



Minutes

GIFT-US Annual Board Meeting
October 15, 2020
5pm Eastern /4pm Central/ 3pm Mountain/ 2pm Pacific

In Attendance:

Lois DaSilva-Knapton – Chair
Brian Patterson, Executive Director
Janette More – Product Director, Treasurer, & Sunbelt Region
Les Triche – West Region
Sharon Carder-Jackson – Mid American Region
Martin Price – Northwest Region
Sandy Gates – Mountain States Region
Steve Tracy - Northeast Region
Jim Mishler – Midwest Region
Sue Tomaszewski - Member -at - large
Cesar Castaneda – Member- at -large
Lauren Joyce - Student Chapter President

Not in attendance:

Shruti Tekwani – Secretary
Shana O’Boyle – Southeast Region
Kim Olver – Member at large

Others: Public members - 16 people

1. Establish a Quorum: *(12 voting members, quorum requires 7 to be present)*

was established at 5:00 pm (E)

- 2. Welcome and Introductions:** This was a virtual meeting on zoom and there were 26 participants, including public and board members. The board was so glad Carleen Glasser joined GIFCT for our annual meeting. Everyone introduced themselves.
- 3. Executive Director Annual Report:** The newly-appointed Executive Director, Brian Patterson shared a one page document as a summary of the years’ work. He spoke from the document. Brian discussed the challenges of compiling this report, as he's only been the executive director for 2 months. After his explanation, Cesar clarified some items. Lois will assist Brian in editing the report and it will become part of the meeting minutes.
- 4. Financials:** Jan More our Treasurer and Sunbelt region representative shared her financial report. The report covered the last five years of finances on a one-page summary. The report will be included with the minutes.

5. **2021 National Conference St Louis Missouri** - The Board is in the process of deciding if our conference will be virtual or face-to-face or a combination of both. More information will be available in the next few months. The dates of the conference are July 7-10, 2021
6. **Basic Intensive Training - BIT (online) introduction** : The GIFCT board has been hard at work this year developing an online training that will supplement the basic intensive. With the help of five faculty members, the course was written and recorded and is placed online on our website and up for purchase. We are awaiting the final approval from the WGI International board. We are hopeful that this online training will allow people from all over the world to join our Choice Theory family. In addition we explained the need for faculty members to provide mentoring to the students during the course, via 2 hour role-play sessions. There are eight 2-hour role-play sessions included with this BIT.
7. **Student Chapter of GIFCT** - The Board initiated a beneficial Student Chapter of GIFCT and Lauren Joyce is the new president of that chapter. Please see the flyer attached to the minutes. We are hopeful that this new chapter breathes fresh ideas into the Choice Theory family.
8. **Overview of GIFCT offerings** - The Board pulled up the website and demonstrated all the free offerings we have, as well as the trainings for sale on our website. See wglasser.com for more info.
9. **Revised updated bylaws** - The Board wanted people to be aware that we have recently revised our bylaws
10. **Member Organization Consultative Document** - WGI - Lois explained that the international board is hard at work making changes to the structure of the board. They have a consultative document that explains these changes. The US is considered a member organization, just as all the other member organizations are called all across the world. Each member organization will be allowed one representative on the international board.
11. **What can the Board do for you?**
 - a. Can We make a commitment to do a training at least every 12 months?
 - b. The public appreciates the financial transparency
 - c. big thank-you goes out to Brian for voluntarily taking over the executive director position
 - d. and a big thank you goes to Shruti for taking on the executive director position early in the year when no one else applied
 - e. I enjoyed the 2020 Virtual Faculty and think one more year of Virtual would help with the bottom financial line increasing
 - f. I can't wait for a safe face-to-face, but I value Zoom learning opportunities also.
 - g. I would meet in person.
 - h. Zoom is certainly better than not meeting at all.
 - i. I would attend a virtual also
 - j. I would attend either way. But also agree with the financial component
 - k. I would need to be vaccinated to attend.

- l. I think if you schedule a virtual now, even if face-to-face becomes available and accessible, people would still attend the virtual. Then the face-to-face retreat could be planned in the fall.
- m. I agree a virtual July Mtg. would be best. Putting together a virtual tour of St. Louis would be a fun option...maybe even having a BBQ, etc. meal together virtually. Happy Hour. And a silent auction with St. Louis items like BBQ sauce, etc.
- n. We have 12 people ready to participate
- o. Are people who've been certified but going for an advanced degree able to join the student chapter?
- p. 2pm third Saturdays is the diversity calls
- q. what is the new guidance, if any, on attaining faculty certification?
- r. brian@wglasser.com is the email for Executive Director of GIFCT (Glasser Institute for Choice Theory)

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm

Minutes submitted by Lois DaSilva-Knapton

Brian Patterson, Executive Director

Lois Knapton, President