



**AAGT**  
 The Association for  
 the Advancement of  
 Gestalt Therapy

*An International Community*

## BOARD MEETING

**MINUTES**

OCTOBER 26, 2014

4:00 PM (EST)

ONLINE VIDEO CONFERENCING

<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	Patricia Tucker called to order the Board meeting of the AAGT at 4:04 pm (EST) on October 26, 2014 at RingCentral Meetings online video conferencing system. Patricia welcomed all members to meeting and provided overview and reference to tentative agenda sent out before meeting, via email.
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Patricia Tucker, Monique Mercado, Brad Larson, Michael Sasiain, Robert Witchel, Daniel Bak, Dominique Chabre, Gail Feinstein, Marlene Blumenthal, Alex Schlotterbeck, Dina Miller, Janneke van Beusekom, Toni Gilligan
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Maryanne Nicholls, Mark Reck, Nancy Woldt, Ansel Woldt, Deidre Winter, Bud Feder, Adam Kincel, Burt Lazarin,
<b>CHAIR PERSON</b>	Patricia Tucker
<b>MINUTES PERSON</b>	Monique Mercado

### AGENDA TOPICS

**1. JOB DESCRIPTION UPDATES** PATRICIA TUCKER

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Patricia highlighted the suggestion made at the Board retreat that there be an update of Board member job descriptions. A request for a follow-up on the Board members job description task was presented today. Board members expressed interest in needing more time to complete this task.	
<b>DECISION</b>	An extension of one month was decided upon by all Board members present. Discussion and task will continue via Board Member List-serve, due by next Board meeting.	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Board member job descriptions complete	Board Members	11/30/14

**2. AGM 2015 LOCATION**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>The location for the 2015 AGM was discussed. In this discussion, the main questions highlighted by Board members included: Can we connect the AGM to a regional conference? Can we choose a location where the most Board members can attend?</p> <p>Board members discussed possibility of “piggy backing” off of another Gestalt conference or having a small northeast regional conference in the summer 2015. The availability of scholarship funds available for Board members to attend was also presented and acknowledged as needed support from the Board for those traveling far to attend and/or need assistance to attend.</p> <p>The following locations were presented:          New Jersey (mini-conference, Buds previous AAGT proposal)          Europe          Rio (Congresso Internacional de Gestalt-terapia conference)          Cape Cod (Research Conference)          US Northwest Conference</p> <p>Toni Gilligan suggested the possibility of having the AGM at the UKAGP’s next residential conference in July 2015.</p>
<b>DECISION</b>	The Board members decided that the AGM being as accessible as possible to as many Board members as possible is a priority. Due to conflicts in scheduling and prior commitments, the following locations for the

	AGM were ruled out by majority of members in attendance: Northwest Conference Research Conference Rio Conference	
	The discussion about the location of the AGM will continue. Gail, Marlene, Bud, and Patricia will continue discussing the possibility of a US Northeast regional conference in New Jersey and share with rest of the Board via Board member List-serve	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Contact UKAGP about hosting the AGM at the next residential conference	Toni Gilligan	ASAP

**3. ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP** MARLENE BLUMENTHAL & JANNEKE VAN BEUSEKOM

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Marlene and Janneke presented an update on minutes of organizational membership meeting at Asilomar. The role of Organizational Members was discussed and feedback from members was encouraged. Co-chairs asked if OM's were needed and how they might best connect with AAGT. Janneke also reported the job description for OM as vague and invited Board to provide feedback for clarity. Feedback for possible direction of Organization Membership committee was provided. Topics covered included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Having discussions about how individual organizations conduct their training</li> <li>➤ Collaborating with organizations about how they are teaching Gestalt therapy in their area</li> <li>➤ Finding out about other institutes. Who? What? How? Certification?</li> <li>➤ Research – what is it like to go through a particular training program (phenomenology)?</li> <li>➤ Dina offered the possibility of organizations coming together and conducting research at different institutes, etc.</li> </ul>	
<b>DECISION</b>	No decisions made.	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
N/A		

**4. WEBSITE COMMITTEE** BRAD LARSON

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Brad reports the establishment of a website committee. To date, this committee includes: Brad, Burt, Mark, and Adam. Board members agreed committee will review possible changes to website and provide an update.	
<b>DECISION</b>	Committee will provide recommendations for website changes by January 2015.	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Possible recommendation for website designer	Monique Mercado	ASAP

**5. INTEREST GROUPS REPORT** ROBERT WITCHEL & DANIEL BAK

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Daniel and Bob provided an update on interest groups. They reported minimal response to their email request for participation. A Facebook page was created and has received some response from members. They are still exploring ways to interest members in dialogue about possible interest groups.	
<b>DECISION</b>	No decisions were made at this time. Co-chairs will continue exploring ways to enliven the membership and obtain feedback from the AAGT community.	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
N/A		

<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	Patricia Tucker adjourned the meeting at 5:33 PM (EST).
<b>REMAINING TOPICS</b>	1. Response to Heather Keyes proposal for support for AMPG regional conference 2. Grievance process/handling of disagreements/conflicts in our community 3. Board support for Board members' conference attendance
<b>MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Monique Mercado
<b>MINUTES APPROVED BY:</b>	Board Members
<b>NEXT MEETING:</b>	November 30, 2014 at 4:00 PM (EST)