



THE INTERNATIONAL FOCUSING INSTITUTE

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Board of Trustees

MINUTES

October 10, 2018

Documents submitted for this meeting

- Agenda
- Letter to The Institute Board
- Draft of Possible Response to Letter
- Executive Director report
- September Board Minutes
- Financial Report 2018, 3rd Quarter actuals against budget
- September ToDo list

PRESENT: Paula Nowick (President), Susan Rudnick (Secretary), Hanspeter Muehlethaler (Treasurer), Dana Ganihar, Nancy Falls, Catherine Torpey.

NOT PRESENT: Leslie Ellis (away)

PRIME MOVER: Paula Nowick

I. WELCOME TO NANCY FALLS

- The Board welcomed its newest member, Nancy Falls, with introductions all around.

II. FOCUSING ON BOARD TOPIC

- Board members paired up and went into breakout rooms to discuss the topic: whom do we serve?
- This was followed by a rejoining of the full group to share.

III. LETTER TO THE BOARD

- The Board had received a letter from a group of 10 members of the Institute asking for clarification on issues regarding the website and support of Certified Focusing Professionals. The letter was discussed at length. It was decided that the issues were operational and so should be addressed by the Executive Director, but that the Board would write a short response as well.

IV. PORTFOLIO UPDATE

- The Board discussed setting up committees under each Board member for their portfolios. Paula summarized that the committees could be made up of a combination of experts (who might not be Focusers) and members of the Focusing community. These committees would meet and report to the Board members who would then report to the Board. The Board made suggestions on possible committee members for each portfolio.
- Nancy was given the Portfolio of Fundraising.

V. FINANCIAL REPORT

- Catherine presented the 3rd quarter actuals against the budget.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT / ILC & BOARD JOINT MEETINGS

- Catherine submitted a written report in advance of the meeting. The report included information about the upcoming tax returns, special plans for a future Weeklong, hiring which is in process and possible future hires, and a brief update on the International Leadership Council (ILC).
- The issue of meeting with the ILC came up again. A joint meeting will be arranged, as previously decided.
- In addition, Board members will take the initiative to set up meetings with ILC members for conversation and/or Focusing. The suggested pairs were presented by Catherine in the agenda. The topic suggested for these Board/ILC pairings was based on the question used earlier: Whom do we serve? The question that had come up for one person was suggested as a possible topic: “What kind of reality are we inviting people to participate in?”
- The document on Affiliated Organizations was tabled, except to note that Paula and Catherine brought to the Board that this was a document that the Board should work on before presenting it to the ILC for its consideration.

VII. SEPTEMBER MINUTES APPROVED

VIII. NOVEMBER MEETING

The Board will meet on the 2nd Wednesday in November (Nov 14th) for 2.5 hours with a short break. There will be no meeting in December.

IX. CLOSING REFLECTION AND SHARING