



AAGT BOARD MEETING

28 July 2013

<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Marlene Blumenthal, Rodney Cole, Anna Bacik, Adam Kincel, Dina Miller, Michael Sasiain, Burt Lazarin, Patricia Tucker, Maryanne Nicholls, Deirdre Winter, Brad Larsen, Peter Cole, Dominique Chabre, Ansel Woldt, Nancy Woldt
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>	Bud Feder, Gail Feinstein, Cathy Gray, Alex Schlotterbeck, Meghann Case
<b>CHAIRPERSON:</b>	Patricia Tucker
<b>MINUTED BY:</b>	Rodney Cole

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

<p><b>1. Treasures Report</b></p>	<p>BL submitted treasurers report for July.</p> <p>in our checking account: \$12,826.00  in the scholarship fund account: \$15,971.65  in our money market account: <u>\$24,073.09</u>  total \$52,870.74</p> <p>Included in our checking account is  Regional Development Fund: \$1,907.70  RDF Budget Commitment: \$4,000.00  Research Fund: \$445.00  holding for AAGTNE: <u>\$479.32</u>  \$6,832.02</p> <p>leaving unencumbered: \$30,067.07</p> <p><b>Grand Total \$33,067.07</b></p>			
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	To date in 2013 we have spent \$11,813 and have taken in \$15,151 (not including contributions to dedicated funds). Most of the revenue is membership dues and this is not evenly distributed throughout the year.			
<b>2. Budget update</b>	<p>BL advised that next board meeting some modifications to budget required. GF, MC and BL discussed prior to board meeting how to allocate the \$1800 from research conference. BL proposed 70% to research fund, 15% to scholarship fund and 15% into general funds.</p> <p>AW proposed accepting BL recommendation – board in favour.</p>	<b>Board in favour of proposed allocation of funds from research conference.</b>		
<b>3. Membership</b>	<p>MS provided board with membership renewal update. MS reported 47 new members joined &amp; 124 members renewed in addition to some new organisational memberships. 100 memberships have not renewed of which 40% were memberships taken out in Mexico, 25% were existing members prior to Puebla.</p> <p>MS advised reasons for existing members not renewing included Issues with behaviour and content on list serves and other Concerns about behaviour and communication. MS highlighted the issue of confusion around which list serve people refer to, not knowing that AAGT has its own list serve, while having nothing to do with Gstalt-L</p> <p>AK raised issue with how AAGT offers reduced membership in conjunction with conference fees and whether this reduces membership to a financial decision that results in no long term membership to AAGT.</p> <p>AB noted that problem with list serve is not just Gestalt L but also our (members list) as well.</p>			

	<p>PT concerned about how we separate AAGT (the organisation/community) from the list serve to a certain degree?</p> <p>Board discussed a range of options to improve communication including hosting webinars, surveys. Communications committee is meeting this weekend to discuss further strategies.</p>		<p>Communications Committee to report back to board</p>	
<p><b>4. 2014 Conf Update</b></p>	<p>PC reported on 2014 conference planning. Progress so far;</p> <p>A Keynote speaker has been selected to present the conference theme, the diversity of gestalt therapy Deadline for presentation submissions is Sept 2013. A Facebook page has been established with 135 likes so far. PC &amp; DR are visiting Asilomar in Sept to further plan conference Working on plenary panel</p>			
<p><b>5. Board Retreat</b></p>	<p>Board continued to discuss the idea of the board meeting "retreat style" Timing and when to schedule discussed with no clear outcome, although many board members favour holding retreat before AGM or Conference.</p> <p>Given board membership can change at AGM'S AB strongly suggested scheduling retreat prior to conference or AGM not after, in order not to exclude anyone.</p> <p>AB &amp; AK both concerned about AAGT money funding retreat when membership has decreased.</p>	<p><b>Continue to discuss and move up the agenda for next board meeting</b></p>		

<b>Meeting closed: 5.30 pm. Next Board Meeting Date 25 August 2013</b>				