



GIFCT-US Board Meeting Minutes
January 16th, 2019
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In Attendance:

Shruti Tekwani – Interim Executive Director, Recording Secretary, Northeast Region
Lois Knapton – Chair
Jim Mishler – Midwest Region
Janette More – Product Director, Treasurer & Sunbelt Region
Sharon Carder-Jackson – Mid American Region
Martin Price – Northwest Region

Not in attendance:

Kim Olver – Member at large
John Mieras – Vice Chair, At Large
Shana O’Boyle – Southeast Region
– Mountain States Region
– West Region

1. Approve December 2019 minutes: Jan moved and Sharon seconded the motion to approve the December 2019 minutes. There were no objections and the motion passed.
2. Treasurer’s Report
 - a. Update on Katy David: Katy David is the lawyer we consulted with regarding the letter. Her fee was \$3800. We received \$1200 in donations. Jim asked Carleen if we could use the money allocated for scholarships and she said yes, so we had just enough money to pay the lawyer fees.

Request to regions to donate their portion of membership dues back to GIFCT-US: no region has requested that the money be sent to them. Jan moves and Jim seconded that GIFCT-US keep the 5% of membership fees instead of giving it to the regions. The total amount being kept from the regions is \$512.50.

3. Old Business:

- a. Transition (Email, phone number, debit card, P.O. Box):
 - i. Shruti has been getting a lot of emails about membership renewal. Some people are confused about logging in to Thinkific because they think they need to take a course in order to renew their membership. Jan noted that perhaps some explanation would be helpful.
 - ii. Shruti has been going back and forth with customer service to get our number
Jan got us a P.O. Box in Austin, Texas. The new address is: Glasser Institute for Choice Theory - US, P. O. Box 30082, Austin, TX 78755
 - iii. Jan has a debit card for our account as well. We are unable to take Kim off the account at this point as she is listed as the Executive Director with the Secretary of State. It was agreed that Kim would stay on the account for now until we have a more permanent ED.
 - iv. We purchased a new domain www.gifctus.com that is directed to www.wglasser.com. It's more consistent for branding purposes.
- b. West Region Representative: In July, the board voted Les on to the board. Kim sent him a congratulatory email. In November Cesar rescind his resignation. The board discussed this and realized we were remiss in following our procedure because we did not interview him. Lois will call Les and let him know that he is on the board and will clarify that it's Les that will be on the board and not Roxanne. Lois will also reach out to Cesar and let him know that he is welcome to be on the board as a member at large.
- c. Mountain Region Vacancy: Sandy Gates and one more person applied for this position. The Executive Committee will interview any and all candidates interested in this position.
- d. Oklahoma City Decision (Shruti and John): We would like to have a Faculty Retreat but we think March is too soon. Shruti spoke with the hotel in OKC and we are looking at the May 14th to 17th weekend. Shruti and Jan will speak about the budget regarding this retreat.
- e. Board transition (Follow up letter to Kim's letter)
 - i. Zoom call with faculty: We want to invite faculty to talk to us. The intention was to discuss the survey results and then invite the faculty to speak with us and ask questions. Lois will contact Shana and get the summary from her. We will then schedule a Zoom call with faculty before March 11th. It would be at 4pm Pacific/5pm Mountain/6pm Central/7pm Eastern.
 - ii. Shruti will send out a notice to any faculty who has paid dues from as long as we can get information about
- f. Membership Drive (Jim): Jim will send this out to the board
- g. Update on Faculty Survey (Jim): Jim will send out the survey this weekend
- h. Database (how to best use the information): Jim, Denise, and Jan had a meeting about this yesterday. There was discussion about sharing information within regions so that all instructors will be able to see the training that is happening across the nation. Jim and Denise are talking about logistics that needs to be sorted out. We will revisit this next month.

4. New Business:

- a. PPM: Shruti is currently serving as the Executive Director, who doesn't vote. Lois as the President doesn't vote either. Do we need someone to represent the Northeast? This conversation will be tabled until we talk about the Interim Executive Director position.
 - b. Conry: Conry stated that she didn't want to serve on the board anymore. She is happy to continue to help, but she isn't able to be as involved as she was last year. Conry did a whole lot of work on the contracts but they still are not finished. Lois and Jan will talk about this.
 - c. Budget approval: Jim moved and Sharon seconds a motion to accept the presented budget for 2020.
5. Ongoing:
- a. Curriculum Development: February 10th-12 in Austin, Texas at Jan's House: Mona and Kim will be attending. Sharon may be able to join by phone.
 - i. Marty is willing to work on a Chapter on Total Behavior.
 - ii. Lois is working on the external/internal introduction. She will have it to Kim before the 10th of February.
 - iii. "The Essentials of Choice Theory" is now "Living Life with Choice Theory" and is on Thinkific. Jan will make this public to the Faculty for feedback and would like to sell this for \$27.
 - b. WGI Updates (Nancy, Shruti, Janet)
 - i. WGI Conference in Croatia: Please book your hotel rooms by January 23rd in order to get the conference rate
 - c. Regional Updates (If Any): No updates
 - d. Newsletter: Can we beef this up? Are there any articles or topics? Lois will touch base with Shruti about this.
6. 2021 Conference: Shruti (hotel negotiations), John, Sharon, Vicki Harris, Jan (budget)
7. Interim Executive Director Update: We still don't have the funds to hire an ED. A start would be to figure out what we want from an ED. Marty and Sharon don't mind helping, but they don't want to head this committee. Jim is willing to look at qualifications and expectations.
- a. Shruti and Lois will talk about asking someone from the Northeast Region to step in while Shruti is serving as the Interim ED. This way the Northeast will have representation.
8. Action Steps from prior meetings:
- a. Shana – consolidation of U.S. conference
9. Next Meeting:
- a. February 20th, 2020 at 4pm Eastern/3pm Central/2pm Mountain/1pm Pacific
10. Parking Lot/Future Ideas:
- a. Incorporating regions into GIFCT-US
 - b. New Training Model (Kim)

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