



AAGT
 The Association for
 the Advancement of
 Gestalt Therapy

An International Community

BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

DECEMBER 28, 2014

4:00 (EST)

ONLINE VIDEO CONFERENCE

CALL TO ORDER	Patricia Tucker called to order the Board meeting of the AAGT at 4:20pm on December 28, 2015 at RingCentral Meetings online video conferencing.
ATTENDEES	Patricia Tucker, Monique Mercado, Brad Larson, Michael Sasiain, Robert (Bob) Witchel, Daniel Bak, Gail Feinstein, Marlene Blumenthal, Dina Miller, Deirdre Winter, Adam Kinzel, Maryanne Nicholls, Burt Lazarin, Mark Reck,
APOLOGIES	Janneke van Beusekom, Nancy Woldt, Ansel Woldt, Toni Gilligan, Dominique Chabre, Bud Feder
CHAIR PERSON	Patricia Tucker
MINUTES PERSON	Monique Mercado

AGENDA TOPICS

1.

TREASURER REPORT

JANNEKE & BURT

DISCUSSION	No significant change in funds since last month.	
	In the general checking account:	\$8,010.85
	In the money market account:	<u>\$20,698.99</u>
	Total	\$28,709.84
	Included in the above total is:	
	Budgeted Reserve	\$6,637.00
	Regional Development Fund	\$5,087.70
	Research Fund:	\$2,311.46
	Holding for AAGTNE:	<u>\$479.32</u>
	Amount leaving unencumbered:	\$14,194.36
	In the scholarship fund account:	\$5,180.04
	No final numbers for conference as of today's meeting. Update will be provided at next board meeting.	
DECISION	N/A	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Expect Final 2014 Treasure Report	Burt Lazarin	January 31, 2015
Budget for 2015	Burt Lazarin	

2.

INTEREST GROUPS

BOB WITCHEL & DANIEL BAK

DISCUSSION	Interest group co-chairs provided report on progress of interest groups. Email to member list-serve was sent and FB group created. The board discussed overall interest and challenges of member involvement. Limited amount of energy in interest groups from membership. Overall themes of discussion: 1. Benefit of interest group leaders
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	2. How can we attract interested members? 3. The history of interest groups in AAGT Co-chairs remain optimistic about interest groups!
DECISION	N/A
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE DEADLINE
Email – Second call for interest groups	Bob & Daniel

3. **AGM 2015** PATRICIA TUCKER

DISCUSSION	Board members discussed the location for the annual general membership meeting. An interest in internationality was proposed to consider in location decision. Locations proposed by board: UKAGP option New Jersey option Cape Cod (Research Conference) Tentative theme for conference: Living as Part of the Whole: Self and Community/Community and Self	
DECISION	Board discussion will continue via email to finalize AGM location.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Email flyer to membership list-serve	Marlene & Janneke	

4. **AAGT/EAGT JOINT CONFERENCE** BURT & GAIL

DISCUSSION	The board discussed what is means for AAGT to collaborate with EAGT for the joint conference. The similarities and differences of language used by AAGT and EAGT was discussed and creating a more common ground around language related to conference planning and expectations was suggested. Board agreed that clarity around expectations from both organizations (AAGT/EAGT) is important. As of the start of this meeting there was no official AAGT representative – Burt Lazarin has volunteered to be the third convener of the conference. The board also discussed sending out a call for those interested in joining a CPC for 2016 conference: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-chairs for process group • Co-chair for peer review committee • Conference program committees • Other committees Questions/topics still in discussion: Conference theme still needed. Conference registration process. Designated liaison for both associations.	
DECISION		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
N/A		

5. **AAGT'S GRIEVANCE PROCESS** PATRICIA TUCKER

DISCUSSION	The board began discussion about the AAGT grievance process. An organization grievance process was established previously and board will revisit the process. Michael Sasiain will email this to the board and discussion will continue at future meeting.	
DECISION		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Email grievance process to board	Michael Sasiain	

ADJOURNMENT	Patricia Tucker adjourned the meeting at 5:32 PM (EST).
REMAINING TOPICS	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Response to Heather Keyes proposal for support for AMPG regional conference2. Grievance process/handling of disagreements/conflicts in our community3. Board support for Board members' conference attendance
MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:	Monique Mercado
MINUTES APPROVED BY:	Board Members
NEXT MEETING:	November 30, 2014 at 4:00 PM (EST)