



**AAGT BOARD MEETING**

Sunday 26 January 2014

**ATTENDANCE:** Gail Feinstein, Rodney Cole, Brad Larsen, Deirdre Winter, Dina Miller, Michael Sasiain, Meghann Case, Dominique Chabre, Anna Bacik, Patricia Tucker, Maryanne Nicholls, Marlene Blumenthal, Burt Lazarin

**APOLOGIES:** Bud Feder, Ansel Woldt, Peter Cole, Adam Kincel, Alex Schlotterbeck, Nancy Woldt

**CHAIRPERSON:** Gail Feinstein

**MINUTED BY:** Rodney Cole

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

**1. Asilomar 2014 Conference Update**

MB updated board on planning for 2014 conference. Conference program has been released on AAGT website featuring 2 days of pre conference workshops and 6 rounds of conference presentations with approx 11 workshops per round. Half of the submissions to present at conference were from first time presenters and people new to Gestalt, which is a fantastic result. Many of these were strong proposals and have been accepted, resulting in some long term presenters not having their proposals accepted.

Board discussed peer review process with a view toward updating documentation so that peer review process is clear for prospective presenters submitting proposals. Peer review process will also be reviewed and reassessed at the Board retreat

**2. Treasures Report**

BL submitted treasures report

in our general checking account: \$8,416.87  
 in the scholarship fund account: \$19,560.54

	<p>in our money market account:           <u>\$24,081.63</u>  total   \$52,059.04</p> <p>Included in our general checking account is</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Budgeted Reserve           \$6,637.00  Regional Development Fund \$3,168.70  Research Fund:               \$1,776.47  holding for AAGTNE:       <u>\$479.32</u></p> <p>leaving unencumbered:                   <b>\$20,437.01</b></p> <p>In January we received \$746 from the Guadalajara conference which was a contribution to the Scholarship Fund. There is a possibility we will get some additional money. If we do, we might want to consider it as a contribution to the Regional Development Fund.  Also in January since we made a payment for presidential/board support we transferred from the general fund into the RDF \$1,041.</p>			
<p><b>3. Scholarship Fund</b></p>	<p>DC raised the issue of looking at the fund's process, purpose and values.</p> <p>Board discussed at length the usage and guidelines of the scholarship fund and have asked scholarship fund committee to review the mission statement of the fund and formulate funding criteria from that.</p> <p>Burt L "A reference was made to a proposal discussed at the CPC about the proportion of Scholarship Fund money to support presenters vs. other conference attendees."</p> <p>AB expressed concern as to whether this was an appropriate use of the scholarship fund and suggested that Scholarship fund usage should be a discussion point for membership list and also be on agenda for Community Meeting at conference.</p>		<p>Scholarship Fund committee to review mission statement and formulate funding criteria</p>	
<p><b>4. Regional Development Fund</b></p>	<p>DW reported that the RDF committee met in January 2014. DW provided follow up from December board meeting re the 2<sup>nd</sup> reply sent regarding application for funds, still no response.</p>			

	<p>DW discussed seed money being used for conferences with an interest from India – given that there is a small number of existing therapists, funding could be used to bring trainers to India.</p> <p>DW advised deadline extended to middle of Feb 2014 to use the funds.</p>			
<b>5. Interest groups</b>	DC advised she has been in touch with UK based Gestalt Therapist who is interested in joining DC on interest group committee			
<b>6. Research Committee</b>	MC advised board of upcoming meeting of the committee with Vincent Beja and Ansel Woldt joining existing committee			
<b>7. Board Retreat</b>	<p>PT contacted Asilomar and was advised that we need to enter another contract with Asilomar for retreat, rather than use existing contract for conference.</p> <p>Retreat to commence Saturday night, and all day Sunday and possibly Monday AM. Some board members raised transport issues, as many flights don't arrive from East Coast till Saturday evening.</p>		Retreat to be first on next board meeting agenda	
<b>Meeting closed: 5.30 pm. Next Board Meeting Sunday 23 February 2014</b>				