



THE INTERNATIONAL FOCUSING INSTITUTE

Building on the work of Eugene T. Gendlin since 1979

Board of Directors

MINUTES

11th August 2023

Online

Documents sent via email prior to meeting.

- Agenda
- Board Minutes 2023.07.14 – DRAFT.doc
- Roles of ILC and Board – rev 2023.03.11.docx
- Board Goals by Portfolio – 2023.docx
- Conflict of Interest form.doc
- TIFI ED Report to BoD 2023.08.11.pdf

PRESENT: Nelle Moffett, Evelyn Fendler- Lee, Darryl Commings, Flor Sassoli, Eveline Moor Züllig, Veronica Urioste, Patrick Duffy, Catherine Torpey

ABSENT: All present

GUESTS: New Coordinators: Florentina Palada (Romania), Sigal Ketsev Golan (Israel)
Guests: Beatrice Blake (USA), Astrid Schilling (Germany), Salvador Moreno-Lopez (Mexico).

TAKING MINUTES: Veronica Urioste.

ATTUNEMENT: Eveline Moor Züllig

- I. Approval of Minutes – Minutes from 2023.07.09 unanimously approved.
- II. Selection of Board Officers for President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Recorder/Secretary: Members of the Board holding these roles were invited to let us know if they would like to continue in Board of Directors. All agreed to carry on. The slate was re-elected for another year:
 - Nelle Moffett – President
 - Evelyn Fendler-Lee – Vice President
 - Darryl Commings – Treasurer
 - Veronica Urioste – Recorder/Secretary
- III. Update on the Conflict-of-Interest Form – All Board members are required to revise and send a signed copy of this form to Elizabeth Cantor in the TIFI office at elizabeth@focusing.org. As a non-profit organization TIFI is legally required to have these on file on a yearly basis.

- IV. Annual Autumn Meeting of Board with Members – A date in November will be set for the Board to meet with Members of TIFI for an informal conversation offering in this way the opportunity for the wider community to meet the Board.
- V. ILC and Board Interaction – As part of the ongoing collaboration between the Board and the ILC, the Board will suggest to the ILC that a rotating Board member attend an ILC meeting every other month Flor Sassoli volunteered to attend the ILC meeting on 24th October and Veronica Urioste on 12th December.
- VI. Executive Director (ED) Report
A written report was submitted and a verbal report given, including information on:
- Weeklong Finance report. A new pricing structure will be put in place in 2024.
 - Website finances
 - Updates on Diversity
 - News Feed has successfully replaced the In Focus Newsletter
 - Video Sales Project
 - Fundraising Campaign for scholarship funds
 - Upcoming Events are:
 - Gendlin Symposium 28th Sept to 1st October
 - FOT Conference 2nd to the 5th November
 - TAE Academy 25th to 28th January 2024
 - Focusing Academy (tentative) February 29 – March 3
- VII. Strategic Conversations – “Experiential Focusing” – During the second hour of the Board meeting the above-mentioned guests were present to share their feedback on the topic of automated translation. Both in Europe and Latin America there are challenges about translation between different languages, “Tower of Babel” or even in the same language, the meaning created is individual. It could be more helpful and meaningful to refer to Focusing as “Gendlin’s Focusing”, the name Gendlin does not need translation. Each guest shared their wisdom, that is not just about translating but more about a human perspective. Central to this is to highlight that Gendlin’s philosophy through the experiencing and creation of meaning is much more than Focusing. This is what needs to be promoted, the idea of creating a glossary of terms, defining each word was suggested.

MEETING CLOSED

*The next Board Meeting will be 8th September 2023 at 12noon (U.S. Eastern time)
Please note that subsequently, the Board decided to skip the September Board meeting.
Next meeting: October 13, 2023 at 12noon (U.S. Eastern time)*