May 14, 2005 Conference Call

AAGT Board Meeting

Present: Brian O'Neill, Ann Bowman, Sylvie Falschlunger, Bea Mackay, Peter Philippson , Ansel Woldt, Marilyn Myles, Peter Cole, Tine van Wijk

Absent: Bruce Aaron, Morgan Goodlander, Jack Aylward, Warren Weir, Marcy Stern, Bud Feder, Chuck Kanner

Previous Notes from emailing re: how to make the board calls more efficient
> **Everyone call in within 5 minutes of the start time**
> **Limit check-ins to 1 or 2 minutes each.**
> **Once our call has begun (which occurs once two people have "arrived") and someone else dials in, do not interrupt whatever process is going on but instead pause every 3 or 5 minutes to review who's present**.

Next Call
June 12, 2005 the same time. For One hour and 15 minutes.

Agenda for May 14, 2005:
> **1. IGTA**
> **2. RCPs**
> **3. Treasurer Report**
> **4. Conference (Vancouver)**
> **5. Amsterdam**
> **6. Organizational Conference**
> **7. AAGT email list**
> **8. Florida Conference Fees**
> **9. Finding an suitable reimbursement formula and/or policy for AAGT officers representing the organization to conferences etc.**
> **10. Discussion of Financial management plan and business plan (ie how do we bring in money and what are our priorities for spending it) .**

RCPs
Marilyn says a member from the Philippines cannot use the conference calls because they are restricted from that area. Calling card option was suggested as was voice over the internet option. Marilyn will contact the person about these options.

Suitable Reimbursement Formula
There has been precedent set re: reimbursement of board members for flights (ex. at the Dallas conference). Ansel suggested $1000 for Brian to attend the annual meeting in Amsterdam as a way of helping defray some of the substantial expenses Brian will incur to attend the meeting.
Brian suggested that the board devote time to set up principles and guidelines re: financial reimbursement issues (as well as other financial issues), then open this for

discussion with the organization's members. The issue of reimbursement will most likely be an ongoing issue as the organization expands globally.

Sirata Hotel
Discussion re: money owed – principles, ethics. Discussion re: contract – did they keep up their end of the contract? Brian will discuss this more with Bud (who has had contact with them) and we will put this on the agenda for next meeting.

Amsterdam Conference:
33 persons have registered. Max number of people that can attend is 100. Discussion with Tine re: idea for symposium re: money (and the metaphor of money). Tine shared re: her experience with a Russian Gestalt conference, her experience there and the impact for her. She is interested in encouraging Russian gestaltists to come to the conference and looking at ways to help them to do so.

Brian has agreed to do a second Marathon (there are 2 persons already on the waiting list) for the conference. It was also decided to do an email announcement to all members for a 2nd marathon at the Amsterdam Conference.

International Gestalt Therapy Association
Discussion – AAGT is welcoming and open to them joining. Brian will ask Walter what their organization wants to do about joining AAGT.

Vancouver Conference
On the conference call, Ansel suggested Paul Shoneburg as a possibility for the Program Planning Committee chair. Largely at this time they need to complete the committee members.

The following were email discussions prior to the call which have been added to these minutes:

Treasurer Report

 Bruce Aaron reports: membership fees are still sputtering in. Bruce has talked with Christof Weber concerning the film re: the donation to the film project from AAGT.
 AAGT email list
In email correspondence prior to the conference call: Sylvi stated the AAGT database is all updated & we have an email address from almost every member. Peter P. suggested www.topica.com which is what GPTI in the UK uses for its lists, very easy to maintain.