



## Board Meeting Minutes

Date: February 25, 2018 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 February 25, 2018 via Zoom online video conferencing.
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Carolina Edwards, Mark Reck, Ryan Tolman, Brad Larsen-Sanchez, Catie Beaulieu (Leaves with technical difficulties around 2:28PM EST USA), Mari McGilton, Jon Blend, Ansel Woldt, Deirdre Winter, Billy Desmond, Marlene Blumenthal, Burt Lazarin (Leaves with apologies at 2:07PM EST USA), Talia Bar Yoseph Levine, Maryanne Nicholls (Joins late around 2 PM EST USA), Nives Vrecic (Joins late around 2 PM EST USA).
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Toni Gilligan, Shareefah Sabur, Dominique “Domi” Chabre, Dina Miller, Gail Feinstein
<b>CHAIR PERSON(S)</b>	Talia Bar Yoseph Levine
<b>MINUTES PERSON</b>	Ryan Tolman

### Treasurers Report

Brad via email

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Abridged cut and paste from Treasurer’s emailed report to the Board. All values are in U.S. Dollars:	
	The Association for the Advancement of Gestalt Therapy STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY February 1-25, 2018	
	TOTAL Revenue	
	Conference Meals & Entertainment Revenue	2,300.00
	Conference - Other revenue/income	210.00
	Conference income - Registration fees income	38,184.64
	Conference - Donations	600.00
Conference income - Pre-conference registration income	2,600.00	

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Conference income - CE credits income	1,040.00	
	Contributions Income		
	Scholarship Fund Income	371.73	
	<b>Total Contributions Income</b>	<b>371.73</b>	
	Individual Membership	1,225.00	
	<b>Total 4130 Membership Dues</b>	<b>1,225.00</b>	
	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$46,531.37</b>	
	<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$46,531.37</b>	
	Expenditures		
	Legal Fees	175.00	
	<b>Legal &amp; Professional Fees</b>	<b>175.00</b>	
	Organization - Credit Card Processing Fees	40.03	
	<b>Total Credit Card Processing Fees</b>	<b>40.03</b>	
	Conference - Stripe commission charges	1,759.00	
	Administration Support (Mari)	288.20	
	Bookkeeping	21.00	
	<b>Total Office Expenses</b>	<b>309.20</b>	
	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$2,283.23</b>	
	<b>NET REVENUE</b>	<b>\$44,248.14</b>	
	<p>The Association for the Advancement of Gestalt Therapy                      STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION                      As of February 25, 2018</p>		
	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		
	Conference Fund	7,930.07	
	Conference operating Account	90,513.65	
	General Fund Checking	7,417.90	
	Money Market Account	18,212.18	
Regional Development Fund	6,708.76		
Research Fund	5,915.85		
Scholarship Fund Checking	13,274.19		
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$149,972.60</b>		
Other Current Assets			
Loan to 2017 Paris Conference	-4.35		

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Loan to 2018 Toronto Conference	13,515.60
	<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>\$13,511.25</b>
	<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$163,483.85</b>
	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$163,483.85</b>
	<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	
	Equity	
	Temporarily Restricted Assets	454.92
	Unrestricted Net Assets	90,752.38
	Net Revenue	72,276.55
	<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$163,483.85</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$163,483.85</b>	
<b>DECISION</b>	NA	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
NA	NA	NA

**2018 Toronto Conference Report**

**Carolina**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Carolina has emailed a report to the Board. There is also a budget update emailed by the Conference Treasurer. There are 220 people registered for the Conference. Pre-Conference registration has only just begun; another informative email is planned.</p> <p>The AAGT Lifetime Achievement Award was selected by a CPC committee created for that purpose. The nominations were generated from the Membership. Then, the CPC nomination committee considered the nominations and deliberated upon the recipient for this year. Organization of workshops is developing nicely - the program should be set soon.</p> <p>The Board expressed appreciation for the CPC's work. It recommended further discussion about whether clearer guidelines reflecting AAGT's tenets might be helpful to all committees. There were comments expressing both satisfaction with the consensus process as well as frustration with feelings of being cut off.</p> <p>Confidentiality and privacy documents: How will the conference manage privacy in light of social media, picture taking, videography, etc. The CPC plans to craft a confidentiality and privacy document. The Board is grateful to the CPC for bringing up the concern about the picture taking/ confidentiality issue and for working on a draft about such that the Board plans to discuss. Confidentiality issues like this are usually Board policy and therefore would need to be presented as an item at the AGM for the membership to consider. In the meantime, the Board may present guidelines</p>
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	<p>based on the joint document. The concern is to protect Conference attendees’ privacy from pictures or videos taken and published against their wishes.</p> <p>The connection between the Board and the CPC is a subject for future conversation. The Board and the CPC are separate in ways, together in ways, and conversation can continue, and be followed up at the Board Retreat.</p> <p>The Board again acknowledges and expresses appreciation for all the good work by the CPC.</p>		
<b>DECISION</b>	NA		
<b>ACTION ITEM</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	
NA	NA	NA	

**Other Business**

**Board**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p><b>Statement of Support for ABP</b></p> <p>The Association of Black Psychologists (ABP) sent out a statement denouncing psychological oppression by the American President. The Members have discussed AAGT publicly supporting the ABP statement. However, there does not seem to be a consensus of Members to publicize a statement. Can the Board bring this item to the Community Meeting at the 2018 Conference? This conversation may be inappropriate at the Conference – the conversation could take up the entire conference. Would AAGT single out one statement to support, and not the many other statements from many other organizations? Can AAGT have a general statement? A Board Member notes that an abstract statement may be watered down and not carry as much emphasis.</p> <p>What are the criteria for supporting others, acting to support versus inactive apathy. Does this decision need to be quick, or can the dialogue continue. Dialogue results in weight to important issues and action. Is there a need to rush and make a statement? Or is a series of discussion more important.</p> <p>The most valuable part of the discussion may be to define AAGT’s values, what does AAGT stand for. A Board Member noted that the Mission Statement of ABP is political. ABP seems to be primarily a political organization. AAGT is not so concretely defined: AAGT may embody some political values (held by the Membership), while remaining a professional organization.</p> <p>The Board wonders if anyone from AAGT reached out to ABP to ask how ABP would like to be supported. ABP has asked for others to join together</p>		
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<p><b>DISCUSSION</b></p>	<p>in their statement – not asking for support. How can we join together?</p> <p>If AAGT needs to say something about the behavior of the American President, can AAGT make an independent statement? Has AAGT made such a statement in the past, and if not, how is the current situation different? Is AAGT an organization who takes one side of the political map? Does AAGT exclude right leaning, conservative members? Can AAGT make public political statements without alienating members? There may be unanticipated counter-responses to political stands. Will AAGT make statements on international issues, for example a political statement about oppression in the Middle East or other areas in the world? Does AAGT best serve international Members by spending inordinate energy on causes in the United States? What is the process, policy, or guidelines for picking and choosing causes to make an organizational statement?</p> <p>Members may be deeply political, but AAGT may not be the platform for political action (Should AAGT have an activist arm?), but certainly a venue for dialogue. A Board Member mentions: “When there is difference, there is a split.” Can we hold differences without splitting and hold the dialogue?</p> <p>Will someone reach out to ABP to ask how AAGT might join them? Brad agrees to consider communicating with ABP to ask how AAGT might join ABP in the ABP statement opposing oppression.</p> <p>The Board moves to create space in board meetings (15 minutes) to continue the conversation. Board Members note that this issue deserves a space at the 2018 Toronto Conference.</p> <p><b>Newsletter</b></p> <p>Marlene agrees to contact the former newsletter editor to request newsletter editing until the AGM.</p> <p><b>Other</b></p> <p>Maryanne spoke to a local Indigenous Elder in Toronto, and put the Indigenous elder in touch with the Panel Facilitator and Maryanne withdrew.</p> <p>Marlene is concerned that the call for proposals for the next Conference has not been publicized. Where is the “Call for Proposal” document? Who may want to host the 2020 conference? Brad finds the “Call for Proposal” document and agrees to publish the “Call for Proposal” document on the website. A notice will go to the listserv and Membership on behalf of the Board notifying that it is the time to present proposals. Ansel notes that the Board can play a considerable role to stir up some excitement for potential conference hosts.</p>
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	<p>There should be a Notice for Members to come and stand for open Board positions. The Board would like to know which Board Members will continue to stand for their Board positions with terms ending at the next AGM. Announcing Board Member’s desire to stand for another term may not be urgent however Board Members may want to consider if their tenure is up and decide if they would like to continue. Please deliberate on future intentions and get back to the Board via email. Tali invites a chat with anyone who has any questions.</p> <p>As the final order of business, the Board considers flooring the Member at Large discussion until the 2018 AGM.</p> <p>Meeting ends at or about 2:58pm EST, USA</p>	
<b>DECISION</b>	Reach out to ABP to ask how ABP may want AAGT to join them in a public statement denouncing psychological oppression by the American President.	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Brad agrees to consider communicating with ABP to ask how AAGT might join ABP in the ABP statement opposing oppression.	Brad	Next Meeting
<b>DECISION</b>	Alert Members of the Board Positions becoming available at the next AGM.	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
E-mail Members alerting Members of the Board Positions becoming available at the next AGM	Board	ASAP