



AAGT
 The Association for
 the Advancement of
 Gestalt Therapy

An International Community

BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

APRIL 26, 2015

4:00 (EST)

ONLINE VIDEO CONFERENCE

CALL TO ORDER	Patricia Tucker called to order the Board meeting of the AAGT at 4:04 PM (EST) on April 26, 2015 at RingCentral Meetings online video conferencing. Patricia welcomed all members to meeting and individual check-in's commenced.
ATTENDEES	Patricia Tucker, Monique Mercado, Michael Sasiain, Robert (Bob) Witchel, Daniel Bak, Gail Feinstein, Marlene Blumenthal, Dina Miller, Maryanne Nicholls, Burt Lazarin, Mark Reck, Janneke van Beusekom, Nancy Woldt, Ansel Woldt, Dominique Chabre, Adam Kincl, Bud Feder, Brad Larsen
APOLOGIES	Deirdre Winter, Alex Schlotterbeck, Toni Gilligan
CHAIR PERSON	Patricia Tucker
MINUTES PERSON	Monique Mercado

AGENDA TOPICS

1.

AAGT WEBSITE

BOARD

DISCUSSION	<p>Patricia T. began discussion about the AAGT website and requested the site be updated as soon as possible with information related to conference, AGM, and other upcoming events. Michael and Brad both agreed to collaborate and move forward with this as soon as possible.</p> <p>The NE conference registration is now open and live on the AAGT website. Dina suggested that the AAGT provider statement for the NE conference be added to the website. In order to move forward with this, the AAGT needs information on the current presenters to determine if presentations are CE eligible. Dina volunteered to follow up with the presenters to collect this information. In addition, the Board agreed that a certificate would be provided for all those in attendance, including those who do not request CE's.</p> <p>A new web page has been added to the AAGT website for members to apply for scholarship funds (this has also been added to the most recent newsletter).</p>	
DECISION	N/A	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
N/A		

2.

AAGT/EAGT JOINT CONFERENCE

BOARD

DISCUSSION	<p>Board members discussed current planning of the AAGT/EAGT conference.</p> <p>Dominique C. requested a meeting to provide an update on conference (AAGT only or joint with EAGT). Patricia supported that the board work towards having regular conference planning meetings as soon as possible. Board members expressed concern about current conference conveners meeting regularly and reported that we have not received minutes from current meetings. Burt has agreed to bring this up to the rest of the conference conveners at their next meeting. Toni's interest in getting more involved was brought forward (Toni absent from today's meeting). Board will follow up with Toni about her interest in forming an AAGT group that might assist with the areas needing more support (i.e. communication between committees, AAGT members, and Board).</p> <p>Dina brought forward the question if we want to do a pre-conference. If so, AAGT will display the CE forms (link) on the conference website. It was also suggested that there be a link that drives traffic from EAGT web</p>
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	<p>page to the AAGT page that would address information related to AAGT's CE's. Also suggested that it would make sense to have a conference page for AAGT that links to joint conference link. At this time it has not been decided who will take this task.</p> <p>The board discussed someone who might volunteer to keep up with all conference planning meetings and report back to the Board. Who can do this? Toni? AAGT sub-convener? Someone who is working overseeing all the meetings... work closely with Burt. Job description? Ideas will be proposed to Toni to see if she has interest. Gail might have some interest in job if Toni cannot do it. If so, Gail cannot commit until after June 2015. Michael has agreed to get this task started by creating a list of committee leaders and setting up a first meeting until someone takes over. It was also suggested that the person who does this also be someone who is on the main conference committee.</p>	
DECISION	Michael is going to set up a meeting Follow-up with Toni	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
N/A		

3. AGM 2015 BOARD

DISCUSSION	<p>Gail F. began this discussion by reminding board members that part of the budget is allocated or board travel to get to AGM. Also monies available in the scholarship fund.</p> <p>Patricia T. sent out (via email) a proposed agenda for the AGM. Gail requested to add the shifting of officers to the AGM agenda.</p> <p>The proposed agenda as of 4/26/15:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exploring and Increasing our Internationality 2. Advancing Gestalt Therapy through reaching out to new Regions 3. Task Force on the relationship between AAGT and the Regions report and progress 4. Interest Group Development 5. Planning and participation in our next Bi-Annual conference (in Taormina, Sicily, September 2016) 6. Increasing our Web-based Presence 7. Board Elections – Open Positions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing Education Officer: 3 year term Membership Chairperson(s): 2 year term Association Archivist: 3 year term Associate Continuing Education Officer: Term of office consistent with that of CE Officer. Scholarship Chair(s) (<i>length of term to be decided at next AGM - 2015</i>) Communications Officer: 3 year term 	
DECISION	N/A	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

4. REGIONAL TASK FORCE

DISCUSSION	<p>RTF and “Inclusion Forum” update</p> <p>Board members requested clarification on the intention of having the regional task force now rather than after we have agreed on what our relationship is to the regions. Task force meetings were intended for this purpose – to clarify this relationship in order to expand RTF. So far the dialogue has been related to conflict. The board agreed that a process to manage conflict is important and needs to be in place, however that was not the intention of the regional task force.</p> <p>The board discussed rather the task force is ready for input from the general membership. Not sure about expanding the task force before knowing exactly the job of the task force is. The topic of inclusion and exclusion was presented. It was decided that the task force would have their information and questions clear before they are put out to the general membership.</p> <p>Adam would like to move this discussion to email communication and is asking for engagement from the rest of the board with suggestions in moving forward. The question for the board is still rather we see the possibility for</p>
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	the regional task force continuing at this time.	
DECISION	A decision was not made as to rather the regional task force will be moving forward. Discussion will continue via email.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
N/A		

ADJOURNMENT	Patricia Tucker adjourned the meeting at 5:33 PM (EST).
REMAINING TOPICS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Membership Issues – Ansel and Nancy not getting mailings, Charlie and Ann did not get NE/AGM announcements, members having trouble renewing online 2. Interest Groups 3. Treasurer’s Report
MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:	Monique Mercado
MINUTES APPROVED BY:	Board Members
NEXT MEETING:	May 31, 2015 at 4:00 PM (EST)