



AAGT BOARD MEETING

30/9/2012 Board Meeting

**ATTENDANCE:**

Gail Feinstein, Patricia Tucker, Anna Bacik, Brad Larsen, Rodney Cole, Marlene Blumenthal, Charlie Bowman, Alex Schlotterbeck, Dominique Chabre, Ansel Woldt, Nancy Woldt, Maryanne Nicholson, Burt Lazarin, Cathy Gray, Dina Miller, Adam Kincel, Deidre Winter, Bud Feder, Joe De Paula

**APOLOGIES:**

**CHAIRPERSON:**

Gail Feinstein

**MINUTED BY:**

Rodney Cole

**SUBJECT**

**ISSUE/DISCUSSION POINT**

**Decision Made**

**Action Point**

**Completion Date**

**REVIEW ITEMS**

**1. Treasures Report**

Bl submitted current financials.  
 in our checking account: \$13,835.54  
 in our money market account: \$22,507.97  
 total \$36,343.51  
 of which is in Regional Development Fund: \$933.76  
 of which is in Research Fund: \$185.00  
 of which is in Scholarship Fund: \$3,058.15  
 of which is holding for AAGTNE: \$479.32  
 leaving unencumbered: \$31,687.28  
**Total General AAGT Account: \$31,687.28**  
**Total in PayPal Account: \$6,467.81**  
**Grand Total \$38,155.09**  
 To date this year, AAGT has spent \$13,108.61 and has taken in \$33,543.79.  
 The largest expenditures have been \$3,777.50 for administration and \$2,564.24 for PayPal fees.  
 The largest revenue items have been individual membership dues,

	<p>\$5,900, and organizational membership dues, \$550.</p> <p><b>AAGT 2012 Conference</b></p> <p>Janneke reports in summary that the Puebla conference had revenues of \$183,000 and expenditures of \$152,000 of which \$81,000 was for the conference site. <b>AAGT has ended with an estimated surplus of \$31,000.</b> Some of this money will be used to pay the deposit for the 2014 conference and some will be used as "insurance."</p> <p><b>Proposal for the Scholarship Fund</b></p> <p>Janneke and BL are asking the Board to consider this: AAGT and the conference each contribute \$5,000 into the Scholarship Fund.</p> <p>AK raised issue of conference charges. Could the conference had been cheaper and attract more people?</p> <p>MB reported that last minute local registration could have been the issue here.</p> <p>BL acknowledged AK concerns and highlighted the budgeted numbers of attendees versus actual numbers which can result in additional income.</p> <p>JDP make a contribution to Mexican regional fund – putting money back into Mexican Gestalt community as a gesture of thanks. Bud F also suggested perhaps provide scholarships to Mexico regional conference</p>	<p>Board approved transfer of funds.</p> <p>On agenda for next months board call – JDP to put a formal proposal together</p>	<p>BL and Janneke to transfer funds</p> <p>JDP to submit proposal</p>	
<p><b>2. Liability</b></p>	<p>No report due to time constraints</p>		<p>Add to next</p>	

<b>Insurance</b>			month's agenda	
<b>3. Mexican Regional 2013 Conference</b>	No report due to time constraints		Add to next month's agenda	
<b>4. RCP report</b>	AK reported successful RCP call, issues raised and discussed included lack of financial gain for the work we do as therapists, an interest in bringing arts back into GT, EAGT conference in Poland and how RCP might use the new AAGT website to promote regions and in particular hosting webinars.			
<b>5. RDF Update</b>	No report due to time constraints		Add to next month's agenda	
<b>6. Admin Assist Update</b>	Brad L received applications from 5 students interested in taking up the position. GF and Brad L to conduct interview following board call. Plan is to have Brad replaced by October board call.		GF & Brad L to interview 2 applicants	
<b>7. Newsletter</b>	No report due to time constraints		Add to next month's agenda	
<b>8. Website Update</b>	Brad L completing ongoing work, all existing content from old site moved across, new banner installed which is changeable. New software is very flexible.			
<b>9. Data Base</b>	Brad L working with BL and GF to look at alternatives for new membership directory. Brad L outlined current process, which requires 5-6 different computer programs. Brad L has reviewed a new web based program Memberclicks. Program will allow for new membership renewal – including reminders, email broadcasting, a very flexible system allowing members to log in and print their own receipts for payments to conferences. BL also reviewed system and was keen to consider exploring Memberclicks as an alternative to paypal.  Adam K also was keen on MC, in terms of members being able to highlight their services and location. MN asked about members being			

	<p>able to update their own profiles/email addresses etc?.</p> <p>Brad L reported that MC will customise system to allow for seamless transition.</p> <p>JDP – do we purchase a license annually or buy software once off? 185 us a month, 1500 set up. Brad suggests billable hours paid to admin officer would reduce by 75% plus less monies charged by paypal.</p> <p>MC offers multiple log in's also available so Burt would not have to go through admin person and can track CE's for recording purposes.</p> <p>CB raised concern about the increasing percentage of our budget going to external providers.</p> <p>Brad L also talked about web based programs are always updated free and automatic, rather than MYOB or quick books which upon updates we have to purchase again.</p> <p>BL concerned about hiring someone who does not support or understand the culture. One of applicant already AAGT member, the other person is a gestalt therapist but not a AAGT member.</p> <p>NW thanked Brad for all his work and forward thinking to bring AAGT into modern technologies. NW asked if any downsizes to Memberclicks?</p> <p>Adam K – Have been using system and there will be some small glitches that make or may not be fixable. AK asked about contract - could we withdraw from contract if we didn't like it?</p>			
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<b>10. CE Report</b>	No report due to time constraints		Add to next month's agenda	
<b>11. Ethics Study Group Report</b>	No report due to time constraints		Add to next month's agenda	
<b>12. Privacy</b>	No report due to time constraints		Add to next month's agenda	
<b>13. Steve Logan</b>	CB thanked Steve Logan our web site support person for years of support. CB has crafted a letter to advise him of our own hosting IT system.		CB to send letter to Steve Logan	
<b>14. Other business</b>	Brad L acknowledged AB & RC concerns re 2014 Conference announcement.			
<b>Meeting closed: Next Meeting 28 October 2012</b>				