



### Board Meeting Minutes

Date: April 29, 2018 Time: 1:00PM EST Venue: Zoom Online Video Conference

<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	The Board President called the AAGT Board Meeting to order at about 1:21PM (EST, USA) on April 29, 2018 via Zoom online video conferencing.
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Carolina Edwards, Shareefah Sabur, Dominique “Domi” Chabre, Deirdre Winter, Marlene Blumenthal, Gail Feinstein, Toni Gilligan, Dina Miller, Brad Larsen-Sanchez, Mari McGilton, Ansel Woldt, Burt Lazarin, Talia Bar Yoseph Levine, Mark Reck, Catie Beaulieu, Nives Vrecic, Jon Blend.
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Ryan Tolman, Billy Desmond, Maryanne Nicholls
<b>CHAIR PERSON(S)</b>	Toni Gilligan
<b>MINUTES PERSON</b>	Toni Gilligan & Mari McGilton

#### 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 April 2018	
	<b>Revenue</b>	
	Contributions Income	\$100.00
	Scholarship Fund Income	\$200.00
	<b>Total Contributions Income</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>
	Individual Membership	\$483.70
	<b>Total 4130 Membership Dues</b>	<b>\$483.70</b>
	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$783.70</b>
	<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$783.70</b>

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	
	Administration Support (Mari)	\$223.40
	<u>Bookkeeping</u>	<u>\$200.50</u>
	<b>Total Office Expenses</b>	<b>\$423.90</b>
	<b><u>Total Expenditures</u></b>	<b><u>\$423.90</u></b>
	<b>NET REVENUE</b>	<b>\$359.80</b>
	<p>The Association for the Advancement of Gestalt Therapy                  STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION                  As of February 25, 2018</p>	
	<b>ASSETS</b>	
	Conference Fund	\$7,750.57
	Conference operating Account	\$102,129.95
	General Fund Checking	\$8,257.67
	Money Market Account	\$18,212.18
	Regional Development Fund	\$6,805.56
	Research Fund	\$5,819.05
	<u>Scholarship Fund Checking</u>	<u>\$15,729.94</u>
	<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$164,704.92</b>
	<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
	Loan to 2017 Paris Conference	\$ -4.35
	<u>Loan to 2018 Toronto Conference</u>	<u>\$13,515.60</u>
	<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>\$13,511.25</b>
	<b><u>Total Current Assets</u></b>	<b><u>\$178,216.17</u></b>
	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$178,216.17</b>
	<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (L&amp;E)</b>	
	Temporarily Restricted Assets	\$454.92
	Unrestricted Net Assets	\$91,268.38
Net Revenue	\$86,492.87	
<b><u>Total Equity</u></b>	<b><u>\$178,216.17</u></b>	
<b>TOTAL L&amp;E</b>	<b>\$178,216.17</b>	

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The Scholarship Fund (SF) donations being made with conference registrations are not showing as separate.		
<b>DECISION</b>	NA		
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	
NA	NA	NA	

### Scholarship Committee Update

Domi

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>The Scholarship Committee has distributed \$11,630 in the first round of applications leaving \$5,725 in the funds, including money raised through registration which is not yet in the SF. An additional \$17K has so far been requested in the second round application, and this figure is still rising.</p> <p>The SF contributions are much lower than what is needed to support the number of applicants. This is the first time in the history of the committee that we are in such need for contributions. The SF has not built up since the last conference as it usually does, so started lower; the later start to conference planning has been one factor in this; donations have been lower than typical; and applications are higher</p> <p>The board discussed previous decisions regarding the type and amount of support provided to applicants by the scholarship committee, and reiterated that SF grants are made for Conference registration fees. There have been no applications for Work Study, another way conference attendance is supported.</p> <p>A proposal was discussed to provide support to the Scholarship Committee from AAGT general funds. Board members discussed pros and cons of the support. Ultimately the proposal was tabled until the Scholarship Committee could discuss all creative opportunities to gather funds. They are planning a ‘Crowd Funding’ initiative for May 15. The Scholarship Committee will reinstate the proposal, if needed, with details and specific funding requests.</p> <p>Domi reported that many offers of accommodation in local homes have been offered to conference participants, another way that the cost of attendance is lowered.</p>		
<b>DECISION</b>	If necessary, the Scholarship Committee will make a request for funding support from AAGT general account later.		
<b>ACTION ITEM</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	
<b>Discuss creative resources for scholarship funding and the need for support from the</b>	Domi	None	

<b>Board.</b>		
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**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 250 people registered for the Conference. Another registration push is planned: will everyone support by ensuring the conference is being promoted in their localities/institutions etc. Pre-conference registration has begun. There are 20 workshops in total and four have already filled. There will be more promotion of these in next weeks.</p> <p><b>The AAGT Lifetime Achievement Award:</b> The selection process was described to the Board and conversations continued regarding the process. The Board expressed appreciation for the CPC's work. It continued the discussion about whether clearer guidelines reflecting AAGT's tenets might be helpful to all committees. Had the Board let the LAA committee and CPC down by not providing more guidelines? Should there be no award this year until such guidelines are created? Shouldn't the work of CPC be accepted? The pros and cons of each position were discussed. The conversation will continue next board meeting.</p> <p><b>Confidentiality and Privacy documents:</b> A continued discussion on how the conference may manage privacy in light of social media, picture taking, videography, etc. The CPC drafted guidelines and submitted them to the Board. The Board is grateful to the CPC for addressing this,-and for creating the draft. The board suggested some rewording, and then approved the guidelines. They will be provided to every presenter and consent will be obtained by participants verbally. A formal policy, if necessary, will be presented at the AGM.</p> <p><b>Conference Administrative Support:</b> The AAGT Administrator, Mari McGilton, will be attending the conference to provide support to conveners. The details will be worked out between the CPC and Board in the coming months. In addition, small meeting rooms are available for official group meetings such as special interest groups, and organizational membership meetings. The Board will notify the CPC if a small room is needed by them during lunch times.</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>	
CPC to submit final draft of privacy guidelines to Board for approval	Carolina	End of May	

**Other Business**

**Board**

<p><b>DISCUSSION</b></p>	<p><b>Statement of Support for ABP</b></p> <p>No steps have been taken to continue engagement with the ABP since the initial conversation between Brad and the ABP. Brad polled the meeting attendees on where they stand for involvement with ABP.</p> <p>A discussion took place regarding where AAGT should stand, with whom, and how. The following points were made and debated/discussed throughout the conversation:</p> <p>That a common response when instances of racism (or other discrimination) are raised is, ‘what about other oppressions?’ This has the effect of delaying action and /or spreading thin the response.</p> <p>To argue that if we respond to one issue we will have to respond to every issue is a red herring.</p> <p>~What does AAGT political involvement mean and how does AAGT want to be involved? Are topics of human right political or not?</p> <p>~Is there a dichotomy between political and not political?</p> <p>~We have members around the world who work with racism: we should respond in general and with specificity to US situation. This would benefit our worldwide membership.</p> <p>~This is Human Rights issue, affects everyone. Is important add our support.</p> <p>~Where do we make such statement that it will have an impact? How do we establish our identity and values around such a stance? And how do these shape the statement?</p> <p>~Is it important to make clear that the statement is in direct support of, and precipitated by the ABP statement? Or should it be more proactive on ourselves rather than reactive of others?</p> <p>~It important to stand with ABP because they want to address an issue of</p>
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<p><b>DISCUSSION</b></p>	<p>psychological damage that is being done and AAGT is in the business of trying to ameliorate psychological damage. The psychological damage that is being done all over the world is similar to what is occurring in the US. How does this shape AAGT's stance?</p> <p>~ Board members provided examples of oppression occurring in different parts of the world and asked if AAGT will respond to those as well. But also pointed out that leadership in the US does resonate throughout the world.</p> <p>~Are human rights political or not? Is AAGT's statement political or not?</p> <p>~The board concurred that it is important that we don't use the fact that there is oppression everywhere as a reason not to respond to the ABP statement.</p> <p>The Board will continue to use 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>Resignation</b></p> <p>Ryan Tolman has resigned, with regret, as AAGT Secretary, due changes in his personal and professional circumstances. He offers to serve until the end of May if required.</p> <p>Board members expressed deep appreciation of Ryan's work on the Board, his quiet and effective presence. They wanted to acknowledge how onerous and time consuming the task of preparing Board Meeting Minutes can be, and how well Ryan did the job. The Board was grateful for Ryan's offer to continue to serve for a month, and declined the offer not wishing to add to the demands on him.</p> <p>The Board discussed whether to put out a call for an interim Secretary until the AGM, or a minutes person, and to consider paying someone to take minutes in future.</p> <p>An interim Secretary will be sought.</p> <p><b>Open positions on the AAGT Board</b></p> <p>To be elected at the AGM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• President Elect</li><li>• Secretary</li><li>• Treasurer</li><li>• Organizational Members Representatives (2)</li></ul> <p>To be appointed at AGM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continuing Education Officer</li><li>• Communications Officer</li><li>• Newsletter Editor</li><li>• Association Archivist</li></ul>
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<b>DECISION</b>	NA		
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	
Reach out to membership for interim secretary volunteer	Toni	ASAP	
<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	Tali	ASAP	