



### Board Meeting Minutes

Date: March 26, 2017 Time: 1:00PM EST Venue: Online Video Conference

<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	The Board Administrator called to the order the Board meeting for the AAGT at about 1:44PM (EST) on March 26, 2017 via RingCentral online video conferencing.
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Ryan Tolman, Mark Reck, Nives Vrecic, Mari McGilton, Robert “Bob” Witchel, Dina Miller, Talia Bar Yoseph Levine (left about 2:30PM EST due to local power outage), Jon Blend, Marlene Blumenthal, Gail Feinstein, Billy Desmond, , Toni Gilligan, Ansel Woldt, Burt Lazarin, Emily Meyer Stewart (gone 11:28am Westcoast)
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Brad Larsen-Sanchez, Dominique “Domi” Chabre, Deirdre Winter, Patricia Tucker, Daniel Bak, Maryanne Nicholls
<b>CHAIR PERSON</b>	Toni Gilligan
<b>MINUTES PERSON(S)</b>	Ryan Tolman
<b>NOTE:</b> This is the first meeting reflecting a change from a 1.5 hr meeting to a 2hr meeting.	

#### Treasurers Report

**Brad**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	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 March 1-25, 2017	
	<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	
	4020 Conference Registration Income (Taormina Surplus)	5,481.43
	4140 Individual Membership	1,048.98
	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$6,530.41</b>
	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
6020 Annual General Meeting Admin Support	643.00	

	<p><b>Total 6010 Annual General Meeting Expenditures</b> <b>643.00</b></p> <p>6090 Bank Charges 36.87          6270 Organizational Merchant Fees 28.68</p> <p>6280 Office Expenses 7.00          6300 Other General and Admin Expenses 420.00          Video Conferencing 85.43  <b>Total Expenditures</b> <b>\$1,220.98</b></p> <p><b>NET REVENUE</b> <b>\$5,309.43</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Association for the Advancement of Gestalt Therapy          STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION          As of March 25, 2017</p> <p><b>TOTAL ASSETS</b></p> <p>Current Assets</p> <p>Bank Accounts</p> <p>Conference Fund (1123) 27,728.65          General Fund Checking (4302) 2,524.69          Money Market Account (6311) 18,209.16          Regional Development Fund (8160) 6,598.81          Research Fund (9986) 50.00          Scholarship Fund Checking (2506) 7,745.38</p> <p><b>Total Current Assets</b> <b>\$62,856.69</b></p> <p>Of note are three figures:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. \$5,481.43 received from the Taormina conference</li> <li>2. \$643.00 sent to UKAGP for administrative costs toward AGM</li> <li>3. \$1,048.98 membership dues income</li> </ol> <p>End of e-mail excerpt.</p> <p>AAGT’s share of the Taormina Conference Surplus has been received and is in the Conference account. The Board has indicated the funds should be transferred to the scholarship fund, and this decision needs to be formalized so the Treasurer can officially transfer the funds to the scholarship fund. Since the Treasurer is not present today the matter can be addressed later.</p>
<b>DECISION</b>	N/A
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b> <b>DEADLINE</b>
N/A	N/A

**Proposed Changes to Organizational Membership Fee Structure**

**Toni**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>This is a deferred proposal from the 2016 Annual General Meeting (AGM), made by an AAGT Member.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Reduce the Organizational Member fee from \$150 to \$50.</li> <li>(ii) Discontinue free individual memberships for the member/representative of the Organization</li> </ul> <p>Toni asks for feedback from the Board. One Board member proposes that the proposal is accepted, but point (i) be modified to read as follows, to create a sliding scale of fees for Organizational Members from \$50 to \$150:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Reduce the Organizational Member fee to a minimum of \$50 with a recommended fee of \$150, asking Organizations to pay what the Organization is able to according to the income of the Organization, between \$50 and \$150. Organizations who are clearly able to pay the recommended \$150 but choose not to may be contacted by the Board to re-assess the Organization’s ability to pay versus the Organizations willingness to pay.</li> </ul> <p>The Board sees this as a way to increase participation by Organizations with less income (allowing the organization to pay between \$50 and \$150) while maintaining revenue from Organizations who can afford the recommended \$150.</p>		
<b>DECISION</b>	Accept the Membership Proposal with modification to include a sliding scale for Organizations who may easily afford the recommended \$150 fee.		
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	
N/A	N/A	N/A	

**2017 AGM**

**Toni, Board**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Board Members decide to hold a pre-AGM Board Retreat on <b>Friday</b>. Toni will follow up via e-mail to survey who is attending and make venue arrangements.</p> <p>The Board wonders how to utilize technology to promote more inclusion for those who cannot attend the AGM in person. There was a previous suggestion of live streaming. Perhaps one hour of live streaming?</p> <p>At this point the Board is not sure if such live streaming is possible, and if the meeting site has any provisions for such technology. Bob, the Communications Director will look into the possibility of live streaming via technology such as Facebook or Skype, or other possible platforms to</p>
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	<p>increase member access to the AGM proceedings.</p> <p>Daniel Bak is standing down from his Board Position. The president elect should preside to fill this position per the AAGT Constitution. Other Board Positions opening up will need to be filled. A call for volunteers will need to be made prior to the 2017 AGM.</p>		
<b>DECISION</b>	<p>Toni will e-mail Board Members and the AGM venue to arrange a Board Retreat prior to the AGM. Bob will investigate the possibility of live streaming at the 2017 AGM.</p>		
<b>ACTION ITEM</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	
Toni will e-mail Board Members	Toni	Prior to the next scheduled Board Meeting	
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Bob will look into live streaming at the next AGM.	Bob	Prior to the next scheduled Board Meeting	

**Toronto Proposal 2018**

**Toni, Board**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>This day (March 26, 2017) is the deadline for conference proposals. The Board supports the current Toronto Proposal and looks forward to supporting conference planning.</p> <p>The Board looks forward to working with the Conference Planning Committee (CPC) to support conference planning. One Board Member notes that concrete dollar amounts (conference financial summary) will be needed sooner than later so that AAGT and the CPC can reach a mutual understanding about finances. Traditionally, the CPC has appointed a conference treasurer.</p> <p>Another priority for the CPC may be to pick a date so potential attendees can make plans to attend.</p> <p>Toni plans to contact the conveners and invite the conveners to appoint a representative to attend Board Meetings (ex officio Board Member).</p>		
<b>DECISION</b>	<p>Toni will contact the CPC and request a CPC member to attend Board Meetings as an ex officio Board Member</p>		
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	
Reach out to the CPC to request a CPC member to attend Board Meetings.	Toni	ASAP	

**Other Business**

**Board**

<p><b>DISCUSSION</b></p>	<p>The Board discusses transparent and horizontal relationships within the Board and Membership. The Board falls back on to the AAGT Covenant of Community for guidance. Perhaps the Board is less hierarchical and more a process mechanism to move forward the agenda set forth by the Covenant of Community, Constitution, By-Laws, and the voice of the Membership (which includes Board Members).</p> <p>First and foremost is the preservation and advancement of gestalt therapy. The Board recognizes that a structure too rigid or a structure without boundaries may not act towards AAGT’s focus to preserve and advance gestalt therapy. Continuing dialogue with clarity may help us define ourselves moving forward, specifically towards inclusiveness within the Board and within the Membership.</p> <p>The recent resignation of the Organizational Rep. Co-Chair results in a vacated Board Position .The Board intends to extend an offer to the Member who ran for Organizational Rep. Co-Chair at the 2016 AGM and was the runner-up in the voting. The position, if accepted, will be held until the July 2017 AGM when another election will take place.</p> <p>Meeting Ends at or about 3 PM, EST, USA</p>	
<p><b>DECISION</b></p>	<p>Offer the Organizational Rep. Co-Chair position to the runner-up at the last AGM.</p>	
<p><b>ACTION ITEMS</b></p>	<p><b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b></p>	<p><b>DEADLINE</b></p>
<p>Extend an offer to the Member who ran for Organizational Rep. Co-Chair to fill the vacated Organizational Rep. Co-Chair position.</p>	<p>Toni</p>	<p>ASAP</p>