



Board Meeting Minutes

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

CALL TO ORDER	The Board President called the AAGT Board Meeting to order at about 1:30PM (EST, USA) on October 29, 2017 via Zoom online video conferencing.
ATTENDEES	Carolina Edwards, Ryan Tolman, Billy Desmond, Deirdre Winter, Dominique “Domi” Chabre, Shareefah Sabur (Leaving at 1:45pm EST, USA), Dina Miller, Ansel Woldt, Burt Lazarin, Gail Feinstein (Leaving at 2pm EST, USA), Mari McGilton, Talia Bar Yoseph Levine (Leaving at 2:12pm EST, USA), Mark Reck, Brad Larsen-Sanchez, Toni Gilligan, Nives Vrecic, Maryanne Nicholls.
APOLOGIES	Jon Blend, Catie Beaulieu, Marlene Blumenthal, Emily Meyer Stewart
CHAIR PERSON	Toni Gilligan
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 October 2017 TOTAL REVENUE – All figures in U.S. Dollars	
	Membership Dues	975.00
	Total Revenue	\$975.00
	EXPENDITURES	
	Bank Charges	155.00
	Merchant Fees	32.49
	Office Expenses	21.00
Other General and Admin Expenses	273.40	

	Total Expenditures	\$481.89
	NET REVENUE	\$493.11
	The Association for the Advancement of Gestalt Therapy STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION As of October 29, 2017 TOTAL ASSETS	
	Conference Fund	7,860.07
	Conference Operating Account	155.89
	General Fund Checking	5,964.25
	Money Market Account	18,212.04
	Regional Development Fund	6,563.81
	Research Fund	20.00
	Scholarship Fund Checking	12,752.87
	Total Bank Accounts	\$51,528.93
	Other Current Assets	
	Loan to 2017 Paris Conference	5,672.15
	Loan to 2018 Toronto Conference	13,515.60
	Total Other Current Assets	\$19,187.75
	TOTAL ASSETS	\$70,716.68
	LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
	Temporarily Restricted Assets	454.92
	Unrestricted Net Assets	66,965.14
	Net Revenue	3,296.62
	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$70,716.68
	Brad is working on getting the bank fees resolved. Mark and Brad are discussing repayment of the loan disbursed to the research conference. Burt asks if the language in the treasures report can be clarified. Toni will work with Brad to add some parenthetical description into the treasurer's report.	
DECISION	Toni and Brad will coordinate to clarify the language in the treasurer's report.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Toni and Brad will coordinate to clarify the language in the treasurer's report.	Toni and Brad	November treasury report

2018 Toronto Conference Report

Carolina

<p>DISCUSSION</p>	<p>The Board and Carolina discussed the process of choosing conference speakers and the importance of direct dialogue. Ansel suggested Board members open and read the email recently sent containing biographical information on the lesser-known speaker, Dr. Deborah Plummer.</p> <p>The Board had questions about the process of how conference speakers are chosen. The selection of conference speakers in the past has been varied, and one Board Member points out that historically the conference speakers have been painstakingly chosen with many involved, and the choice of speakers has significance to many Members. The Board wonders how many Members were involved in the process. The voiced concern pertains to the process, not particularly who may or may not have been chosen to speak.</p> <p>The Board notes in the past there has been more of an overlap between the CPC and the Board (in other words, many CPC Members have also been Board Members). The Board does not mean to second guess CPC decisions and email exchanges may not be the best medium to discuss process decisions. Board Members and Carolina agree to work toward more direct dialogue when questions arise. Carolina notes that Burt is the Board point of contact between Board Members and the CPC, however the Board wonders if this is too rigid. Also, given the conference theme of “Radical Respect,” there is a question of what Zelda Friedman may have meant when she suggested “Radical Respect” and how this concept may apply to misunderstandings within AAGT. It was suggested that Zelda be considered as an invited participant on a panel designed to discuss the conference theme, particularly since she was one of AAGT's founders who assisted in creating our Constitution.</p> <p>The Board supports creativity from the CPC and encourages the CPC to move forward with the Board’s confidence. The Board discusses a World Café venue led by a speaker as one possibility.</p> <p>Conference registration is proceeding. The CPC plans regular registration reminders. The CPC will likely extend the presentation proposal submission deadline.</p> <p>The Board and Carolina discuss the Panels and the Panel Committee for the Conference. The Panels do not go through blind peer review. The Panel Committee typically picks topics and invites Members to make up the panel. Dina notes that those responsible for Panels usually complete a form for the Panel in order to provide CE credits for the time. There are five Panel slots available during the Conference.</p>
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	<p>Donations: there are now two buttons to choose where donations go in the online Conference registration.</p> <p>Marketing and communication: there is still a budget available. Are there other Gestalt list-servs? There is a Conference ad on the Gestalt Review. Creating posters for Conference advertisement is also a possibility.</p> <p>Communication Director: Toni will contact a member who has shown interest in the past.</p> <p>Proposals: The Board and CPC have received many presentation proposals and hope for more. Board Members with conference planning experience note that in the past many proposals come in “at the last minute,” so many more presentation proposals are expected, and the CPC is already considering extending the presentation proposal deadline.</p> <p>Conference Memorials: There is a Committee that is under the umbrella of Special Event committee to plan Memorials for the Conference. The committee will be receiving the different ideas which have been shared so far. Emily sent a summation of what has come up so far and that will be forwarded to those considering a memorial event.</p> <p>World Café Event: Domi speaks on a possible World Café during the Conference. Domi was thinking of this as a presentation but better fitted as an event. When could such an event be scheduled? During the opening ceremony? Domi invites thought and discussion – perhaps use community meeting time to have facilitators to co-create a World Café event. The Board supports creative planning.</p> <p>Does Board planning of a World Café/Community Meeting take something away from the CPC and back to the Board? Does the Board decide this since the Board is in charge of the Community Meeting. What is the CPC role in this? The CPC is in charge of what happens in the conference. Maybe a decision will be easier when the Keynote process is finalized. Dina notes that the Community Meeting belongs to the Members – an opportunity to voice anything – to structure it risks some of that openness may be lost. Also, is a group size above 50-60 people too large to manage in a World Café type group if taking Community Meeting time?</p>	
DECISION	Toni will reach out to a potential Communication Director	
ACTION ITEM	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Toni will contact a member who has shown interest in the past.	Toni	Prior to next Board Meeting.

Other Business

Board

DISCUSSION	<p>Ryan to outreach to Patricia and the Board for help with AGM minutes.</p> <p>The Board is interested in making further contact with those representing Chinese gestalt practitioners. There is interest in creating a Chinese Region, however since AAGT regions are as yet undefined, the Board is unsure of how to proceed for requests to form an AAGT region. The current hope is continued dialogue.</p> <p>Last Sunday of November and December are Holidays in some nations. Burt suggests one meeting at the beginning of December, maybe December 3, to avoid too many Board Member absences.</p> <p>Ends at or about 3pm EST USA</p>		
DECISION	N/A		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
N/A	N/A	N/A	