



AAGT COMMUNITY MEETING

Annual General Membership Meeting and Community Meeting 3

Saturday, September 6, 2014

ATTENDANCE:

APOLOGIES:

CHAIRPERSON: Gail Feinstein and Patricia Tucker

MINUTED BY: Michael Sasiain

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

<p>1. Welcome</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GF welcomed members to meeting and discussed board retreat held prior to conference PT provided members with an overview of board retreat and advised minutes will be available on line. Board discussed roles of board members, review of board positions and descriptions, how to increase membership, dealing with difficulties, distribution of our funds and increasing contributions, internationality – how this happens, priorities & AAGT regions. PT advised taskforce set up to deal with regional issues such as RDF fund, RCP inactivity and regional conference support. Board also discussed conference issues and peer review process, member’s listserv, interest groups and scheduling of fees for membership with the taskforce to review pricing structure. 			
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<p>2. Nominations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PT outlined nominations for board positions. Currently 1 person has been nominated for President, Toni Gilligan. • Toni introduced herself and spoke briefly about her 25 years of gestalt therapy, is a trainer at Gestalt Centre in London and a proud gestalt voice in the UK. Toni commented that she sees AAGT as both a bureaucratic one, running an organisation in conjunction with keeping the lived philosophy of gestalt alive. Ansel Woldt moved to vote, Carl Hodges seconded. • PT introduced Monique Mercado to membership as nomination for secretary. No other nominations. Ansel Woldt moved to vote, Charlie Bowman seconded. • PT introduced Burt Lazarin to membership as nomination for treasurer. No other nominations. Ruella Frank moved to vote, Steve Zahm seconded. • PT advised members Alex Schlotterback had nominated again for newsletter editor. Alex not present at conference. Anne L moved to vote and Bruce Aaron seconded. • PT introduced Dominique Chabre and Adam Kincel as scholarship fund co chairs. Allan Singer moved to vote • PT introduced Marlene Blumenthal and Janneke van Beusekom as Organisational Rep co-chairs. Burt Lazarin moved to vote • PT introduced Daniel Bak & Robert Witchel as nominations for Interest Group Co Chairs. 	<p>Toni Gilligan voted in as president elect</p> <p>Monique Mercado voted in as secretary</p> <p>Burt Lazarin voted in as treasurer</p> <p>Alex Schlotterback voted in as newsletter editor</p> <p>Dominique and Adam voted in as scholarship fund co-chairs</p> <p>Marlene and Janneke voted in as Org co-chairs.</p> <p>Daniel and Robert voted in as interest group co-chairs.</p>		

3. Change of duration of term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members voted to amend the 1 year term of Organisational Rep co- chairs from 1 year to 2 years. 	Membership voted in favour of 2 years.		
4. Change in RCP structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AK outlined to membership change in Regional Contact Persons (RCP) structure, RCP members have voted to have board responsible for diversity and internationality, rather than have this important issue handled by subcommittee. 			
5. Change in Admin Assistant Title	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Burt Lazarin proposed the title of administrative assistant be changed to administrator. 	Title of administrative assistant changed to administrator		
6. Acknowledgement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Burt Lazarin and Gail Feinstein acknowledged those leaving the board – Anna Bacik and Rodney Cole. Anna and Rodney were thanked for their commitment and hard work as board members. Burt Lazarin acknowledged Michael Sasiain for his assistance with organising the conference. 			
7. Current Numbers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conference Participant asked about current AAGT membership numbers. Peter Cole updated members with 261 members and 235 people registered for conference. 			
8. Welcoming Patricia Tucker as the new President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gail Feinstein presented Patricia Tucker with the gavel signifying the transfer of presidency. 			
9. Venue for 2015 AGM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No venue for 2015 AGM was proposed. Venue proposals will be submitted to Michael Sasiain, AAGT administrator. 			
10. Venue for 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GF & PT outlined 2 proposals for site of next AAGT conference in 2016, Sicily in conjunction with EAGT and Newark New Jersey. 	Membership Voted in favour of Taormina, Sicily.		

<p>Conference</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bud Feder outlined his proposal to hold a conference in New Jersey at a college site, during college break. • Gianni Francesetti , Cathy Gray, Dan Bloom, Gail Feinstein, Deirdre Winter, & Burt Lazarin have formed a conference committee to hold AAGT conference in Taormina, Sicily in conjunction with EAGT. 			
<p>11. Appreciations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appreciations were expressed for members of the conference planning committee and the board for their efforts in organizing the current conference. 			
<p>12. 2016 AAGT Biennial International Conference Date</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rodney Cole expressed concern over a potential conflict in conference dates between the 2016 GANZ conference and the 2016 joint AAGT-EAGT conference. • Leanne O’Shea proposed more time be scheduled between organizational conferences to decrease overlap in the timing of conferences. 			
<p>13. Consensus of 2016 Conference Location</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perry Klepner expressed a desire to achieve consensus on the 2016 Conference Location vote from the AGM • Affordability of conference attendance and implications of internationality were discussed. • Toni Gilligan suggested continuing the discussion online to achieve closure on this topic. 			
<p>14. Scholarship Fund Contributions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bud Feder thanked everyone who contributed to the scholarship fund and expressed the value of providing opportunities to members of the gestalt community to attend conferences. 			

<p>15. AAGT – EAGT Collaboration</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference planning for 2016 joint AAGT – EAGT conference was discussed. • Concerns were expressed regarding organization and scheduling of process groups and annual general membership meeting. • Affordability and linguistic support (i.e., translation) was discussed. An agreement was reached to ensure affordable options for lodging and the provision of linguistic support. • Gianni Francesetti stated he felt enriched by his experience of process groups and the logistics of integrating process groups into the 2016 conference will be worked out by the conference planning committee. 			
<p>16. Appreciations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gifts and appreciations were presented to Peter and Daisy Cole for their organization of the 2014 AAGT Biennial International Conference. • Gifts, appreciations, and honors were bestowed on Gail Feinstein for her Presidency. 			