



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

*An International Community*

## BOARD MEETING

**MINUTES**

MAY 31, 2015

4:00 (EST)

ONLINE VIDEO CONFERENCE

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| <b>CALL TO ORDER</b>  | Patricia Tucker called to order the Board meeting of the AAGT at 4:32 pm (EST) on May 31, 2015 on RingCentral Meetings online video conferencing.  |
| <b>ATTENDEES</b>      | 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, Toni Gilligan, Dominique Chabre, |
| <b>APOLOGIES</b>      | Bud Feder, Brad Larson, Deirdre Winter, Adam Kincel,   |
| <b>CHAIR PERSON</b>   | Patricia Tucker  |
| <b>MINUTES PERSON</b> | Monique Mercado  |

### AGENDA TOPICS

**1. AGM PLANNING AND TOPICS BOARD**

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| <b>DISCUSSION</b>   | Board members reviewed AGM agenda and agreed upon the following appropriate topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget for AGM dinner for attendees</li> <li>• Add “Board support to attend AGM” to agenda for AGM</li> <li>• Regional Task Force – Guidelines for the taskforce (report)</li> <li>• Conflict process</li> </ul> |                 |  |
| <b>DECISION</b>     | N/A   |                 |  |
| <b>ACTION ITEMS</b> | <b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>   | <b>DEADLINE</b> |  |
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**2. JOINT CONFERENCE PLANNING BOARD**

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| <b>DISCUSSION</b>   | Board members provided any updates available on 2016 conference (Sicily): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Website dedicated to conference is going “live” soon – conference registration will also be open at this time</li> <li>• Joint conference planning meetings to be held the Sunday before board meetings – topic will also be presented at the AGM in 2 weeks</li> </ul> |                 |  |
| <b>DECISION</b>     | N/A  |                 |  |
| <b>ACTION ITEMS</b> | <b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>  | <b>DEADLINE</b> |  |
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**3. RESEARCH FUND PROPOSAL MARK RECK**

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| <b>DISCUSSION</b> | Mark presented the board with a draft proposal for AAGT members to apply for research support from the general |
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|                     | research fund. Open discussion for input or feedback from board.   |
| <b>DECISION</b>     | Board will review proposal and present membership with final research fund application – possibly at AGM |
| <b>ACTION ITEMS</b> | <b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b> <b>DEADLINE</b>  |
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4. **INTEREST GROUPS** DANIEL & BOB

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| <b>DISCUSSION</b>   | Co-chairs (Daniel and Bob) and board members invited discussion about additional presentation of interest groups at AGM. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possible buddy system – interested member seeks someone with similar interests</li> <li>• Discussion what is/is not working to form interest groups</li> <li>• Some other marketing at AGM?</li> </ul> |                 |
| <b>DECISION</b>     | Daniel and Bob requested additional time to decide what might be presented at AGM  |                 |
| <b>ACTION ITEMS</b> | <b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>  | <b>DEADLINE</b> |
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4. **WEBSITE DESIGN** BOARD

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| <b>DISCUSSION</b>   | The adhoc committee has proposed moving forward with redesign of new website. Committee consists of Mark Reck, Adam Kincel, Michael Sasiain, and Brad Larson. The committee has proposed hiring a designer to redesign website, logo, and moving from “memberclicks” to a new membership management system. |                 |
|                     | The cost for the redesign is estimated to be about \$1000.00. The transition away from MemberClicks to WildApricot (membership management systems) will end up saving the AAGT money.   |                 |
| <b>DECISION</b>     | Board reached a consensus to move forward with new web design pending a slightly more detailed overview of specific quote, expectations, and design timeline. Board will continue discussion via email.   |                 |
| <b>ACTION ITEMS</b> | <b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>   | <b>DEADLINE</b> |
| N/A                 |   |                 |

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| <b>ADJOURNMENT</b>           | Patricia Tucker adjourned the meeting at 5:32 PM (EST). |
| <b>MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:</b> | Monique Mercado   |
| <b>MINUTES APPROVED BY:</b>  | Board Members   |
| <b>NEXT MEETING:</b>         | AGM – June 14, 2015                                     |