East Bay Chapter California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists

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-trees
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.
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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.