



Minutes

Meeting of the Board of Directors

March 18, 2021

Mission

The mission of the Glasser Institute for Choice Theory US is to lead the application and growth of Choice Theory to create a world in which people make responsible, respectful choices and build healthy, fulfilling relationships by applying the concepts of Choice Theory.

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Lois Knapton @ 4:05 p.m. EDT.

The following members of the Board were present:

- Sharon Carder-Jackson
- Cesar Castaneda
- Gloria Cisse
- Lauren Joyce
- Lois Knapton DiSilva
- John Mieras
- Jan More
- Sue Tomaszewski
- Steve Tracy
- Les Triche

Nine members being present in addition to the President, a quorum was established.

Staff:

- Executive Director Brian Patterson was excused from this meeting.

NOTE: Please use the following address to send emails to all members of the Board of Directors: Board@wglasser.com

2. Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: That the minutes of the February 18, 2021 meeting be approved (Steve/Lois)

MOTION: That the pending motion be tabled. (Jan/Sharon)
Motion Adopted (9-0-0) with the President not Voting

3. Ongoing Issues:

a. Executive Director Update: No Report

b. WGI Update: No Report

c. WGI International Conference Recap

i. Conference included several good presentations

ii. Participation (about 50) was disappointing

d. GIFCT-US Conference: John Mieras

i. Theme: “Come Together”.

ii. Planning: John is working with Shruti on conference planning.

(The Board discussed the possibility of canceling this year’s conference, or of postponing a decision regarding holding the conference. Ultimately, the consensus was to proceed with a virtual conference in October.)

- iii. Dates: Conference will take place over a day and a half, from late Friday afternoon on October 15 through the end of the day on Saturday, October 16.
- iv. Format: The conference will be held “virtually”.
- v. Cost: \$97 per participant.
- vi. Presenters:

MOTION: That presenters who do not attend conference sessions other than their own not be charged the conference fee. (Steve/Les)
Motion Adopted (6-3-0) with the President not voting.

MOTION: That a “Call for Presentations” be issued in order to identify presenters for the conference, other than that of the Keynoter. (Cesar/Sue).
Motion Adopted (9-0-0) with the President not voting.

e. Treasurer’s Report: Jan More

- i.** The Report had been distributed to the Board in advance of the meeting.
- ii.** The report showed a “slight improvement” in the organization’s financial position compared to the previous report.

- iii. Gloria reported that the company that created the “Getting What I Want” application is no longer in business. Jan will ask Denise to cease payment for this app.

f. Student Chapter Update: Lauren Joyce

- i. The Student Chapter now has 7 members.
- ii. Lauren presented at the recent WGI Symposium along with another student member.
- iii. Lauren has submitted a manuscript to Dr. Parish for publication in the International Journal of Reality Therapy.
- iv. Dr. Pat Robey has conducted an interview with Lauren for publication in the Journal.

g. Regional Updates:

- i. Southeast (Gloria): The Southeast Region is waiting decision on having its website linked to the GIFCT-US website. The first monthly membership meeting was conducted 3/5/21 with 9 members present. A book club has been formed and will begin reading Dr. Glasser’s *Choice Theory: A New Psychology of Personal Freedom*.

ii. Northeast (Steve): The Northeast Region will conduct its Annual Meeting on April 13, 2021, preceded by elections for Board of Directors. A “Connecting & Conversing” Session was held on March 2, with ten members participating. The Region continues to work with Denise to complete its website and will share the finished product with other regions when complete. Treasurer reports \$13,413 on hand as of 12/31/20.

iii. West (Les): The West Region would like to link its webpage to the GIFCT-US website. The Region is currently working on a format for their page.

Gloria departed the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

4. New/Continued Business:

a. Policy & Procedures Revision Committee: Lois

Work on revision of the training portion of the manual continues.

b. Addition to the Agenda

MOTION: That the appointment of a Training Coordinator be added to the agenda (Lois/John).

Motion Adopted (8-0-0) with the President not voting

c. Reinstatement of the Affiliates Program

Discussion of this item was deferred at Les' request.

d. Marketing: John

The Marketing Committee intends to develop a plan for marketing the recently approved On Line Basic Training Program.

e. Glasser Quality Schools:

Jan suggested that future Board agendas include a report on Glasser Quality Schools activities.

Lauren departed the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

f. Training Plans: Jan

i. Cert weeks are planned for July & December, 2021.
One participant has submitted the \$100 deposit as of this date.

ii. Selection of faculty: The Board of Directors will consider adoption of a new faculty selection Matrix at its April meeting, followed by the solicitation of faculty applicants for Certification Week trainings.

iii. No Faculty Trainings are scheduled at this point.

g. Selection of Board Members: John

- i. April 1: Letters will go out to all members soliciting candidates for open seats on the Board. Seats will be open in the Midwest, Mid-America and Northwest Regions. John will work with Denise to see that notices go out on time.
- ii. April 30: Applications for new Board Members are due.
- iii. July I August: Board reviews applications (letters & resumes).
- iv. August: Board votes on the election of new Members.
- v. September: Board announces names of newly elected Members to the membership.

h. Faculty Call: John

- i. The next faculty call is scheduled for first Thursday in May (May 6) at 8:00 p.m. EDT.
- ii. John will contact Denise to arrange for notice.

i. Training Coordinator: Lois

- i. This is a volunteer position
- ii. Lois will share a description of the position with the Board shortly.
- iii. The Board will review and consider filling the position at April meeting.

*Les departed the meeting at 5:50 p.m.
(NOTE: quorum no longer present)*

i. Reinstatement of Affiliate Program

- i. Inasmuch as a quorum was no longer present, members of the Board decided to convene a Special Meeting on the Affiliate Program.
- ii. Special Meeting on this topic to be scheduled for March 24, 2021 at 4:00 EDT. Jan will distribute a Zoom invitation for this meeting.

5. Adjournment:

MOTION That the meeting be adjourned (Sue/Steve)
Motion Adopted 6-0-0 with the President not voting.

The Meeting Adjourned at 6:00 EDT

Brian Patterson

Brian Patterson, Executive Director

Lois Knapton
Lois DaSilva-Knapton (Jun 2, 2021 22:22 EDT)

Lois Dasilva-Knapton, President