



AAGT

The Association for
the Advancement of
Gestalt Therapy

An International Community

BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

JANUARY 25, 2015

4:00 PM (EST)

ONLINE VIDEO CONFERENCE

CALL TO ORDER	Patricia Tucker called to order the Board meeting for the AAGT at 4:28 PM (EST) on January 25, 2015 at RingCentral Meetings online video conferencing.
ATTENDEES	Patricia Tucker, Monique Mercado, Michael Sasiain, Robert (Bob) Witchel, Daniel Bak, Gail Feinstein, Dina Miller, Burt Lazarin, Janneke van Beusekom, Toni Gilligan, Dominique Chabre, Deirdre Winter, Brad Larson, Adam Kincel,
APOLOGIES	Bud Feder, Nancy Woldt, Ansel Woldt, Mark Reck, Maryanne Nicholls, Marlene Blumenthal, Alex Schlotterbeck
CHAIR PERSON	Patricia Tucker
MINUTES PERSON	Monique Mercado

AGENDA TOPICS

1.

TREASURER REPORT

BURT & JANNEKE

	Finance totals as of January 23, 2015 including AAGT's almost reconciled unaudited 2014 results.
	CURRENT STATUS
	In our general checking account: \$6,788.78
	In our money market account: <u>\$20,702.43</u>
	Total \$27,491.21
	Included in the above total is:
	Budgeted Reserve (28% of 2014 exp) \$8,517.87
	Regional Development Fund \$5,087.70
	Research Fund: \$2,311.46
	Holding for AAGTNE: <u>\$479.32</u>
DISCUSSION	Leaving unencumbered: \$11,094.86
	In the Scholarship Fund account: \$5,713.04
	YEAR END RESULTS
	Not including conference revenues and expenditures that passed through the general AAGT accounts, AAGT ended essentially even in 2014, spending as much as we took in (and remember spending includes a reserve to be transferred to 2015).
	Revenues: \$37,804.89
	Expenditures: \$37,748.44
	In 2014, revenue from individual memberships totaled \$14,925 and organizational memberships \$2,900. We received \$5,280 for continuing education credits which were mostly from conference registrants.

	<p>Our greatest expenditures in 2014 were for Board support (\$4,523) including down payment on Asilomar for the retreat, administration and individual housing subsidy and presidential activities, the AGM (\$2,645), contribution to the AAGT 2014 opening (\$2,000), administration (\$3,131), Moolah (\$3,916), MemberClicks (\$4,718), tax preparation (\$1,590) and CU maintenance (\$1,150).</p> <p>Update: \$15,401.18 surplus from 2014 AAGT Conference – Asilomar</p>		
DECISION	N/A		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
N/A			

2. AAGT/EAGT JOINT CONFERENCE UPDATE

DISCUSSION	<p>Board members discussed current status of 2016 AAGT/EAGT joint conference. Topics/questions proposed by Board members included:</p> <p>AAGT members on conference planning committee? Scientific committee and peer review process How can additional people contribute to conference planning?</p> <p>Board members agreed more information is needed from conference planning committee. Discussion will continue at next Board meeting. Burt volunteered to take topics to conference planning committee for further updates.</p>		
DECISION	N/A		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
N/A			

3. BOARD JOB DESCRIPTIONS UPDATE

DISCUSSION	<p>Board members continue to review, critique, and provide suggestions for updated Board member job descriptions. Once complete with Board members' suggestions and feedback, a final draft of job descriptions will be submitted for acceptance in the By-Laws at the 2015 Annual General Meeting.</p>		
DECISION	One more month to continue reviewing job descriptions – Update at next board meeting.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Job descriptions will be updated at next Annual General Meeting		2015 AGM	

4. INTEREST GROUPS REPORT DANIEL & BOB

DISCUSSION	<p>Interest group co-chairs continue to work on attempting to generate interest groups within the AAGT membership. Since the last Board meeting there has been some interest in a Gestalt writing process interest group as well as an interest group related to Gestalt group therapy.</p> <p>At this time there seems to be limited interest. Board members suggested the need for leadership (interest group chairs). An invitation for new interest groups was posted on the AAGT Facebook page and in the organization newsletter.</p>		
DECISION	N/A		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
N/A			

5.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND REPORT

ADAM & DOMINIQUE

DISCUSSION	There was no new information on scholarship fund. Dominique presented the following question to the Board regarding scholarship funds: How is the AAGT going to manage scholarships for the AAGT/EAGT joint conference? Thoughts/ideas were welcomed from co-chairs. Adam will be including this on conference planning meeting agenda.		
DECISION	N/A		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
N/A			

6.

CONTINUING EDUCATION REPORT

DINA

DISCUSSION	<p>The AAGT is scheduled to renew continuing education provider status at the end of 2015. We currently provide CE's for NBCC, APA, BBS (CA), and CBN. Board members discussed rather we will continue to offer CE's from the same four boards. Dina will follow-up with Ansel W. about process. This was discussed at last AGM. *See meeting minutes on 2014 AGM.</p> <p>Dina (CE officer) presented a request from Ruella Frank to co-sponsor Center for Somatic Studies. Board members discussed support/sponsorship for individual institutes. Board agrees that a clear policy about how the AAGT will support members' individual institutes needs to be in place. No decision has been made at this time. Dina will follow-up with members' request.</p>		
DECISION	N/A		
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. Task force on regions (report) 2. Grievance process/handling of disagreements/conflicts in our community 3. Current conflict regarding regional conferences
MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:	Monique Mercado
MINUTES APPROVED BY:	Board Members
NEXT MEETING:	February 22, 2015 at 4:00 PM (EST)