



Board Meeting Minutes

Date: August 19, 2018 Time: 10:53AM EST Venue: AAGT Toronto Conference, Chelsea Hotel, 33 Gerrard St., Toronto, CA

CALL TO ORDER	The Board President called the AGM Meeting to order at about 10:53AM (EST, USA) on August 19, 2018 at the 2018 AAGT Conference in Toronto
ATTENDEES	AAGT Board members and AAGT general membership. Tali Bar-Yoseph Levine and Deirdre Winter present via Zoom Conferencing
APOLOGIES	
CHAIR PERSON(S)	Toni Gilligan, President
MINUTES PERSON	Mari McGilton, Administrative Assistant; Shareefah Sabur, Secretary pro-tem assisting.

Outgoing Presidential Address and Business

DISCUSSION	<p>a) Gifts were presented to the 2018 AAGT Conference Toronto Conveners. b) Gifts were presented to the Gestalt Institute of Toronto by AAGT. c) EAGT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Greet Cassiers presented a greeting to the AAGT on behalf of the executive committee of the EAGT. b. EAGT issued a formal invitation to AAGT and others for their 2019 conference in Budapest. September 19-22. <p>Thanks were given by President Toni Gilligan to all donors to the Regional Development Fund, Scholarship Fund, and Research Development Fund.</p> <p>Presidential address-marked the official start of the meeting at 11:04am.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Healthy organization that grew by approximately 40% from all six continents of the world. b) Please read our board meeting minutes and submit comments and questions. c) We are financially secure and were able to make a substantial contribution to the scholarship fund.
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	<p>d) We continue to sponsor and co-sponsor other Gestalt conferences</p> <p>e) We are involved in more research internationally on Gestalt therapy.</p> <p>f) Special Interest groups have grown from one to five groups. They can use technology to meet virtually and consistently.</p> <p>g) Committee reports will be posted on the website for more details on the position and development of our organization</p> <p>1. Specifically, Archivist Ansel Woldt included an overview of our history as an organization for all to read, entitled: <i>"AAGT's History of Succession of Officers, Board Members, Annual General Meetings and Biennial Conferences -- 1989-2018"</i>.</p> <p>h) The previous decision not to hold the conference in Ashville. NC has only slightly been processed and we continue to digest it.</p> <p>i) Toni reflected on her experience as president and pleaded for more open communication and responses to the board.</p> <p>j) Toni thanked the board and members for her time as president.</p>		
DECISION	NA		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
NA	NA	NA	

Abolishing the RCP Position and Position Length of 3yr Board Positions

	<p>Presentation of the report of the Regional Coordinating committee by Lynne Jacobs. Since the last AGM the committee</p> <p>The Committee has undertaken the tasks of</p> <p>a) Defining the process for handling requests for AAGT sponsorship</p> <p>b) Identifying the definition of regions or groups applying for sponsorship or other kinds of support and assessing whether they fulfill the covenant.</p> <p>c) Expanding the committee by two new members from non-North-American/British countries - Greet Cassiers from Belgium and Lena Grigoryeva from Belarus.</p> <p>d) The committee also discussed extending sponsorship not only to regions, but also to non-regional groups wishing to have support for certain activities</p> <p>Proposal Abolish the Regional Contact Representative, Position on the Board</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Motioned by Ansel Woldt and seconded by Adam Kincel b) Discussion took place c) Accepted by the general membership, none opposed. <p>Changes to Existing Bye-Laws and Board Positions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Change 3-year term of the Newsletter Editor position to 2 years. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Motioned by Ansel Woldt, Seconded by Mark Reck. b. Passed by membership with none opposed. 		
DECISION			
ACTION ITEM		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
NA		NA	NA

Venues for 2019 and 2020 AAGT Annual General Meetings

	<p>AGM Proposed Sites for 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Proposed by Pittsburgh, USA for possible Midwest-Mideast USA AAGT Regional Conference in conjunction with 40th Anniversary of Gestalt Institute of Pittsburgh; Santiago, Chile in conjunction with the Gestalt Research Conference; Budapest, Hungary in conjunction with the EAGT triennial conference. b) The board will research the logistics of each of those locations, post them for membership dialogue, and announce the decision shortly. c) Anyone wanting to submit for consideration should complete a conference host proposal form on the AAGT website. <p>2020 Biennial Conference Site</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) We received no proposals for hosting the 2020 conference. b) The board was left with the task of locating a venue. A small committee researched extensively possible locations. c) Ennistymon County Clare in Ireland has been chosen as the next location of the AAGT conference in 2020. Close to Shannon, Ireland. d) The Conference Planning Committee will be formed shortly and a call for committee members will be sent out. e) A concern was risen regarding the accessibility to students. 		
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	<p>f) A request was made for possible convening with other groups as well to foster relationships.</p> <p>g) Several members came forward and asserted more benefits to holding the conference in Ireland.</p>		
DECISION			
ACTION ITEM	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
NA	NA	NA	

Board Nominations, Elections, Appointments

DISCUSSION	<p>Maryanne facilitated the formal elections process:</p> <p>Elected-</p> <p>a) President (2-yr term, 5-yr commitment):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Brad nominated by Marlene Blumenthal, addressed the group, and responded to questions. b. Seconded by Toni Gilligan. c. Other nominations asked, none stepped forward. d. Elected unanimously with none opposed. <p>b) Secretary (2-yr term):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Shareefah Sabur nominated by Gail Feinstein, addressed the group, and responded to questions. b. Seconded by Carol Swanson c. Other nominations asked, none stepped forward. d. Elected unanimously with none opposed <p>c) Treasurer (2-yr term):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Anna Bacik nominated by Toni Gilligan, addressed the group, and responded to questions. b. Seconded by Domi Chabre c. Other nominations asked, none stepped forward. d. Elected unanimously with none opposed. <p>d) Organizational Representative (2-yr term):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Nives Vrecic nominated by Brad Larsen-Sanchez, addressed the group, and responded to questions. b. Seconded by Domi Chabre c. Other nominations asked, none stepped forward. d. Elected unanimously with none opposed. e. Vaclav Pfeifer Mikolasek nominated by Nives Vrecic, addressed the group, and responded to questions. f. Seconded by Domi Chabre g. Other nominations asked, none stepped forward. h. Elected unanimously with none opposed
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DISCUSSION	Appointed- a. Continuing Education Chair (3-yr term): a. Marlene Blumenthal appointed by the board. b. Associate CE: Dina Miller appointed by Marlene Blumenthal. b. Communications Director (2-yr term) a. Katie Mead appointed by the board. c. Newsletter Editor (2-yr term) a. Alex Schlotterbeck has been reappointed by the board in the interim of appointing an alternate. d. Regional Development Liaison Officer (2-yr term) a. Deirdre Winter reappointed by the board. e. Archivist (3-yr term) a. Ansel Woldt reappointed by the board. f. Research Liaison Officer (2-yr term) a. Mark Reck reappointed by the board g. Board Member at Large (1-yr term) a. Burt Lazarin reappointed by the board.		
DECISION	NA		
ACTION ITEM	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
NA	NA	NA	

Incoming Presidential Address

DISCUSSION	Incoming Presidential address by Tali Bar Yoseph Levine: a) Faced the dilemma of being in two places at once: with her new grandchild and family, or at AAGT conference and into new presidential position. A strong conflict between competing values. b) Tali reflected on her experience as president elect and then vice president with Toni as president. Thanked her for working together in close relationship. Highlighted the complexity of board work -- one example is the decision about conference location which brought to surface deeper issues. Appreciated the spirit of stepping in for one another, mentioned being impressed by Toni having shared a vision for her time as president, which inspired her to seek out hers. Toni wanted to delve into the question of the internationality of the AAGT, which was appreciated. c) Tali thanked everyone for the major group decisions that took place over the past two years and for the people who contributed to the call for action and support. d) Urged members to be more open and active in becoming more internationally involved and open to communications. Believes that
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	<p>we have a lot to contribute to the torn complex field and wishes to explore more ways to contribute and to making a difference</p> <p>e) Thanked everyone that was involved in helping her and Deirdre be electronically involved in the conference.</p> <p>Maryanne Nichols presented a gift of thanks to Toni from the Board.</p>		
DECISION	NA		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
NA	NA	NA	

Revisions to the AAGT Bylaws

DISCUSSION	<p>Additions to the Bylaws:</p> <p>a) Create an Associate Archivist position to be appointed by the Archivist, which was not further addressed in the meeting.</p> <p>b) Introduction of proposal for a Privacy and Photography Code of Practice "Registration and attendance at AAGT events constitute an agreement by the registrant for AAGT's use of the attendee's image in photographs with the understanding that photography will not be permitted in workshops that may involve the sharing of confidential material." <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Conversations for and against proceeded. o Decision: To divert to the board for a conversation around the privacy and permissions of members and conference participants. o Motioned by Marlene Blumenthal to be voted down o Seconded by Pamala _____ o No discussion needed. o The proposal was sent back to the board for discussion </p> <p>b) Creation of Human Rights and Social Responsibility Committee with Board position <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Motioned by Toni Gilligan o Seconded by Tali Bar Yoseph Levine o Discussion took place. o The motion was approved with no opposition. </p> <p>c) Nomination for the Chair of the Human Rights and Social Responsibility Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Kamilla Bialy was nominated for chair for the committee. o Lee Zevy was nominated by Carol Swanson </p>		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Decision, the chair will be appointed for the time being by the board. Then once the position is better understood a vote will be taken at future AGM. <p>d) Change of Name of AAGT to IAAGT: International Association for the Advancement of Gestalt Therapy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Conversations for and against the name change, and which name to change to proceeded. ○ A sense of position in the room was taken and appeared that the group; roughly 2/3 were for the name change and 1/3 was against. . ○ This motion will be continued in an electronic form among the membership. 		
DECISION			
ACTION ITEM	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm