



THE INTERNATIONAL FOCUSING INSTITUTE

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Board of Directors
MINUTES
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- Agenda
- Unedited Minutes from September Meeting

PRESENT: Nelle Moffett, Evelyn Fendler Lee, Eveline Moor, Bill Gayner, Darryl Commings, Tom Larkin

ABSENT: Catherine Torpey, Flor Sassoli

GUESTS: Michèle Jodoin, Montreal, Canada

I. GREETING THE NEW COORDINATORS

The Board greeted and congratulated Michèle Jodoin on becoming a new Coordinator

II. MINUTES for September were reviewed and will be submitted for approval at the November meeting.

III. ATTUNEMENT led by Bill

IV. DRAFT REVISION OF BOARD GOALS

The review of the latest revision was tabled until November meeting.

V. ILC-BOARD INTERACTION

There was nothing new to report this month.

VI. ANNUAL BOARD MEETING FOR MEMBERS

The annual meeting held by the Board for all members of TIFI has not yet been scheduled this year. It usually has been held in the fall. There was discussion concerning the relevance of these meetings, and about how often they should be scheduled. There was consensus that these meetings are very important to offer to the members, to provide transparency and accessibility of the Board. The international aspect of Focusing can be

strengthened, members from diverse backgrounds can connect, dissenting views can be heard and discussed. There was consensus that the meetings should continue to be offered annually, although no date was set.

VII PORTFOLIO REPORTS

Gendlin Center: Evelyn reports that a survey will go out soon from the Gendlin Center committee to gather information about who is teaching Gendlin within university settings.

Membership: Tom reported on a „Pop-up“ Focusing online event being organized, which will give anyone who is a certified member or who is a member with the Proficiency in Focusing Partnership (PFP) award a chance to meet one another, and possibly even find a Focusing partner. Members with certification or the PFP can also find Focusing partners through the Partnership Network on TIFI's website. The Membership Committee is working on a survey of members to see how many of them are aware of (or are using) the Partnership Network.

Finances: Darryl reported that the financial transparency that TIFI has achieved is very important. Board members expressed appreciation for this, and it was suggested that an article about TIFI's financial situation could be put into the InFocus News Feed, to keep the membership informed.

Strategic Planning and Intellectual Property: The consultant's work on reviewing Gendlin's intellectual property is still in progress. Nelle reported that she requested that Catherine provide the Board with a summary by year's end of what we now know about TIFI's rights to Gendlin's intellectual property, thanks to the work of the consultant. Eveline reported that the consultant had contacted her for advice about a German language contract. (Catherine was not able to give an update, as she did not attend the meeting, due to being at the Weeklong for Advanced Focusers.)

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