



THE INTERNATIONAL FOCUSING INSTITUTE

Building on the work of Eugene T. Gendlin since 1979

Board of Trustees

MINUTES

June 13, 2018

Documents submitted prior to the meeting via email

- Agenda
- ED report
- May Board Minutes
- May To Do List

PRESENT: David Rome (President), Paula Nowick (Vice President), Susan Rudnick (Secretary), Hanspeter Muehlethaler (Treasurer), Dana Ganihar, Leslie Ellis, Catherine Torpey, Sherrie Lynne (for minute taking present for first hour).

PRIME MOVER: Paula Nowick

I. WELCOME TO NEW COORDINATOR: JOSEPH SING (China)

- The Board greeted and met with Joseph.

II. OPENING SILENCE AND BRIEF CHECK IN (led by Susan)

- Noted that David's term is ending in June but plans to stay involved with fundraising.
- David commented/shared on how good he feels about where the Institute is at this time, how great this group of Trustees has come together as a Board, what great progress has been made since he came on the Board, "positive on all fronts."
- The Board expressed appreciation to David for his service.
- The anniversary of Gene's passing was noted.

III. REVIEW OF THE TO DO LIST

Catherine reviewed the To Do list

- Catherine reported that she and Elizabeth reviewed Coordinator dues payments and could not find any obvious patterns. (This was in response to a question in the previous month.)
- Catherine gave an explanation of APA's (American Psychological Association) history with the Institute and the issue of continuing education credits. The Institute is currently appealing to the APA to allow us to continue to be able to offer Continuing Education Units (CEUs).

IV. MAY MINUTES APPROVED

V. ELECTION OF NEW BOARD PRESIDENT

Motion: David proposed Paula as the new Board President. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

VI. ELECTION OF NEW BOARD VICE PRESIDENT

Motion: Susan nominated Leslie Ellis as new Board Vice President. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

VII. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES WITH FOCUSING INITIATIVES

- It was noted that the Institute has tried to resolve the issues with Focusing Initiatives for four years, and has been frustrated by the lack of willingness on their part to engage. Their recent decision to end plans for a conversation between the two organizations was discussed. David updated the Board on recent information. A discussion followed. It was noted that the main concerns are that their name creates confusion, that their web and email addresses are especially problematic. Possible next steps were discussed.

VIII. STRATEGIC PLAN PORTFOLIOS

- Paula led a review of goals two, three and part of four (partial due to time constraints) actions from the Strategic Plan with the Board and portfolios were assigned to each action.

IX. "STEPPING UP" FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

- Thanks were expressed to David for all his productive work on fundraising.
- The request to get 50 people to make Facebook campaigns or email campaigns was discussed. Instructions have been sent out by email and all details have also been set up on the website: focusing.org/steppingup.
- Board discussed other ideas for ways they could be involved in fundraising.

X. THANK YOU TO DAVID ROME

XI. CLOSING