



AAGT
The Association for
the Advancement of
Gestalt Therapy

An International Community

BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 27, 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 July 26, 2015 at RingCentral Meetings online video conferencing.
ATTENDEES	Patricia Tucker, Monique Rodriguez, 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, Mark Reck, Bud Feder, Ansel Woldt,
APOLOGIES	Maryanne Nicholls, Marlene Blumenthal, Alex Schlotterbeck, Jim Battaglia
CHAIR PERSON	Patricia Tucker
MINUTES PERSON	Monique Rodriguez

AGENDA TOPICS

1.

TREASURER REPORT

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DISCUSSION	Our financial report as of Sept 26, 2015.
	We are in good financial shape. Overall to date this year we have had general revenues of \$29,072 vs. full year budgeted of \$30,022.
	CURRENT STATUS
	In our general checking account: \$16,011.25
	In our money market account: \$40,717.21
	Total \$56,728.46
	Included in the above total is:
	Budgeted Reserve (28% of 2015 exp) \$7,078.96
	Regional Development Fund \$7,090.66
	Research Fund: \$4,311.46
Conference Account \$14,433.45	
Leaving unencumbered: \$23,813.93	
In the Scholarship Fund account: \$15,988.04	
To date, we have taken in \$12,325 in individual memberships (\$1,175 below full year budget) and \$3,125 in organizational memberships (\$625 above full year budget).	
We have spent \$685 on accreditation and \$2,171 on MemberClicks. Our biggest expenditure item to date has been the AGM, \$3,490 (\$811 space rental, \$1,500 dinner and \$1,097 for administrative travel, time and lodging). The AGM was originally budgeted at \$2,000.	
For information, we have in the budget \$2,000 for website maintenance and development. To date, we have spent \$609.	

	Finally, from our conference account we have provided a loan for the hotel deposit of 5,000 euros (at the time converting to dollars it was \$5,540) and reimbursement of Toni for a site visit. I will also be making a site visit in October (that reimbursement will only be covering my rt from Milano to Catania and my b&b stay).		
DECISION	N/A		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
N/A			

2. MEETING MINUTES UPDATE

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monique R. updated board members on board meeting minutes and the plan to get minutes posted on website in a more timely manner. Website will be updated soon. 		
DECISION	N/A		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
N/A			

3. CPC MEETING REPORT & CONFERENCE UPDATE

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conference Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toni Gilligan reported to the Board that her and Gianni Francesetti proposed to have the third plenary speaker deliver his presentation in Italian. She reported that a number of people liked the idea and found it anxiety provoking. The suggestion was made to amend it to allow people to have English language copies of the paper beforehand and then that was recognized as defeating the purpose. It was decided that there needs to be more clarity on how the panel following the presentation would be conducted, i.e. in what language. Pre-Conference Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gail, Toni, and Patricia reported the decision of having experiential workshops for pre-conference and that they should be peer-reviewed Discussion whether pre-conference workshops are selected through blind peer review process or be invited presenters. Experiential workshops peer reviewed proposals – deadline November 30th. Decision made with EAGT that only AAGT members would offer pre-conference workshops but that they will be open for all to attend. Pre-conference committee will come up with a fee schedule for pre-conference workshop Patricia and others noted the need to get this information to the membership as quickly as possible as members may need to update their registrations in order to attend. Language Coordinating Committee in CPC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Co-chaired by Leonora and Deirdre W. Patricia reported the discussion of a language committee to handle things such as translation, etc. Brief discussion about local volunteers as translators Registration for Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 384 total registered 203 are AAGT members, 83 not members, 98 students Scholarship Application Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Domi reported changes made to the scholarship application process: deadline has been moved to February 1, 2015 with a decision made by February 15, 2015. For the convenience of members, they can choose scholarship fund option when asked to register/pay. Publicity Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patricia reported that we now have an EAGT publicity committee chair. Discussion about seeking a AAGT publicity committee chair. Decision was made that a co-chair is needed immediately. 		
DECISION	N/A		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
N/A			

4.

WEBSITE BUILD

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brad presented proposal for our new website design from Rebecca Dittmar of 9spire. The Board agreed to move forward with 9spire and to sign the contract. Brad reported the challenges in moving away from MemberClicks. Also looking into software that does not require a monthly description – this may limit certain online group activities that are now available through MemberClicks. Brad reported we would still have access to ring central for meetings. Brad proposed to board that we move forward with revamping website with current designer. Revamp of the current AAGT logo was proposed – Patricia proposed that a few different logo design possibilities be offered to the membership to vote on. 		
DECISION	N/A		
ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
N/A			

5.

REGIONAL TASK FORCE UPDATE

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patricia reported that the regional task force has not met again since last board meeting Adam or Patricia will report to the board the date for next RTF meeting 		
DECISION	N/A		
ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
N/A			

6.

INTEREST GROUPS UPDATE

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daniel reported interest in developing an interest group related to gender and sexual diversity Alex Levine has been invited to co-chair this interest group with Daniel and has accepted the invitation. Daniel is hopeful to have an announcement out to the membership in October. An announcement to membership will be sent out next week about Ring central for interest groups Group therapy interest group has been silent with no activity Discussion about starting a discussion at the Northwest Conference about members interested in starting an interest group. Will take materials to pass out to attendees at NW Conference 		
DECISION	N/A		
ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
N/A			

ADJOURNMENT	Patricia Tucker adjourned the meeting at 5:35 PM (EST).
REMAINING TOPICS	1. Regional Task Force – Update and Plan
MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:	Monique Rodriguez
MINUTES APPROVED BY:	Board Members
NEXT MEETING:	October 25, 2015 at 4:00 PM (EST)