



AAGT BOARD MEETING

25 July 2010

<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Cathy Gray, Dan Bloom, Gail Feinstein, Marlene Blumenthal, Bud Feder, Marilyn Myles, Anna Bacik, Rodney Cole, Joseph De Paulo, Burt Lazarin, Adam Weitz, Peter Cole, Ansel Woldt, Judy Graham, Ginny McIntosh, Maryanne Nicholls, Charlie Bowman,
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>	Guadalupe Amescua, Brian Mistler, Nancy Woldt
<b>CHAIRPERSON:</b>	Cathy Gray
<b>MINUTED BY:</b>	Rodney Cole

SUBJECT	ISSUE/DISCUSSION POINT	ACTION POINT	WHO IS RESPONSIBLE	COMPLETION DATE
<b>REVIEW ITEMS</b>				
<b>1. Treasures Report</b>	<p>Outgoing Treasurer Peter Cole advised AAGT bank account in Manchester has been closed, post conference 2008. Current bank accounts held in Pennsylvania and California. PC also happy to report that AAGT has remained fiscally responsible and is in good shape financially. PC is working closely with BL to handover the treasury reins.</p> <p>Charlie B asked Peter for guidance and advice around international banking procedures in relation to next conference in Mexico.</p> <p>Burt L as incoming treasurer to seek clarification and information regarding exchange rate charges to AAGT and how to reduce any bank charges and to review/update current policy on how AAGT accepts monies.</p> <p>Gail F requested information on the scholarship fund, unable to locate it on the initial financial sheet submitted to the board. PC advised the board of its location under liabilities and equities and also advised it is currently not up to date.</p> <p>Cathy G advised board that Jannika (conference accountant) is finalizing accounts payable for the conference and ensuring all bills paid.</p>	<p>BL to report back to board</p> <p>Report back to board final financial outcome of conference</p>	<p>BL</p> <p>BL</p>	
<b>2. Board Calls</b>	Suggestion put forward by Cathy G that board meets on last Sunday of every month. <b>Decision accepted by board members.</b>	Use of Skype by members of the board as practise		

	<p>Discussion followed regarding the cost of conference calls and the possibility of using Skype. PC reported currently AAGT spend approx \$100 per month on conference calls.</p>	<p>sessions to effectively test technology during next month by various members of board.</p>		
<p><b>3. Committee Reports</b></p>	<p><b>Interest Groups:</b> Joe DP &amp; Ginny M advised they intend to provide support where needed/requested to encourage the creation of AAGT Interest Groups, based on AAGT members' desires to create specific interest groups. Focus will be on linking up particular interest groups with those members wanting to join like minded people to actualize their collective Group Gestalts, as they conceive/desire them. With help from members, we will try to publicize the groups and find ways for members to find their gestalt interests and actualize them. So far there are three new AAGT Interest Groups that formed since the Philadelphia AAGT Conference:</p> <p>1) Eva Gold and others are working on a new Interest Group on Buddhist Meditation and Gestalt Therapy:</p> <p>2) Gail Feinstein and other are developing an Interest Group on Ecology matters, which was mentioned in the newsletter:</p> <p>3) Joe De Paula and Peter Cole are developing an Interest Group on the "Gestalt Group Process (GGP) approach in the Gestalt Therapy field. This group is looking and analysing how GGP has evolved, and how it manifests itself in different Gestalt Group modalities such as the AAGT Process Group, Gestalt Group Therapy, Gestalt Personal Development Groups, Gestalt Learning Groups, Gestalt Therapy Professional Support Groups, the Cape Code Model of GISC as well as other Gestalt modalities Joe is writing a GGP Concept Paper which is being reviewed by Peter Cole. More to come on this later.</p> <p>Marilyn M also discussed the possibility of a aging and disability interest group as a result of a RCP members ongoing health concerns</p> <p>Charlie B advised that to assist interest group coordination, member applications could be used to generate interest and support interest group Ginny and Joe to explore promotion of interest groups via list server.</p> <p><b>Communication:</b> CB previous to board meeting completed and sent draft of newsletter for comment and review. Board members congratulated CB the newsletter. CB advised that he and Brian will meet with webmaster to discuss and review transferring existing web material to HTML language. <b><u>Brian will be responsible for all web posting.</u></b> With AAGT taking over gestalt on line journal this raises areas to consider such as advertising</p>	<p>Report back to board on outcomes of meeting.</p>	<p>CB &amp; BM</p>	

	<p>revenue on the site.</p> <p><b>Organisations:</b> Marlene B outlined action on establishing contact with member and non member organisations. Possible use of gestalt journal to advertise and promote being a member. Anna B suggested an analysis of the current 8-12 org members to review needs. AB raised the issue of organisation gestalt consultants and whether they could be targeted. CG suggested that MB and AB have a main focus for the upcoming year. AB discussed the use of a briefing template to ensure effective board communication.</p> <p><b>Membership:</b> Maryanne Nicholson outlined plans to send a letter to all 2010 conference participants thanking them for their attendance. Work also to be carried at around communicating with past members to suggest they rejoin and to capitalise on the large number of first time participants at the 2010 conference. RC and MM to assist MN with a list of first time participants from the conference.</p> <p>MN asked for financial assistance for posting the upcoming letter and CG confirmed that costs would be covered. Suggestion that MN also work with MB and AB regarding organisational membership.</p>	<p>Briefing template send to CG for further development</p> <p>Letter to members drafted</p> <p>New members list from 2010 conference sent to MN</p>	<p>AB</p> <p>MN</p> <p>RC</p>	
<b>4. Evaluations For AAGT 2010 Conference</b>	<p>PC &amp; AW reported that tallying of evaluations from conference has begun and so far the feedback has been positively overwhelming.</p>	<p>Completion of evaluations – 2010 conference</p>	<p>PC &amp; AW</p>	
<b>5. Conference 2012 Report</b>	<p>No information presented.</p>			
<b>6. RCP Report</b>	<p>MM reported that Brian O'Neill has stepped down from his role as RCP board rep and has been replaced by Kerry Shipman. MM advised the board we now have more RCP's than ever before with Wyoming and Pittsburgh setting up groups. MM reported that there is also a possibility that more groups will be set up in Japan.</p> <p>More work needs to be done in association with JDP &amp; GM around ensuring that new members to AAGT are linked to their local RCP rep and to interest groups.</p>	<p>Ensure Kerry Shipman is added to board members list serve</p>	<p>CB</p>	
<b>7. Research Task Force</b>	<p>CG called for someone from the board to liaise with Phillip Brownell and report back on the progress being made in this area. It was suggested that</p>	<p>Report back to board</p>	<p>DB</p>	

<b>Liaison</b>	it may not be necessary and board could invite PB to update when need arises.			
<b>8. Regional Development Fund</b>	Discussion around the establishment of a task force to oversee this. Dan B accepted the offer made by CG to do this with the inclusion of RCP'S. MM also accepted a role in the task force. <b><u>CG requested that a set of guidelines be drawn up and brought back to the board for further discussion.</u></b>	Guidelines to be drawn up	DB & MM	
<b>9. AAGT 2010 Conference Book</b>	DB is working on this at present. Book to include presentations, abstracts and plenary papers from the 2010 conference and will be published/distributed by Cambridge Press. This will result in the book being sent to major academic libraries.			
<b>10. Scholarship Fund</b>	Bud F & Judy G advised board that \$5000 is in account ready for next conference			
<b>13. Next Meeting Date</b>	<b>29 August 2010 For Australian board members 30 August 2010</b>			
<b>Meeting closed: 5.30pm.</b>				