committee Chairs from AAGT. Sandra would like experienced Chairs to guide the process.</p> <p>The Board discusses making a call for Committee Members from AAGT Membership. The Board suggests a letter drafted for the Membership from Toni, Nicholas, and Sandra asking for volunteers.</p> <p>One of the Conveners' roles is to set up the Conference Committees, with a brief description and recommendation for the role of the Committee.</p> <p>Marlene plans to send Nicholas and Sandra a list of possible committees and descriptions, and a Board Member notes that the Asilomar conference Committee descriptions are online for public viewing.</p>
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	<p>The Board notes that the Welcoming Committee in Taormina received positive feedback and the Welcoming Committee should be considered for Asheville to welcome new members, and to meet new people and connect. A Board Membership Representative is desirable on the Welcoming Committee.</p> <p>Should there be a specific welcoming committee for LGBTQI+ attendees for extra support? What do attendees need to feel comfortable and safe at this conference? The Board considers pre-conference process group to support those who may have concerns – something to consider going forward. The Board notes the need for private space for process groups – privacy has been a past issue.</p> <p>Gail offers to continue the conversation regarding conference theme and naming online.</p> <p>Conclude 2:36pm EST, USA</p>	
DECISION	Continue theme and naming discussion via E-mail	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Gail will send out an e-mail to start a thread to continue the conversation.	Gail	ASAP