



## Board of Trustees

MINUTES  
August 2021  
Online

*Documents sent via email prior to meeting*

From Nelle:

- Agenda
- Template for Board Minutes
- TIFI about the board draft 5.23.21 and comments from Paula
- Annual meeting with members
- TIFI Board DRAFT Minutes 2021.07 (with CT edits)

From Catherine:

- Strategic Conversation Notes 2021.08
- TIFI ED report to BoD 2021.08
- Website update for board 2021.08

From Peter:

- ED Evaluation Process in Prose (to be discussed in September meeting)

PRESENT: Nelle Moffett, Florentina Sassoli, Darryl Commings, Peter Afford, Evelyn Fendler-Lee, Catherine Torpey

ABSENT: Paula Nowick

PRIME MOVER: Nelle

I. ATTUNEMENT: A minute of silence.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes from July meeting were approved as amended.

III. CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORMS

Forms were completed and sent to Sherrie. A moment to celebrate.

IV. SELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

The Board officers were appointed with no objections.

Treasurer: Darryl  
Vice President: Evelyn  
President: Nelle

#### V. PORTFOLIO ASSIGNMENTS

The portfolios of the Board Members were assigned by Catherine and Nelle.

Finance: Darryl  
Nominating Committee: Flor  
Diversity, Gendlin Center: Evelyn  
Website: Peter  
Strategic Planning: Nelle  
Goodwill Calls: Paula

Catherine will work with the Membership Committee to draft a "Diversity of People" statement; This was originally intended to be done by Evelyn and Catherine as part of the Diversity Portfolio, but the Board had no objection to this new plan.

#### VI. "ABOUT THE BOARD" DOCUMENT

The written document with suggested edits and further suggestions of Paula were submitted in advance. The final decision about the suggested changes was tabled from last meeting.

The necessity of further changes was discussed in the context of: There should be a process, there should be good will, and there should be communication.

Outcome: The document was confirmed in the old version as a "living document". Changes can be made in future if issues are coming up that are not clarified in the actual document. However, the new changes were not approved.

We acknowledge the effort of Peter put into drafting the document.

#### VII. BOARD ANNUAL MEETING FOR MEMBERS

The process for Board Annual Meeting for members was confirmed as suggested by Nelle, with the amendment listed below.

In order to give members more time for questions and discussions, we decided to shorten the time for board members' presentations to a total of 30 minutes.

At the first meeting on Monday September 27, 7 pm (EDT) the Board members Evelyn, Nelle, Flor, Darryl, and Paula will be present. At the meeting on Friday, October 1, 10 am (EDT) Evelyn, Flor, Peter, and Paula will be present.

#### VIII. DIVERSITY STATEMENT UPDATE

There was no further input on the revised diversity statement from the Weeklong. A report will be provided in time for the September Board meeting.

#### IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

A written report was submitted and discussed.

Catherine asked for clarification from the Board on its relationship to the Nominating Committee. There was general agreement that the person assigned Nominating as their portfolio becomes the chair of the Nominating Committee. Catherine volunteered to draft a policy defining the relationship between the Board and the Nominating committee as well as the Board and the Gendlin Center, to be discussed in the next meeting.

Update on recent activities:

- Highlight of Robert Lee will have simultaneous translation in German and Mandarin. This is a further step in offering events in other languages.
- Weeklong was smooth. The offer for last-minute scholarships was very well received and allowed a lot of people to participate.
- The next Felt Sense Conference, which will be on social justice, and the next FOT are now planned for next year.
- The philosophy classes are especially popular.

#### X. STRATEGIC CONVERSATION

Catherine continued to lead the Board in a SWOT analysis, with the emphasis again on Threats. She took notes and will send them to the Board. The analysis will continue in September.

#### XI. Closing Attunement

*The next Board Meeting will be Friday, September 10, at 12noon (U.S. Eastern time)*