



AAGT BOARD MEETING

25 March 2013

ATTENDANCE:

Gail Feinstein, Joseph de Paula, Adam Kincel, Deirdre Winter, Ansel Woldt, Nancy Woldt, Dominique Chabre, Dina Miller, Michael Sasiain, Cathy Gray

APOLOGIES:

Marlene Blumenthal, Rodney Cole, Anna Bacik, Alex Schlotterbeck, Patricia Tucker, Maryanne Nicholls, Brad Larsen, Bud Feder, Peter Cole, Charlie Bowman, Brian Mistler, Burt Lazarin

CHAIRPERSON:

Gail Feinstein

MINUTED BY:

Michael Sasiain & Nancy Woldt, formatted by Rodney Cole

SUBJECT

ISSUE/DISCUSSION POINT

Decision Made

Action Point

Completion Date

REVIEW ITEMS

1. Gestalt Leaders Conference Greece

GF reported her experience in Greece at leader's conference was both powerful and empowering. GF was honoured to be there as a representative for AAGT. There were about 40 attendees, with only a few Americans attending, together with representatives from Hungary, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Belgium, Holland, Ireland, UK, Australia, New Zealand, Israel, Bulgaria, Poland & Czechoslovakia. MB, AB & RC also attended conference. GF expressed sadness that MB, RC & AB were not on call to tell of their experience of being at the leadership gathering and hoped we would create another opportunity so they might do so.

Topics included how to be an international community, leadership, curriculum and ethics. GF reported being humbled meeting people from so many countries, and spoke of her intentions in going to the gathering was to learn a more sensitive listening to diverse cultures.

	<p>GF spoke of being inspired by how gestalt is reaching far corners of our globe, an example being the Belgium and Dutch Gestalt Institutes developing with locals a new training program in Nepal.</p>			
<p>2. Treasures Report</p>	<p>A preliminary AAGT Operating Budget, the first ever for AAGT, was proposed by the committee designated by the Board two months ago. BL, NW & CG have submitted a proposed budget to board. Given the small number in attendance further discussion was tabled to the next board meeting.</p> <p>Prior to board call BL submitted a report outlining 2 important changes that will take place.</p> <p>Treasurer will move to set up separate checking accounts for Scholarship, Regional Development and Research Funds. This will mean that any future checks being made out to AAGT will need to be made out to the specific fund/account</p> <p>Also with MemberClicks now in operation, we no longer require the use of our PayPal account and we are in process of closing that account down.</p>		<p>Budget to be reviewed & discussed at next board meeting</p>	
<p>3. Regional Guadalajara Conference update</p>	<p>DC reported the number of registrants is lower than originally anticipated and expressed concern about the total space currently booked for the conference. DC offered several suggestions to increase prospective registrations: reducing 8-hour workshops to 3 hours, accepting non-paying participants for workshops, and continually provide presenters with the number of participants matriculated in their workshop. DC also reported decreased interest in Mexico for the 2014 conference in comparison to the 2012 conference as evidenced by a lower number of registrants from Mexico.</p>			

<p>4.</p> <p>Psychology and the Other (PAO) Conference</p>	<p>DM proposed advancing Gestalt Therapy by bridging AAGT with PAO by providing registrants with CE credits who participate in gestalt therapy-oriented workshops. AW expressed concern that AAGT would need to co-sponsor the conference with PAO in order to provide CE accreditation; this possibility may be considered for future conferences. DM also proposed an alternative in which AAGT pays an honorarium for the gestalt presenters, who are also members of the AAGT, in exchange for ad space. NW expressed concern in that AAGT cannot assume responsibility unless AAGT was part of the planning committee. Moreover, AW raised the dilemma of supporting another organization while not supporting AAGT regional conferences. DM reiterated that most important point is to bridge gaps with other organizations while supporting members of AAGT.</p>	<p>Discussion to continue on this issue</p>		
<p>5. AGM</p>	<p>GF proposed board members who attend AGM can participate in the meeting together via Skype</p>			
<p>6. Membership</p>	<p>NW provided board with update about membership mailings.</p>			
<p>7. Other business</p>	<p>Board received a report from the International Task Force, led by Anne Leibig but there was no one from the committee who could be on the call with us to give a report.</p>			
<p>Next AAGT Board Meeting 28 April 2013</p>				

