



THE INTERNATIONAL FOCUSING INSTITUTE

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Board of Directors
MINUTES
August 9, 2024
Online

Documents sent via email prior to meeting

- Agenda
- Minutes of July Meeting
- Board Meeting Draft
- New Revision of goals for TIFI
- By-Laws of TIFI
- Executive Director Report
- TIFI Policies and Procedures

PRESENT:

Nelle Moffett, Evelyn Fendler-Lee, Darryl Commings, Tom Larkin, Eveline Moor-Züllig, Catherine Torpey, Ilse Pieth (for minute taking)

ABSENT:

Bill Gayner, Flor Sassoli

GUESTS (AT BEGINNING OF MEETING)

2 new Coordinators:

- Annette Dubreuil (Toronto, Canada)
- Amos (Chuen Ye) Cheung (Hong Kong)

I. MINUTES

DECISION: The minutes from July are approved.

II. Attunement led by Tom

III. Draft Revision of TIFI Goals

Evelyn clarified that in the new revision, she and Catherine had taken into account the conversation at the last meeting about the explicit inclusion of FOT, which is now included in Goal 2.

Discussion as to the areas mentioned in the goals:

Ideas which arose in conversation included whether spirituality ought to be mentioned explicitly, and/or thoughts about the moral implications of our work. In response, it was mentioned that there could be an endless list of applications. Much is implicit in Gendlin's philosophy. Coordinators have the role of spreading Focusing in the

world, with their many various specific interests and businesses. There was consensus that the applications listed be limited to those specifically developed by Gendlin: TAE, FOT, and Focusing.

Nelle suggested that Catherine and Evelyn bring a specific topic from the goals to each meeting, to continue the discussion in upcoming meetings.

Evelyn pointed out the section of the document labeled “Our suggestion for process.” That section outlined the idea that, after the Board approves the latest version, it be brought to “the people.” After discussion, there was consensus that it be brought to the ILC and committees, and presented as a final product, but of course with openness if there were comments which the Board wants to incorporate.

IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS (Nelle)

- Motion to renew the terms of Darryl and Flor (who have served for three years)

Decision: Darryl and Flor are elected to their second 3-year terms.

- Three offices are up for election:

Treasurer (Darryl)

Decision: Darryl is elected for another one year term as Treasurer

President (Nelle for another year)

Decision: Nelle is elected for another one year term as President

Vice-President (who might take over the office of President next year): Nelle proposes Bill.

As Bill is not present, **election of the Vice President is postponed to the next meeting.**

V. BY-LAWS

Proposal to change the date for voting for officers: instead of a specific date, change the by-laws to simply state that there should be an annual vote. Discussion centered around the idea that it is helpful to have a set date for this.

Decision: leave the by-laws unchanged including the August date for electing officers

VI. INTERNATIONAL FOCUSING CONFERENCE update

Price of the venue seems reasonable (also compared to Conference in Switzerland). There was discussion with several suggestions of how to make it accessible to those with fewer resources.

VII. ILC-BOARD INTERACTION

Eveline attended her first ILC meeting in her new role as ILC liaison. Catherine reminded the Board of its previous decision that Eveline will attend the ILC every other month, and that an ILC member will attend the Board every other month.

Eveline reported that the ILC continues its work on adding a new level of certification, and she enjoyed being present for their discussion.

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

A written report was submitted to the Board. Topics:

- Reading Freshly group (reading Focusing by Gendlin)
- Focusing Website (being constantly reviewed and updated)
- Languages – efforts to have more programming in a variety of languages
- Honoring Milestones event (taking place two hours prior to next Board meeting)
- A group of FOT's discussing a new FOT organization
- Intellectual Property (Gillian continues work)

BUSINESS TO BE TAKEN UP AT NEXT MEETING:

Discussion of Review of By-Laws and Policies Document is postponed.

Minutes by Ilse Pieth, edited by Nelle Moffett and Catherine Torpey