

Triangle Insight Meditation Community
Annual Board Meeting MINUTES
March 19, 2022
12:00-2:00pm
Meeting held via Zoom

Present: Board - Cynthia Hughey, Ron Vereen, Leah Rutchick, Martin Steinmeyer, Marian Place (secretary). *Other participants:* Robert Seyler, Kathy Shipp, Cornelia Kip Lee.

Action Items resulting from this meeting:

- Martin and Ron will discuss the duties of Chair of the Board
- Cynthia and Leah will each approach potential Board members
- Ron will send out an email to the volunteers for the hybrid test regarding the date change. He will also send an email to the sangha re the revised date and more finalized plans for the test.
- Board to ponder whether we want to require masks at hybrid test.
- Martin will finalize the schedule for the hybrid test.
- Leah will contact Mary Ka about her parting advice re website.
Marian will begin organizing website content review.

2/19/22 Board meeting minutes were approved.

2021 TIMC Annual Financial Report was reviewed and approved.

Executive Session:

- **Election of Officers**

Martin Steinmeyer was elected Chair of the Board for a term of one year.

Marian Place was elected Secretary of the Board for a term of one year.

- **Updates regarding potential Board members**
 - Board will follow already established guidelines in speaking with prospective board members. We discussed the need for a teacher as a board member or some form of representation from the prospective teacher's council on the board.
 - Leah and Cynthia will contact some prospective board members.
- End of Executive Session*

Kathy Shipp Report on the TI Racial Affinity Groups.

- Kathy Shipp, the RAG coordinator, presented. 2 RAG groups are meeting regularly.
- Kathy will continue to reach out to RAG members as well as to the Welcome Cmtee and the KM coordinator to discuss intersection between them and RAG.
- She is looking at whether RAG groups need to be diversified in type so as to be as welcoming as possible. She will look into whether "affinity" could be one theme for KM groups (or sits). She will report on all in the future to the board.

Updates on Hybrid Meeting.

- Saturday, April 23 was set as the revised date for the hybrid test.
- Ron will write the volunteers, and sangha re the test
- Martin will finalize the schedule for the test.
- Board has decided to make a \$500 donation to the Episcopal Center along with the rent for using the space for the hybrid test.

Report from Editorial Committee:

- Mary Ka will no longer provide design or hosting services.
- We still need to decide on whether to use Word Press & a designer or go w/a contact management system.
- Leah will coordinate web redesign and hosting process. Marian will coordinate a website content review.

- Discussed ideas for possible content on redesigned website: Calendar; audio player for dharma talks; forum for sangha member interaction (including email exchange groups by topic).

Options for making Zoom audio files smaller

- Files have turned out to be smaller than anticipated; no discussion needed at this time.

Options for Strengthening Exchanges among TIMC participants:

- A potluck is a future possibility for strengthening sangha members' connections.

Additional: Board decided not to ask teachers to post references to their dharma talks.

Next meeting: April 9, 2022 (on 2nd Saturday due to scheduling constraints); Leah drafts agenda and leads.