

Albuquerque Insight Meditation Center
Board of Directors Meeting
August 19, 2019, 6:30-8:30PM

Attendees: Betsy VanLeit, Lisa Herrington, Debbie Benton, Kathryn Turnipseed, Mel Schneider
Absent: Alison Owens, Osa Arkin (both at Vallecitos)
Guests: Larry Kronen, Donna Haughney

CHECK IN (BETSY)

- Completed

AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA APPROVALS (BETSY)

- Kathryn Turnipseed moved to approve; Debbie Benton seconded; all approved.

JUNE BOD MEETING MINUTES (BETSY)

- Kathryn Turnipseed moved to approve; Debbie Benton seconded; all approved.

ETHICS AND RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE (BETSY)

Discussion: Larry Kronen, sangha member, offered his services to this committee and presented his 20 years of qualification in mediation practice as well as meditation practice for many years. Kathryn Turnipseed offered positive reflection on Larry's professional experience based on her familiarity of his work with police officers. Larry would serve alongside Erin Treat while she is guiding teacher. Ideally a third individual will volunteer for the committee.

Outcome: Debbie Benton moved that Larry be added to the committee. Lisa Herrington seconded and all approved.

UPCOMING BOARD ELECTIONS (BETSY)

Discussion: Group reviewed status of current board. Betsy VanLeit, Lisa Herrington and Osa Arkin will continue the second year of their terms. Kathryn Turnipseed is willing to stay on board another year. Debbie Benton is concluding her second year and will not seek another term at this time. Daniel Collett has recently resigned his second year on the board. Mel Schneider is discerning whether he will complete his second year. Member Steve Desaulniers has indicated interest in a board position. Donna Haughney is considering running for the board this year. It was noted that Debbie Benton is currently managing membership data. When she goes off the BOD, someone else will need to take this task over.

Outcome: For the coming year AIMC currently has the minimum board membership as required by the bylaws (five members). Considerations for additional board members will take into account their administrative/operations experience, i.e. ability to do the 'work' of the board.

Follow Up:

- Debbie Benton will research status of most recent bylaws. Office of the Secretary of the State of New Mexico recently indicated it wasn't necessary to notify them of bylaws' changes as non-consequential as the changes made by AIMC.
- Betsy VanLeit will get board member job description from Cece Shantzek.
- Osa Arkin will coordinate with Debbie Benton and Cece Shantzek to send annual membership letter.

SPIRITUAL FRIENDS UPDATE (BETSY)

Discussion: Group reviewed the current status of the Spiritual Friends group. Emjae Jeanne is no longer presenting. Valerie Roth is signing up to do talks on Thursdays and Sundays. Fred Herman, Chris Benitez and Tam Saimons continue to lead about once or twice a month. Betsy VanLeit leads frequently. Kathryn Turnipseed is taking an indefinite break from teaching. Ken Munoz will begin offering talks this fall. Group noted the positive feedback from the community about this year's 'curriculum approach' to talks. Future visiting teachers include Julie Tato (Taos), Mark Coleman (author and teacher), Kim Allen (Intersangha), Dave Smith (Vallecitos teacher), and Erin Treat in November. Chris Benitez and Ken Munoz have been accepted into Spirit Rock CDL Training. Kathryn Turnipseed would like to offer a fundraiser for Chris' attendance at CDL training.

Outcome: AIMC has a minimum committed number of teachers (five) to maintain regular Thursday/Sunday evening sats. Having a resident teacher will help relieve some of the pressure on the current teacher base.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (BETSY)

Discussion: The annual membership meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2019, 2-4PM and will include a potluck dinner. Key agenda items include 1) Announce intention to seek resident teacher, 2) Board officers and committee leaders provide updates relative to their roles, and 3) BOD member election. Member discussion should seek input on resident teacher qualifications. Kathryn Turnipseed suggested making a reciprocal inquiry: What do you seek? What are you willing to offer? The board agreed that buy-in and excitement of the community are the hoped-for results of announcement. BOD must be transparent and inclusive in discerning who our resident teacher will be, including being prepared to explain the benefits of having a resident teacher. Group acknowledged it will require a great deal of work to identify a resident teacher. Group agreed to establish a Resident Teacher Committee (RTC), a small group to get the "heavy lifting" done to identify the resident teacher. Erin Treat has offered her advocacy and inquired how she can help. Betsy VanLeit asked members of the board and visitors to signify their willingness to serve on the Committee.

Outcome: The Resident Teacher Committee was confirmed to include Betsy VanLeit, Donna Haughney, Lisa Herrington, Kathryn Turnipseed, and Osa Arkin.

Follow Up: Kathryn Turnipseed will ask Chris Benitez to potentially join the Committee. Betsy VanLeit will send a Doodle Poll for the next date for a subcommittee meeting.

CLOSING MEDITATION (KATHRYN)