



Board Meeting Minutes

Date: June 24, 2018 Time: 1:00PM EST Venue: Zoom Online Video Conference

CALL TO ORDER	The Board President called the AAGT Board Meeting to order at about 1:15PM (EST, USA) on June 24, 2018 via Zoom online video conferencing.
ATTENDEES	Toni Gilligan, Marlene Blumenthal, Brad Larsen-Sanchez, Mari McGilton, Catie Beaulieu, Nives Vrecic, Burt Lazarin, Mark Reck, Carolina Edwards, Shareefah Sabur, Gail Feinstein, Billy Desmond, Deirdre Winter, Dina Miller, Talia Bar Yoseph Levine, Maryanne Nicholls, Ansel Woltdt,
APOLOGIES	Dominique “Domi” Chabre, Jon Blend,
CHAIR PERSON(S)	Toni Gilligan
MINUTES PERSON	Toni Gilligan & Mari McGilton

Treasurers Report

Brad via email

DISCUSSION	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 The Calendar Year of 2018 up to June 24, 2018	
	Revenue	
	General Fund	\$100.00
	Research Fund	\$75.00
	Scholarship Crowd Fund	<u>\$3,696.73</u>
	Total Contributions Income	\$3,871.73
	Individual Membership	\$7,083.64
	Total 4130 Membership Dues	\$7,083.64
	Total Revenue	<u>\$10,955.37</u>
GROSS PROFIT	\$10,955.37	

DISCUSSION	Expenditures	
	Bank Charges	\$62.49
	Legal Fees	\$175.00
	Credit Card	\$271.04
	Admin Support (Mari)	\$1,735.20
	Website	\$264.46
	Bookkeeping	\$320.49
	Total Expenses	\$2,828.68
	Total Expenditures	\$2,828.68
	NET REVENUE	\$2,828.68
	<p>The Association for the Advancement of Gestalt Therapy STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION The Calendar Year of 2018 up to June 24, 2018</p>	
	ASSETS	
	Conference Fund	\$8,092.12
	Conference operating Account	\$102,129.95
	General Fund Checking	\$6,371.32
Money Market Account	\$18,212.18	
Regional Development Fund	\$6,708.76	
Research Fund	\$5,905.61	
Scholarship Fund Checking	\$21,405.24	
Total Bank Accounts	\$168,825.18	
Other Current Assets		
Loan to 2017 Paris Conference	\$ -4.35	
Loan to 2018 Toronto Conference	\$13,515.60	
Total Other Current Assets	\$13,511.25	
Total Current Assets	\$182,336.43	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$182,336.43	
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (L&E)		
Temporarily Restricted Assets	\$454.92	
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$91,268.38	
Net Revenue	\$90,613.13	
Total Equity	\$182,336.43	

	TOTAL L&E \$182,336.43	
	<p>Brad led the Board through an explanation of the items of the Budget: the Board was very appreciative of this, and thanked him for his clarity.</p> <p>Toni and Brad had had a conversation prior to the meeting, clarifying that AAGT funds continually include a significant sum in excess of what might be required for contingencies. There was not time to discuss fully: conversation to be continued at next board.</p>	
DECISION	Bring to next Board meeting	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Continue at next meeting	Toni & Brad	NA

2018 Toronto Conference Report

Carolina

DISCUSSION	<p>Carolina has emailed a report to the Board. There is also a budget update emailed by the Conference Treasurer. There are 291 people registered for the Conference. We are close to breaking even.</p> <p>58 people have registered for Continuing Education Units.</p> <p>Nine Preconference workshops are confirmed currently. They were not as popular this conference as in previous conferences.</p> <p>Lifetime Achievement Award: The recipient has been notified and is “very touched.” Her colleague Dan will assist in presenting the award and share some of her contributions while Toni presents the award.</p> <p>Special events: Opening ceremony will be the Elder, Shirley Kendall, giving a welcome to the land prior to a few small events. Toni will do the welcome speech.</p> <p>Meeting Spaces: Rooms for workshops and meetings are nearly complete.</p> <p>Remembrance: A memorial section for the conference will be available on the conference website. The section will be provided for everyone who has passed since 2014. A small presentation will be given as well. Contributions to the remembrance are open to anyone. The option to continue using it is available for the main AAGT website after the conference.</p> <p>Conference Program The conference program is nearly complete. The complete program will be available online. A shortened version will be printed and available at the</p>
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	<p>conference. The final version will be published in July. T-shirts and banners will be printed soon also.</p> <p>Work Study: We have 8 registrants but are needing 4 more!</p> <p>Board Retreat: Food options and other small details need to be decided and reserved soon. Discussed the option of catering lunch during the retreat.</p> <p>The Board again acknowledges and expresses appreciation for all the good work by the CPC.</p>	
DECISION	Catering will happen for board retreat lunch but will go out for dinner.	
ACTION ITEM	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Board needs to decide on food for the Board Retreat.	Toni and Board. Carolina will send catering menu.	ASAP

Committee Update

	<p>Activities Coordinating Committee</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Deirdre</p> <p>The committee met in April 2018 and created the Proposed Letter for the AGM. The letter may be revised when the committee meets in July and will send the final letter to the board prior to the AGM. The goal is to get away from the Regional Coordinating Committee because they are separate. Applications can be submitted from organizations and groups for support and resources. Possibly have an application on the website. Once the application is started, a committee representative can assist the applicant in completing it. Application questions have been created. These questions include when and where is the event, who is the audience, what help do they need, is it in line with our mission, is it in line with our covenant, and so on.</p> <p>The Board discussed the difference between the Activities Coordinating Committee and the Regional Development Fund. The Activities Coordinating Committee focuses on events by people advancing Gestalt Therapy. The Regional Coordinating Committee focuses on the development of an ongoing base and presence in places Gestalt Therapy is scarce. If the Regional Coordinating Committee is past its usefulness, how legally and ethically do the funds get disbursed? If it is not past its usefulness, what is the difference between them and the Activities Coordinating Committee and how do we revitalize it? Should the committees be combined? If not, how does the Activities Coordinating</p>
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	<p>Committee get funded?</p> <p>An application has been submitted from the British Gestalt Journal to receive funding from the Regional Development Fund for the travel costs of a speaker the BGJ has invited to address the next BGJ day. The board deliberated whether it was in line with the advancement of Gestalt Therapy, whether it met criteria for a Regional Development Activity, and whether it is in line with other regions that have been supported by AAGT or not? Is there another area of AAGT that can sponsor this? Can some of it be a loan and some be a grant?</p> <p>The Board concluded that the request did not fit with the remit of the Regional Development Fund, specifically that the Fund is intended for where there is a need to support a nascent Gestalt community.</p>	
DECISION	The request is not accepted	
ACTION ITEM	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Inform the BGJ	Toni	NA

Other Business

Board

DISCUSSION	<p>Statement of Support for ABP</p> <p>The Board continued to use space in board meetings (aprox. 10 minutes) to continue the conversation. Board Members note that this issue deserves a space at the 2018 Toronto Conference. However, concern was expressed about the delay in responding and the general policies of AAGT. How are we political; how do we decide what our organization stances are; how do we make a statement to the public or membership regarding what we support and how we support it?</p> <p>It was agreed that we aim to be proactive by drafting a statement of who we are and what we stand for as an organization, which would be on our website. This could be presented at AGM. It does not preclude us responding to specific issues but would provide the ground for our responses. Regarding the statement of the ABP is it too late to respond? No. And we remember that a significant part of our task is to process, and not just be task orientated.</p> <p>2020 venue proposals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No proposals have been received to date. • We want to bring some ideas forward prior to the AGM. • Locations were discussed by board members to approach people in areas that could serve as hosts for the conference. It was decided 	
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	<p>that the next conference should be outside of North American area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The fact that few proposals have been submitted in recent years is a topic of conversation that will be added to the AGM. • Possible locations and the process of deciding will be on the agenda for the next meeting. <p>General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) The EU has introduced the GDPR. It is mainly aimed at large data collecting organizations like Google and Facebook. Toni will check what, if anything, AAGT needs to do to be compliant with it.</p> <p>Notice of the AGM Toni will email the Board a statement and will be approved by the Board for distribution to membership.</p> <p>Meeting ends at or about 3:10pm EST, USA</p>	
DECISION	NA	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Notice of AGM to membership	Toni	4 th July 2018