



International Leadership Council

Notes of meeting
August 17, 2018

Present:

Sergio Lara, Roberto Larios, Ruth Hirsch, Claude Missiaen, Catherine Torpey

Prime Mover: Claude Missiaen

Donata's thoughts and suggestions

The ILC had a discussion based on the email that Donata Schoeller sent when she resigned. In her email, she had brought up some issues, and encouraged the ILC to consider them.

1. Possible name change

There was a brief discussion of Donata's suggestion that the ILC consider a name change. It was not felt that doing so at this time was a good idea.

2. How organizations function and a sense of "fog" about the ILC

Greg Madison gave a talk at the conference in Greece about developing organizations in a Focusing way. Donata thought the ILC should look more into his ideas. Some points that were brought up in the ILC's discussion were:

Greg's ideas relate to how people relate to each other. He sees an organization like an organism -- wanting to organize them in a natural way.

One person described that the Board has the role of doing things while the ILC is more felt sensing of the community. Another mentioned the need to do concrete things. Another reflected that Felt Sensing means that our role is changing as we are going forward.

Sergio recalled that "Two years ago, we had no voice, no vote. Cambridge said we have authority in the community." He described Catherine as a visitor at ILC meetings, and described his understanding that the ILC is for felt sensing the community.

There was a question of whether to invite Greg to a meeting with either the ILC or a joint meeting with the ILC and Board. It was suggested by one person that he'd be helping us felt sense into the bigger question of *What is the Focusing Institute?* If we look at that, then we would be starting with the whole and felt sense what needs to happen and how we are going to interact to best create the whole.

Another person described the role of the ILC as a support to the Board and the Institute in whatever is needed.

"We have been doing that at our own pace and with our limitations."

Sergio gave more of his recollection of the Coordinators' meetings at Stony Point, Seattle and Cambridge.

Catherine pointed out that the Coordinators meeting is not a decision making body, although the wants and needs expressed at those meetings are important.

Sergio said that "Membership is an illusion; we are really sponsors. We pay and we don't have authority. The Board has authority. The ILC is a good bridge to felt sensing the community to make it attractive to the community. People ask, "Why should we belong to the Institute?" His perspective is that we make a bridge between the Board and staff of TIFI and the wider community. The ILC has the role of testing and felt-sensing these needs.

Because there are differing memories and understandings, Ruth recommended that Catherine write a paragraph about the history and role of the ILC and how it has evolved over the last four years. This would be very helpful both for existing members as well as an introduction for new members. It was especially noted that there needs to be some clarification of the implications of the results from the Coordinators' meeting in Cambridge, and the results of the in-person meeting of the ILC and the Board in Cambridge regarding an agreement on the role of the ILC.

RESULT OF DISCUSSION:

The ILC would like to have another joint meeting with the Board. The Strategic Plan includes a provision that the two groups meet once/quarter, and our last meeting was in January, 2018

Catherine will write up the history of the ILC

Catherine will ask her assistant to schedule a joint meeting

The idea of inviting Greg Madison to a meeting is interesting; it was decided that it might be more appropriate at some future date.

Update from Executive Director

Catherine updated the ILC on the Board's reaction to the Concerns document. Overall, they feel good about it. There were some suggestions on edits, mostly to make the ideas clearer. When the Board has a unified response, they or Catherine will relay it to the ILC.

Catherine updated the ILC on the Nominating Committee's most likely nominees to the Board and ILC.