



AAGT BOARD MEETING

26 May 2013

**ATTENDANCE:** Gail Feinstein, Patricia Tucker, Michael Sasiain, Anna Bacik, Marlene Blumenthal, Rodney Cole, Maryanne Nicholls, Burt Lazarin, Nancy Woldt, Ansel Woldt, Alex Schlotterbeck, Dina Miller, Michael Sasiain

**APOLOGIES:** Bud Feder, Peter Cole, Dominique Chabre, Cathy Gray, Adam Kincel, Brad Larsen, Deirdre Winter

**CHAIRPERSON:** Gail Feinstein

**MINUTED BY:** Michael Sasiain & Rodney Cole

SUBJECT	ISSUE/DISCUSSION POINT	Decision Made	Action Point	Completion Date
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**REVIEW ITEMS**

<b>1. Minutes From AGM</b>	GF thanked MS for the huge effort in assembling minutes from AGM. Draft of minutes have been sent to board for review and will be uploaded onto AAGT website shortly			
<b>2. New Board Person</b>	GF advised a new board position has been established – Research Liaison Person. Meghann Case will be joining us in June.		Ensure Meghann Case is added to board list	
<b>3. Newsletter</b>	GF thanked AS for the special edition newsletter which looked fantastic.			
<b>4. Board Anniversary</b>	Acknowledgement of being together as Board for one year. GF allowing for time in this call for board to reflect on year and intention for future year.			
<b>5. Treasurer's Report</b>	Burt L submitted following treasurers report  in our checking account: \$12,382.55 in the scholarship fund account: \$14,971.65 in our money market account: <u>\$24,069.21</u> total \$51,423.41			

	<p>Included in our checking account is</p> <p>Regional Development Fund: \$1,907.70</p> <p>    Research Fund:                 \$445.00</p> <p>    holding for AAGTNE:         <u>\$479.32</u></p> <p>leaving unencumbered:                 \$33,620.06</p> <p><b>Grand Total                                 \$33,620.06</b></p> <p>We have ceased using the PayPal account tho we still have it (at no maintenance cost).</p> <p>All payments (except checks) go thru our website and are deposited directly into the bank.</p> <p>We recently filed our 2011 federal taxes and will soon be starting on our 2012.</p> <p>To date in 2013 we have spent \$6,747 and have taken in \$13,525. Most of the revenue is membership dues and this is not evenly distributed throughout the year.</p> <p>Our largest expenditures to date have been for administration (\$2,398), accounting (\$1,090) and the AGM (\$1,395</p> <p>GF asked about monies from research conference and were they included in current financial report? Burt L advised board no monies received yet and as such not included in current financial report</p>			
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	<p>An AAGT budget for 2013 was presented by Burt L.</p> <p>GF asked about 2014 conference and monies allocated to conference opening. Burt L advised monies budgeted if required, but they have not been requested.</p> <p>Burt L clarified that the proposed budget is an ongoing project and to expect suggested adjustments at future dates.</p> <p>An agreement was reached that the proposed budget can serve as the basis of a working model.</p>			
<p><b>6. CPC International Committee</b></p>	<p>GF discussed CPC international committee and asked if part of CPC only or whether the committee needs to become a broader conversation/interest group? Several board members asked about intention of committee. MN advised the group had not met yet, but her understanding is the impetus for group was about language/translation issues and broadened to focus on conference planning to support and build internationality. MN advised the committee will meet in June with RCP'S and CPC meeting in July.</p> <p>Committee currently comprises of BL, AK, DC, MS, MN, DM.</p> <p>Board discussed whether a more open forum/process would be beneficial, similar to ethics discussion on members list that PT recently facilitated.</p> <p>MB reminded board that conference theme is Diversity within Gestalt Therapy not diversity within AAGT members/population.</p>			

<p><b>7. Scholarship Fund</b></p>	<p>Board discussed the manner in which scholarship funds are to be allocated.</p> <p>Burt L proposed that BF in a previous proposal, rightly identified issues for allocating monies and is “hesitant to make it one way or another way.” BL wants committee to think and discuss BF’S proposal in order to arrive at an allocation criterion that is flexible.</p> <p>DM agreed with Burt L and suggested that the allocation may consist of a range instead of a static figure. DM also suggested being specific with the definition of a “sponsored event.”</p> <p>MB highlighted that an agreement was reached at the AGM in which sponsored events encompass annual general membership meetings, research events, biannual conferences, and seed money for regional conferences. Moreover, co-sponsorship was deleted due to the aforementioned concern.</p> <p>Burt L agreed that AAGT has to be very clear and bounded in what “we financially support” namely research conferences, AGMs, regional events, and bi-annual conferences.</p> <p>GF encouraged prospective committee members for the scholarship fund to be referred to BF and DC. A committee will be formed joining CG to review and adjust BF’s proposal and bring it back to the board.</p>			
<p><b>8. Communication Committee</b></p>	<p>A temporary communications committee was proposed by Brad Larsen (absent) with the aim of “coming up with a relatively set schedule for communications to members, a format, and a process for any communication to be approved by the appropriate parties.”</p>	<p>A consensus was reached to establish a communications committee.</p>		

<p><b>9. Journal Editor Status</b></p>	<p>The recruitment of an AAGT journal editor was discussed. AW suggested seeking a journal editor within academic settings in order to facilitate the recruitment process. GF suggested Brian Mistler as a potential source of referrals. MS will contact Jon Frew regarding the prospect of being the journal editor</p>		<p>MS ctc John Frew re journal editor position</p>	
<p><b>10. Member Clicks for Regional Registration</b></p>	<p>11. Memberclicks was proposed as an online interface for registering participants of regional conferences with CE credits. Discussion followed on associated expenses and other logistical considerations. The payment form would be embedded in the region's website and registration monies would go directly to the region's financial/bank account.</p> <p>A AB suggested that it be specified that CE credits are for American conferences but this option should be discussed among the RCPS.</p> <p>A AB concerned about centralising of registration mechanisms in particular currency fluctuation and transaction rates between currencies. MN suggested that Canada can benefit from the CEUs. DM suggested that Brad Larsen may better address the aforementioned concerns via email or at the next meeting.</p> <p>Burt L noted that regions have the discretion to use or not use this service.</p> <p>Discussion will continue at the next Board meeting.</p>			
<p><b>12. Other Business</b></p>	<p>Rotating Meetings</p> <p>Board discussed rotating board meeting times. DM supported move and offered to draw up proposed meeting schedule.</p>			

	<p>Board Retreat</p> <p>Board discussed holding a retreat in Portland area or somewhere on West Coast in April/May 2014. Discussion to continue.</p>			
<b>Next AAGT Board Meeting 30 June 2013</b>				