



### Board Meeting Minutes

Date: April 30, 2017 Time: 1:00PM EST Venue: Online Video Conference

<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	The Chair Person called to order the AAGT Board meeting at about 1:28PM (EST) on April 30, 2017 via RingCentral online video conferencing.
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Ryan Tolman, Mark Reck, Robert “Bob” Witchel, Dina Miller, Toni Gilligan, Ansel Woldt, Burt Lazarin, Emily Meyer Stewart, Dominique “Domi” Chabre, Deirdre Winter, Patricia Tucker, and Mari McGilton. Gail Feinstein (exits at 2pm EST due to prior commitment), Carolina Edwards (co-convenor 2018 Biennial Conference, exits about 2:15pm EST), Maryanne Nicholls (calls in late, 2:30pm EST due to technical and scheduling issues).
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Nives Vrecic, Talia Bar Yoseph Levine, Daniel Bak, Jon Blend, Billy Desmond, Brad Larsen-Sanchez and Marlene Blumenthal.
<b>CHAIR PERSON</b>	Toni Gilligan
<b>MINUTES PERSON(S)</b>	Ryan Tolman

#### Treasurers Report

**Brad**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	From Brad’s April 29 Treasury report via e-mail:	
	The Association for the Advancement of Gestalt Therapy STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY April 2017	
	TOTAL REVENUE	
	4110 Scholarship Fund Income	380.00
	4140 Individual Membership	300.00
	4150 Organizational Membership	600.00
	Total 4130 Membership Dues	900.00
	Total Revenue	\$1,280.00
	GROSS PROFIT	\$1,280.00
	EXPENDITURES	
	6090 Bank Charges	101.87
	6270 Organizational Merchant Fees	40.42

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	6280 Office Expenses	7.00	
	6300 Other General and Admin Expenses	238.40	
	Video Conferencing	85.19	
	Total Expenditures	\$472.88	
	NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$807.12	
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	<p>The Association for the Advancement of Gestalt Therapy STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION As of April 29, 2017</p>		
	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		
	Conference Fund (1123)	27,713.65	
	General Fund Checking (4302)	2,082.48	
	Money Market Account (6311)	18,209.62	
	Regional Development Fund (8160)	6,598.81	
	Research Fund (9986)	50.00	
	Scholarship Fund Checking (2506)	7,745.38	
	Total Bank Accounts	\$62,399.94	
	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$62,399.94</b>	
	<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		
	3900 Unrestricted Net Assets	61,747.91	
	Net Revenue	652.03	
	Total Equity	\$62,399.94	
	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$62,399.94</b>	
	End of e-mail treasury report.		
	The Board acts in consensus to place the surplus Taormina Conference Funds into the AAGT Scholarship fund.		
	The Treasurer is preparing the Budget.		
<b>DECISION</b>	Place the surplus Taormina Conference Funds into the AAGT Scholarship fund.		
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	
Place the surplus Taormina Conference Funds into the AAGT Scholarship fund.	Brad	ASAP	

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**Carolina, Board**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The Board welcomes Carolina Edwards, co-convenor of the 2018 AAGT Biennial Conference.		
	Carolina announces a tentative date in the middle of August 2018 for the Conference. There are currently two venue options, and the conveners are in the final stages to confirm a venue and specific dates.		
	Carolina states that the organizers will be considering Conference registration fees, venue costs, and plans for a potential Conference surplus spending structure.		
	The Conveners are considering timing the AGM (Annual General Meeting) during the Conference rather than after the conference to increase interest and participation, and the Board notes that (Per AAGT Constitution/Bylaws) there needs to be at least two community meetings prior to the AGM. Most of the Conference Committee positions have been filled, however the Conveners are still looking for a Conference Treasurer.		
The Conveners plan to inform the AAGT Membership of Conference updates via the AAGT Membership listserv and the AAGT Newsletter.			
<b>DECISION</b>	Conveners plan to keep the Board and Membership updated via Board email, Membership listserv, and AAGT Newsletter.		
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>		<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Conveners plan to keep the AAGT Board and Membership informed of pertinent information		Conveners	As desired by Conveners in the interest of Members

**Student Memberships**

**Board**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	When Jon sent his apologies for missing this meeting, Jon requested the Board consider student membership fees apply to part time students as well as full time students. The Board Agrees that student memberships apply to part time students and full time students.		
	<b>DECISION</b>		
Change the wording from “full time student” to “student” on the Student Membership fee structure for AAGT Membership.			
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>		<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Change the wording from “full time student” to “student” on the website for AAGT Membership.		To be Determined	To Be determined

**Other Business**

**Board**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	2017 AGM:
	The Board discusses the 2017 AGM and Board Retreat. The Board discusses live streaming for the AGM, perhaps only for the end of the AGM when formal business is discussed. Could AAGT use live streaming through social media? Would there need to be a camera operator? Would there need to be a disclosure to let participants know that the proceedings are being live-streamed? The Board notes that, while a live stream is new to AAGT other organizations do stream conferences and offer recordings. One Board Member notes that differing time zones will also affect international viewing of a potential live stream.
	On the topic of technology, can the Board use technology such as RingCentral to allow more Board Members to participate in the 2018 AGM/Board Retreat?
	Toni would like to put a call out to listserv to remind Members that the AGM is coming up in July of 2017, and encourage participation.
	There are several Board posts for election/re-election/appointment at 2017AGM. Ansel has comprehensive information about the formalities which may be included in the newsletter. Patricia suggests the Board openings for the 2017 AGM be forwarded to the listserv.
	Toni asks the Board to start a conversation about why we don't have maximum terms (apart from the president and vice presidents), but as we have a very full agenda that might have to wait.
	<b>NEWSLETTER:</b>
	Emily has the next newsletter mocked up; however "last minute" contributions are still welcome. Contributions are generally limited to one page, and the next newsletter is planned to be out on Tuesday, May 2, 2017.
	Emily calls for newsletter input, feedback. Deirdre would like Regional Development to be mentioned.
	<b>REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT:</b>
Toni asks that the Board Members review the Board's Response to the Recommendations of the Regional Task Force which are posted on the AAGT website, titled "Board Recommendations in Relation to AAGT Regions, based on the RTF committee report to the Board." This document can be found through the following link:	

	<p><a href="http://aagt.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Board-Recommendations-in-Relation-to-AAGT-Regions.pdf">http://aagt.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Board-Recommendations-in-Relation-to-AAGT-Regions.pdf</a></p> <p>The Board plans to move forward to implement the Regional Task Force recommendations per the Board’s Response once the Response is reviewed and clarified.</p>		
<b>DECISION</b>	Use the listserv to encourage 2017 AGM attendance.		
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	
Use the listserv to encourage 2017 AGM attendance.	Toni	ASAP	
<b>DECISION</b>	Review the Regional Task Force Board Response document to review, clarify, and plan to act.		
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	
Board Members review the Board’s Response to the Recommendations of the Regional Task Force which are posted on the AAGT website	Board	Prior to the next meeting.	