

Board Minutes August 25, 2017 Berkeley

Meeting Called by: EBC 2017 Board of Directors

Type of Meeting: Board of Directors monthly meeting

Facilitator: Claire-Elizabeth DeSofia

Note Taker: Sean Peterson

Attendees: Jurgen Braungardt (via Zoom) , Claire-Elizabeth DeSofia, Galina Litvin, Sean Peterson, Ben Jones, Steven Kessler, Elayne Savage, Vera Gassnev, Holly Forman-Patel, Rebecca Olmstedt, Ian Vianu, Susan Kelsey, Dana Schwartz, Ester Lerman, Ernest Isaccs, Merrie Sennet

Agenda:

1. Approval of Minutes from July Board meeting
2. Admin Report
3. Chapter Future/ Refund of Dues
4. E-tree
5. Finances
6. CAMFT Letter
7. 2018 Elections

1) 5 min Approval of July Board minutes

Discussion:

- Attendees reviewed and approved July 2017 BOD Minutes

Action Items - Motion Passed / Person Responsible: All present

2) 5 min Admin report

Discussion:

- Adee reviewed membership details including:
 - 520 clinical members
 - 31 associates
 - 62 etree subscribers
 - 24 interns
 - 49 student/pre intern
 - 2 community

3) 60 min Chapter Future/Refund Dues:

Discussion:

- The Separation Plan Committee presented their proposal including recommendations of how to split assets for members who wish to not continue with EBCAMFT.

Action item:

Motion: To receive the recommendations from the Separation Committee.

Person Responsible: Ben Jones

Motion passed unanimously.

Action Item:

Motion: Reverse previous motion in June EBCAMFT Board meeting to separate EBCAMFT into two different organizations - one affiliated with EBCAMFT and one non affiliated with EBCAMFT. Also, to offer a prorated refund thought the end of the year who wish to terminate their membership with EBCAMFT.

Person Responsible: Galina Litvin

Second: Vivian

Discussion points:

- To find a peaceful resolution from the separation conflict.
- Some board members justified this decision due to the continuous difficulty and stress that this unprecedented conflict has created including threat of lawsuit, allegations of unethical/illegal behavior, and persistent attacks from members.

Motion passed. Yes: 5 No: 1 - Jurgen

4) 5 min E-Tree will stay with EBCAMFT.

5) 15 min – Finances

Discussion:

- A financial review (from past 5 years when we started account with Mechanic's Bank) was distributed by admin and EBCAMFT member Steven Kessler.
- Total Savings ~\$80,000
- Request for book keeper for upcoming year.

6) 20 min - Review of CAMFT dispute resolution letter.

Discussion:

- Susan Kelsey attended the meeting stating that it was her legal right to receive documents in a "reasonable time" including member roster, bank statements, account information, etc.
- Since she claimed the EBCAMFT BOD didn't return her request she contacted state organizations Executive Director, Jill Epstein.
- It was noted that although Susan Kelsey stated EBCAMFT didn't contact her, she did have a meeting with Jurgen after her letter was received from the chapter.

Action Item:

Motion: To provide Susan Kelsey with all documents requested ASAP.

Person Responsible: All present

Second: Ben Jones

Request to let members know what information will be distributed to Susan.

East Bay Chapter California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists

Motion Passed unanimously

7) 2018 Elections

Discussion:

- Erika Seid volunteered to be part of nomination committee who would gather and vet members who wish to run for a Board position.
- Still looking for at least 3-5 members in the committee so recruitment will continue with Eblast looking for volunteers.
- Also members and BOD were discussing possibility of adding a "no" option on the ballot for elections.