

INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP COUNCIL: Qualifications and Responsibilities

The Nominating Committee is asked to give between 5 and 10 names to the Board of Directors as nominees for the International Leadership Council.

THE ROLE OF THE LEADERSHIP TEAM:

The Board of Directors in a US non-profit has a very particular function, and guidance is given about persons best suited to that role in the document "Board of Directors: Qualifications and Responsibilities." There are many outstanding leaders in our community whose skills might be better suited to the International Leadership Council (ILC), which has been created to be a body of wise people who do not have the legal and fiduciary constraints of a Board of Directors. The creation of the ILC is designed to make sure that a wide variety of voices are present alongside the Board of Directors and the Executive Director. For clarity of roles, the ILC will formally report to the Board of Directors (as does the Executive Director); however, our vision is that there will be respect, collaboration and cooperation on all sides.

Therefore, we ask the Nominating Committee to nominate individuals to form an International Leadership Council. Because this body is not governed by US law, and it does not (like the Board of Directors) have direct responsibility for fundraising and fiscal and fiduciary management, it is free to be a more direct reflection of the wider community.

The ILC will recommend policies and direction to the Board of Directors, on whatever topics are of interest to it. The ultimate authority for deciding on policy resides with the Board of Directors, and the ILC will report to the Board; but our vision is that the ILC and the Board of Directors will see one another as colleagues and helps to one another.

WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE ARE GOOD FITS FOR THE LEADERSHIP TEAM:

- is a Focuser and a member of the Focusing Institute, cares deeply about Focusing as well as the Focusing
- is proficient in English
- is skilled at speaking both heart and mind
- is sensitive to what comes from a felt sense level, waiting to allow a new insight to form and be fully expressed (but not talking beyond what is alive and relevant)
- knows when to be gracious in allowing decisions to move forward
- pleasant to work with and personable
- reliable; can be counted on to fulfill obligations
- available to attend meetings
- is passionate about some aspect of Focusing and has ideas for how certain things can be done better
- is well-known and/or well-respected within the Focusing community
- has broad knowledge of the Institute
- is wise