

Minutes
GIFCT-US Board Meeting
Thursday, May 18, 2023
4pm Eastern/3pm Central/2pm Mountain/1pm Pacific

Voting members: Sharon Carder-Jackson, Vicky Harris, Mary Hestand (attended at 5:12 pm), Judith Klefman, Jay Levin (left at 5:01 pm), Kathy Randolph, Sue Tomaszewski, Steve Tracy

Non-voting attendees: Rita Mercer (attended at 4:17 pm)

Absent voting members: Gloria Cissé, Steve Hammond, Jim Soder

Absent non-voting members: Brian Patterson

Welcome – Introductions – Announcements — Sharon Carder-Jackson

Northwest Region (FYI): The NW Region has resumed their monthly Zoom meetings. These will take place on the 4th Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to 12 (noon) Pacific time. We welcome anyone interested in CT/RT/LM/QS to our meetings. If you are interested and not yet on our mailing list, please sign up so you will have the Zoom link. <https://landing.mailerlite.com/webforms/landing/c8o5a1>

Quorum established at 4:05 pm.

Consent Agenda: 1st motion by Steve, 2nd motion by Kathy, no discussion, voted 7 yes, motion passed.

Reports included in Consent Agenda:

1. April Minutes – Vicky Harris
2. Treasurer Report for April – Steve Tracy
3. Counseling Committee Report – Vicky Harris
4. Program Committee Report – Sue Tomaszewski

Old Business: (items carried over from previous meeting)

1. Affiliate Program – Judith Klefman stated she contacted the person who built her site for a quote of a subsite for the affiliate program and membership.
2. Membership – Judith Klefman stated we should not move forward with membership until we have the technology in place to do automatic renewals and billing. Discussed the different categories and wanting to get membership levels changed as soon as we have the technology in place. Jay asked what an alternative is to not waiting, what is the anchor date to have everything in place and how to keep this project on track. Judith has two bids she is waiting for to know how much it will cost to put these 2 items into place. She mentioned maybe \$1,000. Judith stated we are losing members, it is cumbersome process, and not gaining members with the process we have. Judith wants to streamline the process first. Sue asked if we make the changes how will this impact membership even if we do not have the technology in place. Will that spur people to join? Sue suggested only making a partial change and announcing the changes in the categories. Vicky made a motion to table a vote until more discussion can be made. Kathy 2nd, Vote, 4 yes, 2 opposed, 1 abstained. Motion past. Jay mentioned needing a business solution, what is the problem, what is the needed resolution, and what needs to happen across by whom and when.

3. OBT – Sharon Carder-Jackson Explained that people who are OBT would have their faculty day fee of \$97 paid for.
4. Conference update – Vicky Harris: Around 45 people enrolled, 4-5 people training, board meeting is starting on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. Wednesday is the faculty meeting with CE's are available. Wednesday night is the opening evening and we are planning on sending out emails to people asking for 1 minute videos or emails of their favorite quote or something about Dr. Glasser. Steve Hammond will be using some of the information in his keynote. Last she heard Shearon and Carleen are coming. Hoping Carleen will be able to have part of the opening remarks. Brian Patterson will be introducing Steve Hammond. Steve did call today and was sounding good. He thanked everyone for the calls and emails. Dr. Wubbolding and Sandy are doing better and plan to be there. There are Thursday and Friday sessions, Friday night open mic night, general meeting will be on Friday and we will use the same format as what Jan had in January. The research committee has been working with me on presenting at the conference. We met to find a way to digitize all Dr. Glasser's journals through 2010 and found out they were already digitized on MSU Texas website. The company we were going to hire to digitize went online with Vicky and explained what is wrong with both sites for people searching for journal information. It is an easy fix and Brian is taking the lead on connecting with MSU Texas and the new ED of WGI International. We are discussing a graduate research program to get more graduates to do more research for CTRT. The closing ceremony is on Saturday and Brian is securing a DJ for Saturday night. In the next week or so, Jan and Vicky will need to talk to the food service person about food for the conference. Jan mentioned doing something different for the board meeting. Kathy mentioned the city Vicky mentioned 2 sessions at a time, not 3 as before. IT may not be available due to the cost. Anyone that registered for the Online would receive a full refund. Looking into the cost of recording and having the recording available later. Per Brian, attendance at the board meeting should be in person. Brian is looking into using his own equipment in the event a board member needs to be online.
5. Marketing Committee Report – Steve Tracy: Focus on the conference and growth and sustainability plan. Spent time about our presence on social media.
6. Role Clarification for Board Positions – Vicky Harris Apologies for forgetting to present this information and will have it ready at the next board meeting.

New Business:

1. History and PPM meet Sue Tomaszewski: Sue explained the dilemma in her mind that the PPM does not clarify clearly who and how the cert week instructor is chosen. She asked the remaining board members for their thoughts about the subject.
2. Board meeting time change considerations – Vicky Harris apologized that the survey to change the time did not include an option for either Wednesday or Thursday works. If we change the day and time, we lose at least 3 board members. We might revisit this topic later to help Brian be part of the meeting. Brian is meeting with the Executive Board the week before in the Executive Board members' meeting.

Next Meeting:

Thursday June 15, 2023

at 4 pm Eastern/3 pm Central/2 pm Mountain/1 pm Pacific

Vicky motioned to adjourn, Judith 2nd motion, all were in favor. Meeting ended 5:42 pm.
Minutes submitted by Victoria Harris.