



**AAGT BOARD MEETING**

28 November 2010

**ATTENDANCE:** Cathy Gray, Dan Bloom, Gail Feinstein, Marlene Blumenthal, Bud Feder, Rodney Cole, Joseph De Paulo, Burt Lazarin, Adam Weitz, Peter Cole, Charlie Bowman, Pablo Allen

**APOLOGIES:** Brian Mistler, Judy Graham, Maryanne Nicholls, Ansel Woldt, Nancy Woldt, , Ginny McIntosh, Marilyn Myles, Kerry Shipman, Guadalupe Amescua, Anna Bacik

**CHAIRPERSON:** Cathy Gray

**MINUTED BY:** Rodney Cole

| SUBJECT | ISSUE/DISCUSSION POINT | ACTION POINT | WHO IS RESPONSIBLE | COMPLETION DATE |
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**REVIEW ITEMS**

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| <p><b>1. Treasures Report</b></p> | <p>BL advised the board the following;</p> <p>Currently in our bank account: \$25,123.27<br/> of which outstanding checks 758.99<br/> of which is Scholarship Fund \$4,605.80<br/> leaving unencumbered \$19,758.48</p> <p>Additional deposits to be made once PayPal account setup<br/> Further transfer from previous Sacramento account of \$433.49.<br/> Expenses for last 2 months totalling \$2985.96<br/> Website and web hosting \$460.00<br/> Domain registration of Gestalt! \$173.00<br/> Telephone \$298.69<br/> Skype \$28.99<br/> Puebla site visit (to be reimbursed from AAGT2012) \$2,025.28<br/> BL advised board that down payment for AAGT 2012 conference will require payment shortly. Once payment made, any residual amount to be deposited into interest accruing account.</p> <p>GF inquired as to financial position of AAGT currently compared to other non conference years. Previous treasurer PC advised board that financially</p> | <p>BL to check on interest accruing account options</p> | <p>BL</p> | <p>January 2011</p> |
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|                      | <p>on track and in similar position to previous non conference years.</p> <p>CG asked for further information on website costs. Any anomalies?<br/>BL outlined charges for monthly website fee and web hosting. DB suggested charges may be a little high. BL advised unsure of history with existing provider and will review and look for alternatives. CB outlined that costs associated with domain name, hosting gestalt e journal and requested no changes to be made in first quarter of 2011 as first journal being issued. BL also raised issue of design and costs for 2012 conference website.</p>   | BL & CB to look into web prices and advise board    | BL & CB                                       |          |
| <b>2. RCP Report</b> | <p>No verbal report from KS but post meeting via email the following submission was emailed to secretary.</p> <p>Item 1:<br/>As my mailing group is becoming more and more popular in Poland I think it is a time when we should ask people to pay the membership fees. Although in our parts of the world the price for membership doesn't seem to be so high, it feels a lot in Poland. I was wondering if the board has ever thought about the impact of financial inequality on the popularity of AAGT and if there is a way that people could pay less e.g. twice more than they charge for a single therapy session with an individual or anything like that?</p> <p>I guess this is not the first time this problem is surfaced, so I am wondering how they work with members in Russia or Slovenia?</p> <p>I would be thankful if you could discuss it during your next board meeting.</p> <p>Item 2:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. People want more information about 2012 conference.</li> <li>2. Updated website so the Region link is on front page</li> <li>3 Web pages associated with AAGT main site for each region. Set up so each region can manage their own page/site.</li> <li>4. RCP would like a clear status report from the RDF</li> </ol> | RC requested further information from KS on item 1. | KS to review and update board on request/item | Jan 2011 |

**3. AGT 2012  
Conference & AGM**

**AAGT 2012 Conference:** MB & PA updated board on 2012 conference preparations. PA is liaising with staff at conference centre in order to prepare contract. Currently catering costs quoted by conference centre are high and PA researching alternatives. MB requested board to review current website set up by BM. MB advised Janeke will assist BL with financial support for conference. BL & CG to review contracts and arrange down payment. MB advised volunteers are required to oversee key roles. MB advised the board of the following

Website

Brian Mistler has graciously accepted the role of Website Chairperson. He has set up a conference website for our approval at: <http://aagt.wikia.com> The advantage of this website is that it is free. The disadvantage is that it has miscellaneous ads. Brian estimates that we can get an ad free website for about \$250 (per year?).

Charlie will confer with Brian. They will get back to us.

Committee

A request for volunteers was published in the Newsletter, on AAGT's listserv and on gestalt. Here is what we have so far:

Chairpersons for Committees:

Presentations-Brad Larsen &

Publicity- Talia Levine bar Yoseph

Website- Brian Mistler

Scholarship-Bud Feder, Judy Graham

Interest Groups-Joe DePalma &

Newcomers-Marilyn Miles &

Continuing Education-Peter Cole & Ansel Woldt

Treasurer-Burt Lazarin & Janeke vanBeuskom

Translations: Leticia Zamora & Anita Duckles

**Committee Members:**

Peer Review: Sylvia Crocker, Dan Bloom, Peter Philippon, Phil Brownell, Ansel Woldt

Unassigned: Rodney Cole, Myriam Munoz, Dominique Chabre)

Chairpersons Needed for the Following Committees:

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|  | <p>Peer Review<br/> Pre-Conference Workshops<br/> Work Study<br/> Presenters' Hosts<br/> Process Groups<br/> Publications (Organizations, etc) Tables<br/> On-Site Registration (also Welcoming, Local Resources/Inserts, Name Tags/Lists Subcommittee Coordinators)<br/> Housing<br/> Special Events<br/> Auction<br/> Written Program</p> <p><b>AGM 2011:</b> CG outlined 4 applications to hold AGM – New York (May), Bermuda (April/May), North Carolina (October) and Toronto (November). BL expressed need to hold AGM in spring not fall due to close proximity to conference in Mexico. RC asked if California was an option. PC advised California was not an option for time frame required. CG expressed concern of date for North Carolina. PC asked if North Carolina could move date. CG reminded board that date was already scheduled. DB highlighted application from Bermuda; proposal was clear and concise, reinforces region and in support for Phillip Brownell. Airfare within USA to Bermuda reasonable however accommodation could be pricey. DB also supports NYC request. PC spoke of high numbers of members in NYC region and ease of transport to venue. GF asked if GA and PA would attend AGM? PA advised that NYC would be more suitable for travel from Mexico as no direct flight to Bermuda. GF asked where Phil Brownell would source local delegates from. DB advised that Skype available but not for voting purposes. BL spoke in support of Bermuda as exciting new destination and region for AAGT. CG outlined application from Key Meyer. Plans are in place for one day inter institute conference on couples therapy. BF suggested adding additional pre or post AGM workshops to strengthen the one day program. CG reminded board that AGM is to be tacked onto event and that we don't have authority to control event. GF asked if Bermuda would hold gathering regardless of AGM. CG advised no. DB asked would board be open to NYC</p> |  |  |  |
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|                                | <p>if program was extended. CG offered to approach Ken Meyer about deepening program. MB proposed board members vote for preferred venue. JDP seconded proposal.</p> <p>CG expressed need for further information on Bermuda – cost of accommodation in particular. DB reminded board that immediate decision is required as already end of 2010. Suggestion of deciding on line rather than wait for next board meeting.</p>  |  |          |      |
| <b>4. Committee Reports</b>    | <p><b>Communications: No submission to board</b></p> <p><b>Membership: No submission to board</b></p> <p><b>Interest Groups: Email to all members has been sent</b></p> <p><b>Regional Task Force: No submission to board</b></p> <p><b>Organisational Reps:</b> Board discussed proposal for organisations to advertise/promote events to AAGT mailing list. DB raised the issue of whether the event was free or a commercial venture needs to be considered. CG stated that we offer organizational members very little in return for their investment. PC asked if they had to be organizational members to be able to promote events to AAGT members? The board discussed the process of how external parties would access list – would a nominated person from AAGT send the email for them? Will our list serve except attachments? AW advised the board that email lists are grouped into regions which are constantly being reviewed and updated, so there could be considerable work to manage this. CG recommended the proposal needs to be reviewed by org committee in conjunction with AW. If proposal goes ahead, guidelines need to be established and reviewed by board before making final decision.</p> | Org Committee to work with AW on policy and guidelines | MB,AB,AW | 2011 |
| <b>5. Next Meeting</b>         | Due to time change in USA, next board call to commence at <b>3pm</b> EST, 7am Sydney, Australia time.  |  |          |      |
| <b>Meeting closed: 5.15pm.</b> |  |  |          |      |

