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California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists

CAMFT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING MINUTES

June 2-3, 2018

Westin Mission Hills Golf Resort & Spa
Rancho Mirage, CA

Board Members In Attendance:

Jan Mellinger, President
Bob Casanova, Past President
Cathryn Leff, Secretary
Curt Widhalm, Chief Financial Officer
Nanci Finley
Jonathan Flier
Kristy Labardee
Lisa Romain
Katie Vernoy, President Elect
Holly Daniels
Howard Levitt
Jeff Kashou

Staff:

Nabil El-Ghoroury, Executive Director
Cathy Atkins, Deputy Executive Director
Ron Hynum, Managing Director, Finance and Operations

Invited Guests:

Angela Blanchard
Tim Shannon

Observers:

James Guay
Laura Haynes, PhD
Heidi Lalonde
David Pickup

I. Call to Order

President Jan Mellinger called the meeting to order at 8:30am on June 2, 2018.

II. Parliamentarian

President Mellinger recommended Curt Widhalm to continue as Parliamentarian.

Motion 1: Labardee - Nominate Widhalm to Parliamentarian.

APPROVED

III. Members Forum

Heidi Lalonde spoke and encouraged the Board not to support AB 2943 and AB 2119.

IV. Board Orientation

Executive Director El-Ghoroury spoke of the role and responsibilities of the Directors.

V. Consent Agenda

The Board pulled the March 2018 minutes off the Consent Agenda.

The Board pulled the list of Committee appointments off the Consent Agenda and requested additional information about currently serving members, and that some Board members were not asked or did not respond to inquiries about committee appointments for the upcoming year.

The Board pulled the following reports from the Consent Agenda:

- New Members
- Professional Development
- Board Code of Conduct
- Marketing and Public Relations
- Committee Approval

Motion 2: Vernoy - To table vote on Committee appointments until full Committee information can be provided via email vote.

APPROVED

Motion 3: Vernoy - Approve Consent Agenda as Amended.

APPROVED

VI. Finance

Ron Hynum, Managing Director, Finance & Operations, presented the financial reports, and reviewed fund balances. He presented information on investment policy, as directed by the

Board after the March meeting. The funds that CAMFT has invested are primarily in companies that are socially responsible.

Motion 4: Romain- Approve the financial reports.

APPROVED

VII. Executive Director Report

A. Association Management System

Executive Director El-Ghoroury discussed CAMFT's Association Management System proposals. An RFP has gone out, 4 companies responded, and CAMFT staff have had extensive meetings with the top 2 proposals.

Motion 5: Vernoy - Approve \$450,000 for database management software system.

APPROVED

Motion 6: Widhalm - Amend the motion to include a contract up to five years.

FAILED

Motions 7: Widhalm - Move discussion to the afternoon.

APPROVED

Motion 8: Levitt - Amend the motion to ensure new system has the ability to have interaction with the membership.

FAILED

B. Legislation

Deputy Executive Director Cathy Atkins provided information on AB 1968 (Mental Health & Firearms). CAMFT lobbyists Angela Blanchard and Tim Shannon joined the meeting by conference call to provide additional information and context.

The Board discussed AB 1968.

Motion 9: Daniels - Support AB 1968

APPROVED

Deputy Executive Director Cathy Atkins provided background information on AB 2943.

CAMFT member James Guay presented a proposal for CAMFT to support AB 2943, that would declare conversion therapy a fraudulent practice under the Consumer Legal Remedies Act, extending protections to all consumers in California by anyone practicing and charging for conversion therapy.

The Board discussed Guay's proposal through a question and answer session.

CAMFT members Dr. Laura Haynes and David Pickup presented a proposal for CAMFT to oppose AB 2943 and 2119.

The Board discussed Haynes' proposal through a question and answer session.

Motion 10: Daniels - Support AB 2943.

APPROVED

C. Labor Board

Deputy Executive Director Cathy Atkins presented the history of CAMFT Board direction, as well as member inquiry, on pre-licensees and payment for services. Ms. Atkins further reported on CAMFT's desire to obtain legal interpretation from the California Labor Board on the issue of payment of Associates at non private practice work locations.

Motion 11: Widhalm - Direct staff to explore Labor Board's opinion on remuneration for pre-licensees with the Labor Board.

APPROVED; OPPOSED: Flier

VIII. Vision Session

The Board went into closed session at 1:00 pm. The Board adjourned closed session at 5:10 pm and recessed until 8:31 am, June 3.

IX. Committees

Deputy Executive Director Cathy Atkins summarized the latest Bylaws Committee meeting. The Bylaws Committee minutes offered the Committee's interpretation of the three sections (Vi)(c)(2), VI(c)(3), and Sections VI(A)(3), for the upcoming election.

Motion 12: Vernoy - Approve the interpretations of sections (Vi)(c)(2), VI(c)(3) by the Bylaws Committee.

APPROVED

X. Policies

A. Board Expenditures

The Board discussed board expenditures on food, beverage and entertainment.

Motion 13: Casanova - In lieu of a formal policy, the Board commits to being mindful about expenditures for Board events.

APPROVED; OPPOSED: Romain; Leff

XI. New Members

Motion 14: Widhalm - Approve the new members

APPROVED

XII. March Board Minutes

Two changes were made to the March 2018 minutes, adding start and stop times that were not listed in the minutes submitted in the June 2018 agenda.

Motion 15: Vernoy - Amend Board minutes from March to start time on Sunday to 8:47am, and 12:03pm as the end time.

APPROVED

XIII. OPEN FORUM

Curt Widhalm welcomed new Board members Jeff Kashou and Howard Levitt.

Katie Vernoy thanked Deputy Executive Director Cathy Atkins for the smooth transition for the new Board.

Jonathan Flier thanked President Mellinger about the Board process, and Executive Director El-Ghoroury for being a part of the Board.

Jeff Kashou thanked everyone for the warm welcome.

Executive Director El-Ghoroury thanked the Board for their service.

Howard Levitt thanked the Executive Director and stated he is the right person at the right time. Levitt also thanked President Mellinger for the brainstorming session yesterday.

XIV. SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

The following items were recommended for possible future agenda items:

- Pre-Licensees and dues,
- How new members could be welcomed into CAMFT by Board greetings,
- Feedback from the Board on the Annual Conference,
- Rebranding and marketing strategies with measurable objectives,
- Governance verses micromanagement,
- Review of the CEPA process,
- More guidance on board material preparation.

XV. Adjournment

Motion 16: Levitt - Adjourn

APPROVED

The meeting adjourned at 10:21am.