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Board of Directors
MINUTES
10th May 2024
Online

Documents sent via email:

- Agenda
- Demographic Survey.docx
- Possible revision of Goals.docx
- Q1 2024 actuals against budget for Board 2024.05.xlsx
- Volunteer minute taker idea.docx
- TIFI ED report to BoD 2024.05.pdf

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

GUESTS: Tom Larkin (Ireland) and Bill Gayner (Canada)

TAKING MINUTES: Veronica Urioste

ATTUNEMENT: Nelle Moffett

I. Board meeting minutes from April 2024 were unanimously approved by the Board.

II. New Board Members – Nelle welcomed and introduced Tom Larkin and Bill Gayner to our Board Meeting. Both had been nominated to become Board Members by the Nominating Committee. The Board thanked Flor for her work as chair of the Nominating Committee.

III. Quarterly Financial Report – A written report was submitted showing the actuals against budget for the first quarter of 2024. Among other things, Darryl pointed out that expenses remain stable and income from certifications continues to be strong. The Board unanimously accepted this report.

IV. Possible Revision of TIFI Goals – Evelyn and Catherine submitted a written draft revision. The 4 Goals of TIFI are in the process of being considered for revision. At the meeting, the revision drafted by Catherine and Evelyn was read and will be discussed at future meetings.

V. International Focusing Conference 2026 – The dates for this Conference have now been set: June 2 is for the Coordinators' meeting. The Conference itself will go from June 3rd until June 7th 2026. The venue has been secured. The name/theme of the Conference will be decided soon. It has been communicated to Coordinators that this Conference will be organized by TIFI instead of the Coordinators, but that they will be (and have been) asked for input throughout the process.

VI. Plan for how Board members can attend events to thank members/volunteers and encourage donations – Board Members are invited to participate by attending the beginnings of events to express appreciation for our volunteers, members and donors. There was discussion about the best process for calendaring which events an individual Board member will attend.

VII. ILC and Board interaction

- a. The ILC will be meeting with Coordinators this week and will present the Governing Document for the ILC which the Board approved, as well as draft documents having to do with possible changes in certification.
- b. Evelyn Fendler-Lee will attend the next ILC meeting on May 28th 2024, at 11:00 am

VIII. Executive Director Report

A written report was submitted which highlighted these items:

- a. Seeking a new Roundtable team
- b. Report on the first Focusing Academy
- c. Evelyn Fendler-Lee and Catherine offered a Highlight recently
- d. The proposal (discussed above) to have Board members pop into events
- e. Report that we now have a web page on racial and social justice
- f. Proposed possible demographic survey to be sent by the Board regarding who in our community identifies in one of our DEI categories (discussed below)

IX. Confirm Board Nominees' interest in joining the Board – Tom Larkin and Bill Gayner each in turn confirmed their interest in joining the Board of Directors.

X. Items for Board Strategic Conversations

a. Draft survey re: diversity data collection – A proposed form to do a survey on demographics within TIFI was discussed. The main question is to establish the demographics of TIFI members and participants. Who is out there? And to invite members to feedback on what they need from TIFI. The current form raises some issues that would fit perfectly in some countries but not in others. This conversation was helpful but other choices need to be considered first. Today was the start of a conversation that will continue.

b. Minute taking in future – The May Board meeting is Veronica Urioste's last meeting. The Board expressed gratitude and said a fond farewell to her as she begins her retirement. Her departure leaves the role of minute-taker open. The Board discussed several options to fill this role, which will be pursued prior to the June meeting.

XI. The Board thanked Tom and Bill for their presence and after they departed the meeting, the Board voted and approved Tom Larkin and Bill Gayner as new members of the Board of Directors, with terms beginning June 2024.

MEETING CLOSED

The next Board Meeting will be 14th June 2024 at 12:00 noon (U.S. Eastern time)