



Board Meeting Minutes

Date: September 24, 2017 Time: 1:00PM EST Venue: Online Video Conference

CALL TO ORDER	The Board President called the AAGT Board Meeting to order at about 1:36PM (EST, USA) on September 24, 2017 via Zoom online video conferencing.
ATTENDEES	Carolina Edwards (Leaves around 1:38PM EST, USA), Ryan Tolman, Catie Beaulieu, Marlene Blumenthal, Jon Blend (Leaves around 1:38PM EST, USA), Billy Desmond (Leaves around 1:38PM EST, USA), Deirdre Winter, Dominique “Domi” Chabre, Shareefah Sabur, Dina Miller (Leaves around 1:38PM EST, USA), Ansel Woldt, , Gail Feinstein, Mari McGilton, Talia Bar Yoseph Levine, Emily Meyer Stewart,(Joins around 1:38PM EST, USA).
APOLOGIES	Brad Larsen-Sanchez, Toni Gilligan, Mark Reck, NivesVrecic, Maryanne Nicholls, Burt Lazarin.
CHAIR PERSON	Talia Bar Yoseph Levine
MINUTES PERSON	Ryan Tolman

Treasurers Report

Brad via email

DISCUSSION	From the Treasurer’s Monthly Budget Report e-mailed to the Board: The Association for the Advancement of Gestalt Therapy STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY September 2017 TOTALREVENUE – All figures in U.S. Dollars									
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Total Revenue	\$1,410.00									

GROSS PROFIT	\$1,410.00
EXPENDITURES	
6090 Bank Charges	126.82
6270 Organizational Merchant Fees	49.94
Total 6250 Merchant Fees	49.94
6280 Office Expenses	21.00
6300 Other General and Admin Expenses	552.60
6460 Website & Internet Expenses	212.50
6500 Uncategorized Expenditure	331.60
Total Expenditures	\$1,294.46
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$115.54
NET REVENUE	\$115.54
<p>The Association for the Advancement of Gestalt Therapy STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION As of September 20, 2017 TOTAL ASSETS</p>	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Conference Fund (1123)	8,231.62
Conference operating Account (7829)	500.00
General Fund Checking (4302)	5,346.14
Money Market Account (6311)	18,211.90
Regional Development Fund (8160)	6,257.26
Research Fund (9986) 50.00	
Scholarship Fund Checking (2506)	12,782.87
Total Bank Accounts	\$51,379.79
Other Current Assets	
1955 Loan to 2017 Paris Conference	5,672.15
1956 Loan to 2018 Toronto Conference	13,515.60
Total Other Current Assets	\$19,187.75
Total Current Assets	\$70,567.54
TOTAL ASSETS	\$70,567.54
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
3800 Temporarily Restricted Assets	454.92
3900 Unrestricted Net Assets	66,965.14
Net Revenue	3,147.48
Total Equity	\$70,567.54
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$70,567.54

	The 2018 Toronto Conference Budget items remain virtually the same, the CPC will continue to liaison with Brad.		
DECISION	N/A		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
N/A	N/A	N/A	

2018 Toronto Conference Report

Carolina

DISCUSSION	<p>Carolina has sent a report to the Board regarding CPC progress. The call for proposals is open until Nov. 1. Logistics are being worked out for spaces at the venue.</p> <p>The website is up and running for the 2018 AAGT Conference in Toronto. Carolina and the Board discuss the provision of donation options during the online registration process. Currently there is an option to donate to the Scholarship Fund. The Board would like the Scholarship Fund, the Research Fund, and the Regional Development Fund to have equal provisions for donation during the online registration process. Carolina agrees to work with the CPC and website designers to include donation links to the Scholarship Fund, The Research Fund, and the Regional Development Fund. This may be done by changing the “Scholarship Fund Donation Page” to a “Donation Page” with links to opportunities to donate to each fund.</p> <p>In the future, could the traditional (Scholarship Fund) benefit auction at the Conference benefit the Scholarship Fund, The Research Fund, and the Regional Development Fund? This Board will address the topic of donations on a future Board Agenda for future conferences.</p> <p>The Plenary and Keynote speakers have been confirmed. The Board discusses traditions of choosing speakers, within the CPC and between the CPC and the Board. Items discussed include the fixed stipend (usually \$500USD) of the keynote speaker, how the speakers are chosen, and speaker attendance at the conference (versus speaking and leaving). A number of different scenarios have occurred in the past.</p> <p>Jon expressed concern at what appeared to be duplication through having another ‘meet and greet’ event put on by the CPC in place of the timing of the AAGT Newcomers event - which aims to do that very thing (meet and greet). Jon pointed out that acknowledging the important role played by the CPC would surely take place after this, i.e. during the opening ceremony.</p> <p>Jon emphasized that the timing of the 90 minute AAGT Newcomers Meeting was crucially linked to the opening of conference: it has to be scheduled at the time proposed, starting two hours before the opening. This enables a 30 minute break before the main ceremony starts. Jon reminded the Board that</p>
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	<p>holding the AAGT Newcomers Meeting too early was impractical - it simply would <i>not</i> work, nor would holding the group later. Jon also clarified that the Newcomers meeting is for all members – the organizers invite the president and <i>all</i> returnees to join us in welcoming newcomers near and far as our honored guests.</p> <p>The AAGT tradition of holding a Newcomer’s Meeting at AAGT Conferences has been honed over years. It is a key focus for recruiting and retaining new members. The Newcomer’s Meeting’s efficacy is evidenced by the very positive feedback received after Taormina where some 50 of the 150 delegates who took part in Newcomers Meeting (who were new to AAGT) said the Newcomer’s Meeting made a big difference shaping how they understood and experienced the conference. Jon suggested we build on lessons learnt and on the success of this event at Taormina.</p> <p>The Board acknowledges Carolina’s good work and the theme of radical respect. The Board wants to build support for the CPC with transparency and autonomy in decision making to serve the Membership.</p>		
DECISION	Create equal donation opportunities for Scholarship, Research, and Regional Development funds as part of the 2018 Conference Registration.		
ACTION ITEM	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Carolina will coordinate with the CPC and web designer to create links to all three AAGT funds for donation opportunities	Carolina	ASAP	

Other Business

Board

DISCUSSION	<p>Regional Development: There are gestalt therapists in China who have reached out to Board Members about developing a region in China. Ansel requests the Regional Development Representative follow up.</p> <p>The Board Discusses the Board Member at Large position(s). The Board remarks that this position is Board appointed, and largely ambiguous in definition. The main concern is that any appointment will be to the benefit of the Membership, rather than filling a spot simply because it is empty. There is no requirement to have the Board Member at Large position(s) filled. The Board intends to continue the conversation on the next Board Meeting Agenda.</p> <p>Ansel would like to draft a proposal for the next AAGT AGM to draft by-laws for at-large board members.</p> <p>The Board discusses a way to honor deceased members at the 2018 Toronto Conference. The Board would like to provide space, in a respectful human,</p>		
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	<p>cultural, social context. Emily will draft a letter to the Board to elicit suggestions.</p> <p>Domi asks for a conversation around the community meeting at the conference, trying a different approach, and Domi will coordinate via email.</p> <p>Ends at or about 3pm EST USA</p>	
DECISION	Emily will draft a letter to the Board to elicit suggestions of a way to honor deceased AAGT members.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Emily will draft a letter to the Board to elicit suggestions of a way to honor deceased AAGT members.	Emily	By next Board Meeting.