



- Annual General Meeting

Berlin, September 12th, 2009

Minutes made by Marga Berends

LIST OF THOSE PRESENT:

MEMBERS:

Greet Cassiers	representing MultidiMens and S.B.G.
Ester Neumanova	representing IVGT
Lynda Osborne	representing Metanoia and UKAGP
Sibylle Ahlbrecht	representing DVG and Christof Weber
Monika Dingeman	representing DVG
Inge Matthies	representing HIGW
Gianni Francesetti	representing SIPG
Margherita Spagnuolo Lobb	representing SIPG
Michaele Gecele	
Jack van Liesdonk	representing NVAGT
Glenn Rolfsen	representing NGI
Ida Wadel	representing NGF
Ewa Canert-Laka	representing ITG OK PSCP
Carmen Vazquez Bandin	representing AETG, CTP and Belen Espinosa Rabanal
Chris Berardi	representing SAG
Dieter Bongers	representing SVG
Nurith Levi	representing ISGTA
Nancy Amendt-Lyon	
Joppie Bakker	chair of ethics committee
Jan Roubal	
Pia Marie Keanius	
Guus Klaren	chair HR&SR committee
Sina Triantafyllou	
Beatrix Wimmer	representing ÖVG
Maria Ioannidou	representing HAGT
Bianca Hellinger	representing HAGT

OFFICERS:

Peter Schulthess	President	Switzerland
Ester Neumanová	Secretary	Czech Republic
Bas Lokerse	Treasurer/Vice president	The Netherlands
Gianni Francesetti	Chair of TSC	Italy
Marga Berends	Office manager	The Netherlands

APOLOGIES:

Tomaz Flajs
Faye Page

VOTES:

62 votes were counted!

AGENDA:

1. Welcome
2. Members present

3. Minutes of last meeting (Belgrade)
4. Matters arising
5. Reports of:
 - a. President
 - b. Vice-President
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Treasurer
 - e. Chair of TSC
 - f. External Relations & NOGTs officer
 - g. Chair of Ethics
6. Reports from Committees:
 - a. Gestalt Practitioner in organisations (GPO)
 - b. Human Rights & Social Responsibility (HS&SR)
 - c. Education & Children
 - d. Fund Raising Committee
 - e. Research Committee
7. Election of External Relations & NOGTs officer
8. Re-nomination of TSC officers:
 - a. Levi, Nurith
 - b. Page, Faye
 - c. Pecotic, Lidija
9. Statutes changes
10. Accreditation procedure for gestalt practitioners in organisations (GPO) and training programs for GPO
11. Election of a GPO Training Standards Committee
12. Vote on joint membership with MAP
13. Information about the EAGT conference in Berlin 2010
14. Miscellaneous
15. Date of next AGM

1. Welcome

Peter welcomes all those present and announces some small changes in the agenda because we have overlooked to mention the re-nomination for the TSC committee (see agenda item 8).

Peter also explains that items 9, 10, 11 + 12 will not be voted on because it is not ready for voting. It was announced that the documents would have been published on the internet but unfortunately these items need to be postponed due to the fact things are not yet ready. Also the joint memberships for MAP will be postponed and this is also due to the fact things were not ready yet.

A short round of introduction is followed by all present persons.

2. Members present

See above list.

3. Minutes of last AGM (Belgrade 2008)

All agree to the minutes and therefore they are unanimously approved.

4. Matters arising

There are no matters arising from the minutes.

Lynda Osborne mentions how pleased students are with the supervision rule. It makes a real difference.

5. Report of officers

a. President – Peter Schulthess

- After his first year of presidency Peter can say that it is fascinating to lead this complex organisation. He likes to see how the organisation is in process as well in growth as in strength and how this deepens the whole organisation.
 - One of the discussed topics of the GB meeting was that we need to reflect on the mission of EAGT. What is the vision of EAGT for 2020? Where do we want to go to? The EC will take upon itself.
 - The complexity of the GB is mainly due to the different statuses of the different NOGTs. We need to be aware of this in the GB and we are. Some NOGTs are even struggling to survive.
 - Another topic was that many NOGTs are interested in the joint membership procedure. Joint membership procedure means basically that if someone is a member of the NOGT s/he is also a member of EAGT, however, EAGT criteria needs to be met. The NOGT does the scrutinizing.
 - Our experience is very good with the pilot of joint membership, it works and NVAGT members are pleased with this joint membership. Bas will surely make you a budget offer in case a new NOGT is interested in a joint membership as soon as the NOGT has reached the OM status.
 - Katia Hatzilakou has resigned as it was written in the Newsletter. Peter is thanking Bas and Marga for taking over the interim process for NOGTs and they did a lot of work.
 - The General Board (GB) should be the governing board and the Executive Committee is now a committee and not a board. We have to reflect what is the engagement and whether the GB is able and willing to fulfil that role.
 - Quite a bit of TI's are accredited, but we have still have countries where there is not yet an accredited TI or just only 1 TI is accredited. Some investigation has to be done why they are not applying for accreditation. The NOGT has a role in this topic as a national platform and representing EAGT.
 - The implementation of a new category of members. We built a grandparenting procedure for GPO's but we know there are good gestalt curricula in other countries and we would like to compare them with the grandparenting procedure we have, to build up good standards. This GPO working group were very busy with other matters in their lives and therefore the EC has appointed Bas as Chair of the GPO working group and he will also invite to ask other GPO persons from other countries for that working group. Bas has the energy to bring this forward.
 - Unfortunately there are still some countries which have no NOGT established yet, for instance in Czech Republic and it is very difficult to bring this contact forward.
 - As organisation we are on a good way, we are developing; however, there are still points to reflect on.
 - The meaning of EAGT in EAP. Peter is quite active as representative in EAP. EAP is asking how EAGT has arranged some items.
 - Peter is thanking all delegates, chairs and committees who build a connection towards EAGT and he also express his thanks to TI's who have joint EAGT and last but not least he is thanking all individual members. We are a growing organisation.
- Guus has a question about the change of the now called General Board, formerly called Executive and Extended Board. What will be the next step for the AGM of 2010? In other words what is concrete next step? To bring practice and structure more in balance because the old structures are still practised thinks Guus.
- A whole list of topics is ready for the General Board explains Peter. One concrete step of changing is that 3 members of the GB will prepare a topic which was discussed yesterday during the GB meeting, as a first step.

- Dieter states it is not ‘running’ yet but they are wondering what they could do to take over the responsibility due to a lot of new members in GB because these new members are not always able to take over responsibility yet.
- This change needs some time and we are aware of it and we are looking for good ways states Peter.

b. Vice president – Bas Lokerse

During the Executive Committee meeting of September 2008, held in Belgrade, I was asked to become the vice-president of EAGT. With some diffidence I said “Yes”. My job description is very broad. I replace the president when he is absent. What does that exactly mean with a president who is on all sides present? No idea.

After the February committee meeting of this year in Amsterdam Peter explained me - after some provoking remarks from my side - what he is expecting of me. That was very clarifying. From that moment on I could actively grow in my role. I took upon me: the coordination of the work Group Gestalt Practitioners in Organizations, I’m the interim chair of the NOGTs, chair of the fundraising committee, I am treasurer and I have every month a meeting at the office with Marga. In July I’ve attended the EAP meeting in Lisbon and Peter introduced me there. The intention is I will attend these meetings when Peter is not able to attend them.

The coming period I will intensively look after the GPO workflow, next to my other tasks. My ad interim chairing of the NOGTs will end with effect of today. I will stay on as an active and involved member of the NOGT committee.

Peter and I are really becoming a team and that is imported for the EC.

Lynda is wondering when Bas sleeps? Bas explains he has found a balance.

c. Secretary – Ester Neumanova

As written in the Newsletter Ester and Marga are closely working together. Ester’s report is supported by a Power Point handout and below a summary of the reported items:

- In 2008 44 new members joint EAGT (2 AM and 42 OM) and in 2009 until August 31st 34 new members joint EAGT (1 AM and 33 OM);
- Ester underlines that applications forms are easy to fill in and to scrutinize when received from accredited TI’s;
- Non accredited TI’s with trainers who are not OM members of EAGT then applicants have to submit professional CV’s of trainers plus a description (folder) of the Gestalt education of that not accredited TI;
- If there is a NOGT in the country of the applicant and EAGT accepts the applicant we inform the NOGT;
- Due to joint membership (since January 1st, of this year) our actual number of members is 283 individual members of EAGT + 63 organisational member + 323 joint members of EAGT/NVAGT. In total this sums up to 669;
- New and fresh is the preparation for the 25th anniversary of EAGT, which will be celebrated next year during the conference. Tomorrow the EC will decide on the execution of this matter.

Nancy is asking for information about joint membership. Peter says the fee will be negotiated on per country and every member of the NOGT will also become an EAGT member.

Jack explains that NVAGT also sends out the Newsletter for EAGT and do the scrutinizing of applications in this joint membership in order to become to a balanced fee.

d. Treasurer – Bas Lokerse

As usual my financial report is presented as a Power Point presentation, although there is not an actual presentation but a hand out in order to save costs on renting a beamer. It is an addition on the short financial and of the complete financial report. Both are available on request by sending an e-

mail to Marga. In the Newsletter the estimate of 2009 is only presented. The estimate of 2009 shows a loss of € 3.193,=. Still I ask for your approval because our financial reserves allow this loss. This year extra money is estimated for the Human Rights & Social Responsibility committee and the Research committee.

- Jack is asking whether the financial report needs to be voted on and the EC says it will be voted on.
- Guus states he is trusting Bas as treasurer totally but the estimated loss should be paid by the reserve. Guus is missing the balance which shows the loss can financially be carried by EAGT.
- Bas is informing the participants about the balances of the EAGT bank accounts and expresses that next time also the balances will be published in the Newsletter.
- Peter proposes to vote on the financial report. Result: the financial report is unanimously approved.

e. Chair of TSC – Gianni Francesetti

Gianni was appointed last year. He could do good work because of the well-worked-in members of the TSC and the good work of Peter. Gianni reports:

- Currently 23 TI's are accredited TI's and 2 are in process.
- 4 or 5 are willing to enter the process of accreditation. It is still in process.

Reasons to become accredited:

- EAGT provides a quality label;
- Accreditation process is moment of confrontation and dialogue that support TI's development;
- Graduates can become easier EAGT OM members;
- Graduates can easily receive an ECP, this facilitates circulation of psychotherapists throughout Europe;
- TI's increase contact between staff/students and International Gestalt community;

Gianni reports further:

- An important political and ethical point: TI's actively contribute to growth of international Gestalt community
- Gianni expresses the needs of the NOGT's in stimulating and supporting the TI's in that country to get accredited.

TSC is working on etc.

- New accreditations;
- Follow up procedure (EAGT supports and verifies TI's in the fulfilment of conditions):
- Re-accreditation procedure (after 5 years TI's have to be re-accredited).

f. External relations / NOGTS officer ad interim – Bas Lokense

In the Newsletter of May 2009 I wrote that the NOGTs are a significant part of the EAGT Construction and that the accreditations of NOGTs deserve important stimuli.

By the compounding of the board EAGT chooses for a policy which will be carried broadly by all involved nationalities. The nationalities (NOGTs) are represented by a representative. This representative has only right to vote when the concerned NOGT is an ordinary member of EAGT.

In my opinion members of the General Board could have a more active role. Until now there is a mainly an exchange of experiences concerning Gestalt therapy. As well on political as on governmental level but also with regards to content. In theory important and valuable.

Nevertheless I plead for a next step wherein we look and work together on important mutual themes with the purpose a more broad reputation of Gestalt therapy in Europe.

Yesterday we have made a first step.

Besides that I would like to aim on more practical involvement in the field of NOGT files.

It concerns the completion of files, the registration and the re-registration. In some cases communication is not proceeding smoothly. In these cases it is of great importance that the

representative, seated in the General Board, would take the role as an intermediary upon her/his self on site. In my point of view this would simplify the procedures.

A lot of work has been done. With gratitude to Marga who took the executing part upon her shoulders. You could have read this in the Newsletter.

In the short period in which I was the chair of the NOGTs my policy was to stimulate the NOGTs to get the ordinary membership status. I wish my successor would take over the before mentioned steps although I realize I saddle her up with my ideas and thinking.

My job as chair ad interim of the NOGTs stops after the elections of the new chair.

But before handing the stick over to my successor I have to honour and pleasure to hand out a certificate to a NOGT that reached the Ordinary Membership status and therefore I invite Nurith Levi to come forward, so I can congratulate her, as a representative of ISGTA (Israeli Gestalt Therapy Association).

Nurith thinks the certificate is very important because it is not usual for Israeli to be accepted in Europe. She is very proud to be part of it.

To finish my report as NOGT officer I wish my successor from this place good luck and all the best!

g. Voting on all report of all EC officers:

All reports are unanimously accepted.

6. Reports from committees:

a. Chair of Ethics Committee – Joppie Bakker

Joppie is very pleased that the ethics committee is complete and for the first time they are life here. Jan Roubal and Joppie are now working for 2 years on the committee and Glenn Rolfsen is now for one year member of ethics committee.

Work of ethics committee is to scrutinize code of ethics and complaints procedures and compare them with those of the EAGT. The committee is also actively working on scrutinizing codes for NOGTs. If one has a complaint towards a NOGT it is very important to have well working procedures. Dealing with a complaint in general is difficult and for that is a reason the ethics committee are so precise.

16 sets of codes were received and 14 are still in process.

The work is very fruitful and Joppie is thanking everyone for their work.

Ethics has a lot to do with our work and to Joppie it is daily work. Not only be occupied with procedures but also about failures and values and integrity of the profession.

Talking about ethics can make people turn inside and the committee sees it as a task is to make the subject more open and one shouldn't deal with it behind closed doors.

b. Chair of GPO's – not present

Chris Berardi, member of the working group GPO points out that there is no report because there was no meeting of the workgroup.

Peter mentions that the item GPO was also an agenda point in the EC. He informs that a new working group was established to integrate the GPO into the association. Bas Lokerse was appointed to chair this working group.

Jack van Liesdonk states that NAVGT, as a NOGT, will support GPO memberships. They have changed their statutes to make this possible. They will take over standards of EAGT and they take over the procedure of EAGT. He also is inviting other NOGTs to do this also.

Peter mentions that this opens up the possibility for joint membership for GPO's.

c. Chair HR&SR – Guus Klaren

Report activities HR&SR committee EAGT - September 2008-August 2009.

The purpose of the HR&SR committee is to explore the interface between Gestalttherapy and the socio-political context, with specific reference to the advancement of human rights.

The AGM of September 2008 asked the Committee to explore the possibilities for new initiatives in the Israeli-Palestinian project. And to build up a relationship and carry out HR activities with Peace Brigade International (PBI).

1. Israeli-Palestinian project.

We discussed the project during the Committee meeting in Amsterdam 27th February.

There is a situation of mutual mistrust now after the war in Gaza. At the moment contact between Israeli and Palestinian people is forbidden. A possible opening for dialogue is between Arabs in Israel and Israeli.

We discussed what the additional value of Gestalt theory and -therapy and our Committee can be for the resolution of the conflict. Not to teach the value of our ideas of conflict resolution but to facilitate a dialogue between conflicting parties. Dialogue as purpose of the dialogue.

The idea came up to organize a conference with Arabs in Israel and Israeli, Palestinians, but also to include therapists/educators/gestalt practitioners in organisations from Serbia, Croatia and Bosnia Herzegovina and former conflicting parties in Northern Ireland. EAGT can organize and facilitate a platform where people from these former or present conflicting countries/situations can meet for dialogue. And to create a permanent network with people working in conflict situations for support, to share ideas and to learn from each other about conflict resolution in local and global situations. HR&SR Committee will take initiative for pre contact with potential participants to explore their interest, their willingness to participate and to take new initiatives in peace building and human rights in their own country after the conference.

HR&SR of EAGT will invite these people to meet on impartial ground. HR&SR Committee will organize, facilitate and modulate the conference. We think of a small conference between 40 to 80 people including EAGT HR&SR Committee and interested EAGT members.

We propose to organize the conference in November 2010 or April-June 2011. To get people from different countries to impartial ground will be expensive as a lot of them are not able to pay the full amount for travelling and hosting. HR&SR Committee and Fundraising Committee will cooperate to get external funds to organise a successful conference.

We ask the AGM to support the idea of this conference.

2. PBI-EAGT cooperation.

Peace Brigades International (PBI) is an international grassroots NGO that has promoted non-violence and protected human rights. The main focus of PBI is international accompaniment, for protecting human rights defenders threatened with violence because of their work, but also peace education. PBI sends international volunteers to areas of conflict, providing protective accompaniment to human rights defenders threatened by political violence, and also facilitate other peace-building initiatives (www.peacebrigades.org).

Committee for Human Rights and Social Responsibility aims to explore the interface between Gestalt Psychotherapy and the social-political context, with specific reference to the advancement of human rights.

A first meeting between PBI Switzerland and HR&SR Committee was organized on the 31st. October 2008 in Zurich with 2 delegates from PBI and 4 from EAGT (Ivana, Peter, Michele, and Guus). We exchanged the objectives and working fields of both organisations and the services needed for PBI.

PBI has developed minimum standards for providing emotional support for volunteers in the different phases of voluntary work. We explored the possibilities EAGT can offer for this emotional support.

A second full day meeting was organised in Zurich on the 26th of August 2009 with 3 representatives of our Committee (Ivana, Peter, Guus) and 13 from PBI: 7 ex-volunteers, 1 International Board PBI, 1 International Volunteer Working Group (IVWG), 1 Board Switzerland, 1 trainer of non violence, 1 French part of Switzerland, 1 volunteer coordinator Switzerland.

Aim of the meeting was to develop a buddy training program in interaction between PBI and EAGT. Since representatives of PBI International were present we could also explore the needs for international support, not only for Switzerland.

We went deeply into the experiences and needs for emotional support of the volunteers and developed roughly the content of a buddy training program for ex volunteers. A buddy project can be one of the instruments to reach provide for emotional support. A first pilot of this program will be carried out by HR&SR spring 2010.

In the meeting with the representative of the IVWG of PBI we explored needs of PBI International and what EAGT can offer. PBI needs sometimes professional support after debriefing of volunteers. HR&SR will offer a list of selected Gestalttherapist who are willing and able to give this support on voluntary basis. The buddy training project can also be carried out for other countries, after the first pilot in Switzerland. Some projects (like Nepal) have no professional support available for team coaching in the field. HR&SR can offer this.

PBI representative was very happy with all what HR&SR offer and will discuss this in their IVWG and contact us again a.s.a.p. PBI and EAGT appointed that EAGT will look for funds to make the support possible. Support will be given by selected and registered Gestalttherapists on voluntary basis. Both PBI and HR&SR expressed their positive feelings about mutual confidence and cooperation.

Guus is thanking Peter for hosting the committee at this home and is also thanking Peter's wife for the good food and expresses that she is a member in the background.

Behind these minutes (see page 13) is listed a draft letter inviting volunteers for this project.

Guus is recommending a good book and the title is: 'unarmed bodyguards' by Mahony, Eguren, Kumarian Press.

Dieter shares his feelings concerning this project, he likes we are doing this work. He is proud that we do that kind of work and he would like to thank the people who are doing the work.

The AGM supports to work further on this committee.

d. Fundraising committee – Bas Lokerse

Bas is referring to the Osgood scale wherefrom the results were published in Newsletter.

In the Newsletter you could also have read about the activities of the Fundraising committee. The whole committee hasn't met after Amsterdam. Marga and I did have contact with each other about the tasks of the committee. Reason is that we see each other each month and we live nearby each other. I am aware of the danger that this might possibly create a distance for Dieter. Via e-mail Dieter asked for the next steps of the committee and we (Marga and I) updated him about our activities. Yesterday we had a meeting as a committee.

We have had for instance an extensive meeting with Guus, chair of Human Rights & Social Responsibility committee. He gave us a detailed report concerning the tasks of this committee and together we looked for possibilities to gear activities to one another. The Human Rights & Social

Responsibility committee has a big interest in fundraising and the fundraising committee is looking for an approach to raise the chances of success. We offered the Human Rights & Social Responsibility committee to do the administrative side of the fundraising. We will try to find ways to get the money.

Options are to attend a workshop fundraising or to bring in a bureau who are specialized in fundraising on a 'no cure no pay' bases.

As a step in between we offered visitors on our website the possibility to donate via our website. Click on the collecting box and in a brief description is informed where the money will be spend on. After this meeting we will (Dieter, Guus, Peter, Bas and Marga) discuss the options for fundraising further.

- Jack van Liesdonk would like to is talk about big numbers, namely:
each therapist will have, let's say, 100 sessions a year and s/he could spend for instance 10 cents of per session as donation. This could be mentioned on each therapist's website that they will spend 10 cents of each session to fund for both projects of the HS&SR committee. This would come to € 10,= per year per therapist to have a starting capital and double this by more money.
- Dieter says; we have wealthy people in Switzerland who have a lot of money so would could ask them for a special project as this. The idea is they will sponsor it.
- Guus expresses it is also important to have some money for the fundraising committee and to also ask health organisations to (financially) support us too.
- Peter states to always involve Bas.
- Lynda needs something in writing.

e. Education & Children committee – Nurith Levi

Nurith is very motivated. For personal reasons Nurith was not very active. Previously she started to connect with several persons, also in her own country where this topic is very popular. Nurith send out an invitation and that was about a year ago. Nurith promises us to carry out the plan which the committee has.

First step will be to send you, as delegate, a letter where she will ask you to mention a new member. Sina Triantafyllou knows people who would like to become part of the committee but are not a member can they join? Answer: As a first step they can join and later on maybe join EAGT as well.

f. Research committee – Peter Schulthess

Gianni Francesetti, Ivana Vidakovic and Peter are the member of this committee. Ivana is involved in this work in Serbia as well and therefore she is very experienced.

AIM of the committee:

- I. to support research in Gestalt Therapy on European level;
 - a. evaluate the PBI and EAGT project;
 - II. to support translation of important books on European level;
 - III. to support also books that are in process of being written, who to bring them out and who will take the economical risk. Also a criterion for EAGT but it has to be an interesting topic.
- One book which meets the project is the book with the title 'Frits Perls in Berlin 1893-1933', author is Bernd Bocian. The publisher is already informed to translate the book into English. He would do it if someone cover the costs and Peter already can inform us that DVG will cover a part of the costs namely € 2.500,=.
 - The research committee will also ask for money by involving the Fundraising Committee.
 - Greet mentions that in the Dutch/Flemish NOGT they edited a book themselves.
 - Nancy states that the book is a disaster because it is full of spelling errors and misspelled names (the book is not copy edited). So please cover this before translating the book.
 - The committee is open for new members and therefore you can contact Peter.

To update the list of our literature on our website is an important tool for the committee, to finally have all literature. Does the AGM back this up? It is unanimously accepted.

7. Election of External Relations & NOGTs officer

Peter introduces this item with the fact that the job profile was written in the last Newsletter and 3 candidates would like to do this job (to read the complete job description please download Newsletter # 14). Peter expresses that it would be very good to have someone who has experience in a NOGT or as a leader but she should not connect to an Institute. Three candidates sent in a CV. Pia Marie Keanius, one of the candidates, is here to present herself and Peter welcomes her. Unfortunately Emilija Stoimenova called this morning that she could not come because her husband is seriously ill and therefore she cancelled her flight. Jelena Zeleskov Djoric from Serbia apologized herself due a conflict in work.

Voting procedure is explained (see page 14) at voted on. The procedure is unanimously accepted.

We need a counting committee of 3 persons. Sina, Dieter and Beatrix volunteer for that task and form the counting committee. Everybody agrees to this.

Peter invites Pia Marie to say something about her motivation.

Pia Marie is glad to be here. She had membership seat in the Swedish board and she likes that work very much. She also likes to write and refers to her written work in the paper and finally we all can see her now.

Peter will summarize Emilija Stoimenova Canevska's and Jelena Zeleskov Djoric's CV from the Newsletter:

Emilija:

There is an objection which Peter states because there is a conflict in Macedonia, she reflected on this and she thinks she could build bridges. She speaks several languages and she would be a ball of energy.

Jelena:

Jelena she is a younger person in education, she is motivated and eager to contribute to EAGT. She has no experience in leading a National organisation.

Peter is asking Pia to leave the room in case someone has questions and a discussion is followed about the candidates.

Results of the voting on the NOGTs officer:

Peter informs the AGM that there are 3 candidates and 62 votes, 2 of these votes are not valid. The AGM has decided for a new officer by voting with 50% + 1 more vote for Jelena. She gained 35 votes, Pia gained 24 votes and Emilija gained 1 votes.

8. Re-nomination of TSC officers:

The following officers can be re-nominated:

1. Levi, Nurith
2. Page, Faye
3. Pecotic, Lidija

Peter asks whether there are other propositions. Gianni expresses that he strongly supports to continue the re-nomination.

Results of the voting on the re-nominations:

It is unanimously approved and therefore the officers are re-nominated.

9. Statutes changes

Not ready to vote on (see point 1 Welcome)

10. Accreditation procedure GPO

Not ready to vote on (see point 1 Welcome)

11. Elections GPO standards committee

Not ready to vote on (see point 1 Welcome)

12. Voting on joint membership with MAP (new Maltese NOGT)

Not ready to vote on (see point 1 Welcome)

13. EAGT conference 2010

Sibylle Ahlbrecht one of the organisers of the 10th conference mentions that flyers were printed. She is pointing out that the first deadline is end of October of this year. This deadline concerns registration fee.

Greet is asking whether it is correct that there are no reductions for groups. Sibylle answers her to contact the organisers about this.

14. Miscellaneous

Nothing is brought up.

15. Next AGM

Thursday, 9 September from 9:30 till 16:30 AGM

Next General Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 8th from 9:30 till 17:00. As usual the evening before we will have a joint meal (September 7th)

16. Closing of meeting

Peter closes the meeting and wishes everyone a good time in Berlin and he is thanking all participants.

ABBREVIATIONS LIST

EC	Executive Committee
GB	General Board
DVG	Deutsche Vereinigung für Gestalttherapie DVG e.V.
SVG	Schweizer Verein für Gestalttherapie und Integrative Therapie
SFG	La Société Française de Gestalt
NVAGT	Nederlands Vlaamse Associatie voor Gestalttherapie en Gestalttheorie
SIPG	Societa Italiana Psicoterapia Gestalt
BGS	British Gestalt Society
HAGT	Hellenic Association for Gestalt Therapy
ÖAGG/IG	Österreichischer Arbeitskreis für Gruppentherapie und Gruppendynamik
AETG	Asociación Española de Terapia Gestalt
ISGTA	Israeli Gestalt Therapy Association
IVGT	Institut pro výcvik v Gestalt terapii
SLOGES	Slovene Association for Gestalt Therapy
GITA	Institute for Gestalt Therapy, Ljubljana
ARGI	Association of Russian-language Gestalt Institutes
NSG	Nederlandse Stichting Gestalt
GPTIM	Gestalt Psychotherapy Training Institute Malta
MAGT	Macedonian Association for Gestalt Therapy
JUGT	Jugoslovensko Udruzenje Za Gestalt Terapiju
SAG	Swedish Association of Authorised Gestalt therapists
NGF	Norsk Gestaltterapeut Forening
NGI	Norskse Gestalt Institute ANS
PSPP	Instytut Terapii Gestalt OK PSPP
GS-B	Gestalt Studio – Beograd
CTP	Center of Therapy and Psychology
EPG	Ecole Parisienne de Gestalt
TSC	Training Standard Committee
EAP	European Association for Psychotherapy
ECP	European Certificate of Psychotherapy
NAO	National Awarding Organization
NUO	National Umbrella Organization
NOGT	National Organization for Gestalt Therapy
EWAO	European Wide Accrediting Organization
AGM	Annual General Meeting
AOB	All other business
GPO	Gestalt Practitioner in Organization
AM	Associate member
CM	Cooperative member
OM	Ordinary (formerly called full) member
FM	Full member (according to statutes called ordinary)
MAP	Malta Association for Psychotherapy
HR&SR	Human Rights & Social Responsibility

Draft - Letter to all EAGT individual members and NOGTs.

Date:

Dear....

Since 2004 the EAGT has a Human Rights and Social Responsibility Committee (HR&SR). This Committee aims to explore the interface between Gestalt Psychotherapy and the socio-political context, with specific reference to the advancement of human rights.

HR&SR Committee cooperates with Peace Brigade International and explores the possibilities for joint work and synergy in promotion of nonviolence and protecting human rights. Peace Brigades International (PBI) is an international grassroots NGO that has promoted non-violence and protected human rights. The main focus of PBI is international accompaniment, for protecting human rights defenders threatened with violence because of their work, but also peace education. PBI sends international volunteers to areas of conflict, providing protective accompaniment to human rights defenders threatened by political violence, and also facilitate other peace-building initiatives (www.peacebrigades.org).

HR&SR Committee is willing to support the work of PBI in various areas when it comes to emotional support of volunteers in preparation, field work and debriefing, individual and in team coaching.

PBI asked HR&SR Committee to provide them with a list of Gestalttherapists in case a volunteer needs professional support during or after his/her stay in the field. The professional support will be given by a Gestalttherapist of the home country of the volunteer.

When you are interested to do this work for PBI volunteers please apply to HR&SR Committee by sending an e-mail to EAGT Office.

Conditions are:

- ✓ Registered as full member of EAGT or registered as full member by an accredited NOGT of EAGT.
- ✓ Willing to work on voluntary basis (reimbursement of fixed expenditures) with a maximum of 20 sessions of one hour.
- ✓ Willing to keep in contact with the HR&SR Committee for exchange of experiences.
- ✓ Demonstrable experience in work with traumatized people, stress and burn out as a result of working and living in long lasting unsafe environment.
- ✓ Demonstrable experience in work with (International) NGO's and culture differences.

Please fill in the attached form with personal details, experiences etc. and send this back to EAGT office. Being accepted by HR&SR Committee does not mean PBI will make use of your offer.

With kind regards,

On behalf of the HR&SR Committee
Guus Klaren, acting Chair

VOTING PROCEDURE:

Before the opening of the Annual General Meeting the number of votes will be determined (present entitled votes and proxy votes). Also before the actual voting, the voting procedure will be determined. The voting procedure will be held in writing by using voting cards.

VOTING PROCEDURE:

With 1 candidate:

- The entitled and proxy votes will vote (first round);
- The candidate will be appointed with 50% + 1 or more of the votes;
- At an outcome of less than 50% + 1 there are 2 options:
 1. Voluntary withdrawal of the candidate or;
 2. A second voting round will follow, after which the candidate will be appointed regardless the outcome.

P.S. It is possible to abstention your vote. To come to a decision, only the votes in favour of the candidate will count.

Two candidates:

- The entitled and proxy votes will vote (first round);
- The candidate will be appointed with 50% plus 1 or more of the votes;
- When the votes are equally divided a second voting round will follow;
- The candidate with the majority of the votes will be appointed;

Three or more candidates:

- The entitled and proxy votes will vote (first round);
- The candidate who will have 50% + 1 or more of the votes will be appointed after the first round;
- In case none of the candidates reaches 50% + 1 or more of the votes, a second voting round will follow;
- Candidates who would like to voluntarily withdraw themselves can let this known before the second voting round;
- The candidate with the majority of the votes after the second voting round will be appointed;
- In case the votes are equally divided (the remaining candidates have the same number of votes) the number of votes of the first and second round will be added up. The candidate with the majority of these votes will be appointed.