
Minutes from the 8-17-15 Member Board of Trustees meeting

In Attendance: Jay, Jacquelyn, Regina, Maile, Ken, Lyn, Teddy, Sonja, Gloria and Carrie

Meeting Began at **5:35MT**

1. Approve 7/20 minutes -Trustees unanimously approve 7/20/15 minutes with minor changes suggested by Regina
2. Centering Quote:
We accept one true Self, which is one Presence or Being, non-dual, without beginning or end and absolutely changeless. We live this value by practicing letting go of the belief in the individual self as who we are. ~ Awakening Together Core Value #3
3. Welcome New Trustees – Regina
 - a. The new Trustees were introduced and welcomed
4. Conflict of Interest Training
 - a. Regina read through part of the Conflict of Interest policy and we began a discussion of possible conflicts of interest with current Trustee Board members
 - b. Teddy Poppe was seen to have a potential conflict because he publishes our books and he is on the Board.
 - c. Lyn Johnson has a potential conflict because she is working with a group who is starting to promote workshops. The conflict arises if she promotes these workshops in the Sanctuary or using other Awakening Together Resources.
 - d. Per our policy, Lyn and Teddy were excused from the meeting while the rest of the Trustees discussed and voted on actions.
 - e. The Trustees requested that Teddy resign from the Trustee Board in order to eliminate the conflict of interest. He agreed to submit his resignation. (Note: Two Trustees abstained from this vote.)
 - f. The Trustees voted to ask Lyn to stop promoting workshops in the Sanctuary that she could potentially profit from personally.
 - g. Lyn and Teddy were called back to the meeting and informed of the results of the vote.
 - i. Teddy resigned immediately. His letter of resignation is forthcoming. The Trustees expressed “a heavy heart” regarding his requested resignation since Teddy has been a valuable asset to the Member Board of Trustees.
 - ii. Lyn was informed of additional options that she could select from in the future in order to avoid conflicts of interest including representing Awakening Together (rather than her personal self) when speaking at retreats and conferences and resigning from the external retreat promoting group.
5. Regina will send the annual conflict of interest form to all Trustees via email. This form needs to be signed annually in August. Trustees are asked to sign the form and send it back to Regina via mail or email as soon as possible.

6. The Member Board of Trustees voted to remove the last paragraph in the Special Assemblies Policy from the policy in order to avoid potential conflicts of interest in the future. The Board of Directors must approve this change.
7. The following agenda items were not discussed and will be added to the next Trustee Meeting agenda:
 - a. Recommendation – New Board Nominee
 - b. Open Volunteer Positions: Featured Talks, - Regina
 - i. Secretary of Trustees
 - ii. Prayer Circle, Aug 20, 27 & Sep 3
 - iii. MPP Substitutes
 1. 8/31 – Nisargadatta, Wk 1
 2. 9/2, 9/3 – ACIM, Wk 1
 - iv. AT Groups Audit (On Website)
 - c. Physical Ordination in CO – Jay
 - d. Vestments & AT Sash – Jay
8. The Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM MT
9. Our next meeting will be on September 21, 2015 – Jacquelyn will do the centering quote, which is due to Regina by Thursday, September 17.