

Certifying Coordinator Assembly  
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Planning Team:

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Working groups brought proposals for action to the whole group. These were crafted by these small working groups and considered by all the coordinators present.

“YES” means we found a consensus and will move forward together.

“NO” means we did not have agreement so we are not able to move forward now.

Some projects were suggested that didn't require consensus, just people who want to work on them.

The responsibility for working on these projects and following up on these decisions is the job of the Certifying Coordinators. Prime Movers are heading up groups of CCs interested in working on particular projects. We contacted Prime Movers and listed here those who responded that they are taking on projects. If we have not listed you as the Prime Mover of your project, please contact us and we will revise the list.

Decisions made include:

1. Actions Certifying Coordinators will take.
2. Proposals for forward steps by TFI Board and the International Leadership Council.

Actions Certifying Coordinators decided to take

1. The felt sense of the assembly is that sharing Focusing is a huge field. Certification as a trainer is only a small element of this. YES

(We state this to reaffirm for ourselves as CCs that we will NOT require all teaching of Focusing to be done exclusively by certified trainers. It is also a request that TFI take this into account in making policy on certification.)

2. Distinct from, but not excluding the International Leadership Council, a group of Coordinators will carry forward the discussion on certification. YES Prime mover: Sally Tadmor, with team of Ann Weiser Cornell, Barbara McGavin and Ruth Hirsch

3. This CC working group on certification will develop and submit to TFI an interim proposal for certification of Certifying Coordinators and Focusing Trainers by the end of 3 months (end of October 2015). YES

4. The certification working group will gather evidence on how coordinators certify. NO

5a. The Clarity and Diversity working group will collect Coordinators' statements about certification and competencies. The purpose is NOT to limit and codify, but to be clearer in our diversity.

- What competencies would I expect of a trainer trained by me?
- What competencies would I expect of someone trained by anyone else. YES

Prime Mover Ann Weiser Cornell, team: Sally Tadmor

- 5b. This group will re-examine the list of proficiencies on the TFI website. YES

6. The Folio Task Group will determine how the Folio can become more multilingual, more widely read, and funded so the editors can be paid. YES

Prime Mover: Paula Nowick

7. The Coordinators will meet in the days prior to the 2016 International Focusing conference. YES

8. From 2016 on, the International Focusing Conference will meet every other year, in even numbered years. In odd-numbered years we want to open the time for other large conferences, such as FOT or regional conferences. YES

This is direction for all future organizers of conferences.

9. The 2018 International Focusing Conference will be in the month of May: NO

10. The time of year and exact dates of International Focusing Conferences will be left to the organizers to decide. YES

11. The Coordinators will meet every year, in conjunction with some larger Focusing gathering during non-International Conference years. (FOT, Children Focusing Conference, etc.) YES

#### Proposals for Forward Steps by TFI

12 a. The felt-sense of this assembly is that The Focusing Institute (TFI) be re-visioned as an international hub, with a name change reflecting its international character. One possible name is TIFI: The International Focusing Institute. YES

12 b. There needs to be wider consultation on any name change. YES

13. TFI has to stay in New York State. NO

14. It is our felt sense that the TFI website should be upgraded. YES

15. The Focusing Institute will develop a way to effectively deal with conflicts and educate the community on tools they can use to navigate conflict YES

Prime Mover: Beatrice Blake

NOTE: there is a functional whole on conflict with Astrid Shillings as Prime Mover. She will be consulted.

16. The list of proficiencies on the TFI website will be removed. NO

#### Projects

1. Develop International Networking connected to TFI: Prime movers Sergio Lara, Hejo Feuerstein, Akira Ikemi  
To create a structure that can connect all of us, a network to be in touch and know what is really happening in any country. We intend it to be also connected to TFI.

2. Find a Host for 2018 International

Marine de Freminville will check with one group that may want to do this.

2. Explore the relationship between Focusing Oriented Therapists and TFI

Prime Mover: Helene Brenner

3. Reconnecting Project - letters will be written to reconnect with Trainers and Coordinators who used to be TFI members and active in the Focusing community, but are not now.

Prime Movers: Mako Hikasa and Nina Joy Lawrence

4. Create a Focusing Corner in the new website design, where people could go for actually doing Focusing. No

Prime Mover:

5. Begin a North American CC organization. No Prime Mover

6. Focusing Smart Phone App Prime Mover: Mako Hikasa, with Sally Tadmor

7. Follow Up on Projects without Prime Movers. Prime Mover: Jerry Conway