



THE INTERNATIONAL FOCUSING INSTITUTE

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MINUTES - The International Focusing Institute Board of Trustees

Date: March 7, 2018

Documents submitted prior to the meeting via email

- Agenda
- ED report
- February Minutes
- February Board To Do List
- Spring 2018 Fundraiser Case for Support revised

PRESENT: David Rome (president), Susan Rudnick, Paula Nowick, Hanspeter Muehlethaler (Treasurer), Dana Ganihar, Catherine Torpey, Sherrie Lynne (for minute taking, present during first hour).

PRIME MOVER: David Rome

I. OPENING SILENCE AND CHECK IN

II. FEBRUARY MINUTES APPROVED

III. BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

- Due to scheduling and additional joint ILC/Board Working Meetings, Board agrees to skip Felt Sensing meetings in March, April and May.
- Board will meet on the First Wednesday in April and May as well.

IV. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

- Board acknowledged the importance of keeping the nominating process ongoing and to continue discussing the subject.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- The Board gave feedback on the updated version of Spring Fundraising campaign that Catherine had sent. They will send further comments by email.
- The Board discussed the upcoming Spring New York Felt Sensing Conference and reviewed budget for same. Board discussed the question of its role in planning or giving input to such events.
- The practice of having Coordinators visit Board meetings will begin in April
- Catherine reviewed the plans for joint conversations with the ILC. A small Working Group (Susan, Hejo, Roberto, Catherine and Elizabeth Cantor) will meet again and draft ideas and/or questions about TIFI's relationship with national/regional bodies. Then small groups of Board and ILC members will meet and have discussions based on what the Working Group came up with. Finally, in late April the Board and ILC will have a joint meeting for two hours on the topic led by Rosa Zubizarreta.

- Plans are underway for meeting with Focusing Initiatives. We have a volunteer from the Focusing community who will act as facilitator. David will reach out to Anna Willman.
- With the new website, we will shift toward promoting classes which our Trainers and Coordinators upload to the site. Therefore, Catherine has informed Charlotte Howorth and Ruth Hirsch that 2018 is the last year that we will run their courses.

VI. APRIL MEETING WILL BE DEDICATED TO BOARD FUNCTIONING QUESTIONS SUCH AS:

- Follow up on to do's
- How to use the Strategic Plan/Goals to inform board meetings
- Changes to Nominating process
- Discussion on how to choose officers and what their terms should be
- Convening committees
- Annual self review of board
- Annual Board review of ED

VIII. DECISION

- Board agreed to send out the last month's To Do list with the agenda. Future agendas will begin with going over the previous month's To Do list. Unfinished To DO's will be carried forward as old business.

IX. CLOSING SILENCE

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