



## Board Meeting Minutes

Date: December 3, 2017 Time: 1:00PM EST Venue: Online Video Conference

<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	The Board President called the AAGT Board Meeting to order at about 1:27PM (EST, USA) on December 3, 2017 via Zoom online video conferencing.
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Ryan Tolman, Billy Desmond, Deirdre Winter, Dina Miller, Ansel Woldt, Mari McGilton, Mark Reck, Toni Gilligan, Nives Vrecic (arrives at 2:17pm EST, USA), Heather Anne Keyes, Marlene Blumenthal, Gail Feinstein, Jon Blend, Emily Meyer Stewart, Catie Beaulieu.
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Burt Lazarin, Maryanne Nicholls, Brad Larsen-Sanchez, Shareefah Sabur, Carolina Edwards, Talia Bar Yoseph Levine, Dominique “Domi” Chabre.
<b>CHAIR PERSON</b>	Toni Gilligan
<b>MINUTES PERSON</b>	Ryan Tolman

### Treasurers Report

Brad via email

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	From the Treasurer’s Monthly Budget Report e-mailed to the Board:	
	The Association for the Advancement of Gestalt Therapy STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY November 2017 TOTAL REVENUE – All figures in U.S. Dollars	
	4090 Regional Development Fund Income	150.00
	4110 Scholarship Fund Income	100.00
	<b>Total 4070 Contributions Income</b>	<b>250.00</b>
	4130 Membership Dues	925.00
	<b>Total 4130 Membership Dues</b>	<b>925.00</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,175.00</b>	

EXPENDITURES	
6090 Bank Charges & Fees	-80.00
6270 Organization - Credit Card Processing Fees	39.19
<b>Total 6250 Credit Card Processing Fees</b>	<b>39.19</b>
6315 Administration Support (Mari)	295.00
6325 Bookkeeping	21.00
<b>Total 6280 Office Expenses</b>	<b>316.00</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$275.19</b>
NET REVENUE	<b>\$899.81</b>
<p>The Association for the Advancement of Gestalt Therapy                      STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION                      As of November 30, 2017</p>	
TOTAL ASSETS - All figures in U.S. Dollars	
Conference Fund (1123)	7,860.07
Conference operating Account (7829)	155.89
General Fund Checking (4302)	6,710.92
Money Market Account (6311)	18,212.18
Regional Development Fund (8160)	6,708.76
Research Fund (9986)	100.00
Scholarship Fund Checking (2506)	12,875.01
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$52,622.83</b>
Other Current Assets	
1955 Loan to 2017 Paris Conference	5,672.15
1956 Loan to 2018 Toronto Conference	13,515.60
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>\$19,187.75</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$71,810.58</b>
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
3800 Temporarily Restricted Assets	454.92
3900 Unrestricted Net Assets	66,965.14
Net Revenue	4,390.52
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$71,810.58</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$71,810.58</b>

	<p>Dina asks about a line item in the budget for CE expenses.</p> <p>Toni and Brad have not met to add some description to financial line items. Toni plans to follow up with Brad.</p> <p>Brad and Toni will confer with the CPC about the Budget at a later date.</p>		
<b>DECISION</b>	<p>Toni plans to follow up with Brad about adding some description to financial line items and the CPC Budget.</p>		
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	
Toni will contact Brad	Toni and Brad	January Treasury Report	

**2018 Toronto Conference Report**

**Heather**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Toni calls for process feedback on the relationship between the CPC and the AAGT Board. Heather speaks of a fundamental trust relied upon to complete conference planning. A chief concern is revisiting decisions which have already been made – the CPC has a desire to move forward and provide a high quality Conference.</p> <p>The Board expresses appreciation for the CPC in stepping in to provide a Conference. The Board and Heather share background to the current dialogue. A Board Member notes that there is a familiar, comfortable conference planning process. The current conference process may stretch people and be uncomfortable, which may be a benefit. This mostly has to do with the origins of the conference, i.e. the conveners and CPC arising from a groundswell on the members list.</p> <p>Conference Update:</p> <p>The number of proposals was exceptional. The peer reviews are out and nearly all peer review forms have been returned.</p> <p>The Opening Ceremony Committee is working to complete planning. There is a surge of interest in scholarships. Carolina and Jay have sent an update via email; any further questions are encouraged from the Board via email. Heather reports the CPC is collaborating well and moving forward.</p> <p>The current registration is low. The CPC is hopeful that the early bird registration deadline will spur more registration, and the Conference will be sold out prior to opening.</p> <p>Registrants can register “scholarship pending.”</p> <p>All Pre-conference proposals were sent from AAGT Members, however the</p>
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	<p>Board wonders if pre-conference presenters must be Members of AAGT, perhaps a tradition from a time when pre-conference presenters were paid.</p> <p>On another note, does AAGT Membership obligate Members to adhere to a code of ethics? AAGT members agree to honor the Covenant of Community. Does a non-Member have to adhere to the Covenant of Community?</p> <p>Dina notes, to provide a CE, presenters must disclose any complaints against their professional license. Most presentations will likely qualify for CE credits. CE providers also must have a grievance procedure in case there is a complaint.</p> <p>In the past AAGT has worked on a Conflict Resolution Process. The Board is unsure of the results of the creation of a Conflict Resolution Process.</p>		
<b>DECISION</b>	N/A		
<b>ACTION ITEM</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	
N/A	N/A	N/A	

**Other Business**

**Board**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Subcommittee Reports:</p> <p>Membership Committee: There is difficulty in going far afield, finding AAGT Members living around the globe, specifically in less represented areas. The Membership Committee is focusing on membership in relation to the conference. A good introduction to AAGT at the Conference is a good way to encourage Membership. Given an opportunity, longtime Members can provide new Members storytelling about AAGT. Is there identification on the Conference attendance badge showing that this is an attendee’s first conference? There is a colored sticker for volunteers. Also plans for more information in the newsletter. Jon asks if Members going far afield can check in to spread information about AAGT. For example, Members providing a workshop in another nation could introduce trainees to AAGT.</p> <p>Interest Groups: There is an informal yoga and gestalt group via email which is gaining interest. The Gestalt People of Color Interest Group is seeking interested Members. All are welcome, regardless of how a person identifies themselves. Opening a dialogue is the desire. The Board encourages continued offering of this Interest Group.</p> <p>The Gender and Sexual Diversity Interest Group is active. The Group Therapy Interest Group is looking for Members to join. The Research Interest Group and Child and Adolescent Interest Group both show</p>		
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promising interest from the Membership. The opportunity for interest groups is drawing Members to participate, slowly, but the trajectory is growth. The Toronto CPC is working on breakout spaces for the interest groups. This represents a revival in the interest group participation, and the new groups are interesting and exciting. Perhaps AAGT's provision of Zoom (online video conference platform) and Mari's help with coordination enables Members to cross continents with ease. Thanks for Billy, Catie, and Jon for coordinating interest groups. Billy wonders how we can encourage others to use technology to reach out to each other internationally.

**Organizational Membership Committee:** There will be a meeting and dinner during the Toronto Conference for the Organizational Membership Committee. The meeting and dinner are planned to provide information to becoming a Organizational Member,

**Research Committee:** The Research Interest Group has met twice, a small group moving along with positive dialogue and ideas, and more meetings are planned. The Paris conference seed money should be returned shortly, with plans to wire the funds to the AAGT Treasury Account. A 2019 Research Conference is in early preparation stages. There is no official announcement yet, but a local gestalt organization in Chile has begun the planning process and will be willing to coordinate with other organizations (e.g., AAGT, EAGT) in further planning for the conference. When plans are finalized, expect an announcement in the newsletter and listserv.

**Regional Development Fund Committee:** The Fund remains in reserve awaiting direction. The identified (but not permanently named) Regional Development Coordination Committee (RDCC) is working on writing letters to invite international members to join the committee. Mari can send the identified RDCC a list of members and identified country of origin. The Committee desires international representation.

Dialogue continues from the AGM. How are Regions defined, funded, and developed? There are Members interested in forming a Region, and these Members may be invited to join the identified RDCC to be included in the Regional Development dialogue. The Board recognizes that Regional Development Funds may be used to employ interpretive services for Members who wish to participate.

**Board Member at Large:** Board Member(s) at Large may be appointed for one year terms. Traditionally Board Member(s) at Large have been former Board Members, and AAGT Members wanting to be more involved in AAGT. The Board Member(s) at Large typically have a depth of AAGT experience to bring to the Board in service to the Membership. There is no provision in the AAGT Constitution to the number of Board Member(s) at large. The role of the Board Member at Large is not specified, and there are

	<p>no specific tasks but to attend Board Meetings. There have been times where there have been no Board Member(s) at Large, however modern video conferences may foster an improved platform for more Members to be involved in Board Meetings.</p> <p>The Board decides to add to the January 2018 Board Meeting Agenda to decide if there are Members who want to be Board Member(s) at Large, and seek a consensus to add or not add Board Member(s) at Large.</p> <p>Ends at or about 3pm EST USA</p>	
<b>DECISION</b>	<p>The Board decides to add to the January 2018 Board Meeting Agenda to decide if there are Members who want to be Board Member(s) at Large, and seek a consensus to add or not add Board Member(s) at Large.</p>	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
<p>Add to the January 2018 Board Meeting Agenda a plan of action to decide if there are Members who want to be Board Member(s) at Large, and seek a consensus to add or not add Board Member(s) at Large.</p>	<p>Board</p>	<p>January 2018 Board Meeting</p>