

## **GVAT Board of Directors Meeting February 2024**

**Time:** 3:00 - 5:00

**Date:** February 26, 2024

**Zoom Link:** https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3259436146?omn=86519854506

Timekeeper: Stephen

## Attendees:

Brigitte McKenzie (Chair), Yvonne Hsieh (Vice Chair), Stephen Tyler (Interim Treasurer), Eric Doherty (Board member), Tracey Scott (Secretary), Joyce Harris (Strategy Hub Liaison), Jane Welton (COEDI), Izzy Adachi (Organizer)

## Regrets:

Mike Glover (Board member)

## **MINUTES**

**New Action Items** (Note previous action items are moved to Status reports) ☐ Tracey: Create a recommended template for status report for next meeting ☐ Izzy: Schedule time with HR committee to discuss supervisory requirements and capacity ☐ Board members: Provide comments on Code of Conduct no later than March 4. ☐ COEDI: Bring Code of Conduct with recommendation to approve when it is ready. ☐ COEDI: Develop a process for implementing Code of Conduct and bring it to the Board for approval when it is ready. ☐ Stephen: Investigate the cost and considerations in hiring an auditor and make a recommendation to the next Board meeting. ☐ Tracey to update Board plan with leaders for each Board priority ☐ Brigitte to re-send AGM invitation to Izzy for Sammy to send out. ☐ Brigitte to ask Sonia to facilitate a discussion on how what we are doing today aligns and does not align with our purpose and values. ☐ Stephen to consider feedback to Membership Policy and incorporate into the next draft as appropriate

Item	Lead
Welcome	Brigitte
Land Acknowledgement	Eric
COEDI:2023:IRLC:Land Acknowledgement Instructions Handout	

Item	Lead
Motion: Approve Consent Agenda  • January Minutes For approval (Tracey)	Brigitte
<ul> <li>Special Meeting Minutes for approval (Tracey)</li> <li>Status report: Chair (Brigitte)</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Status report: Treasurer (Stephen)</li> <li>Status report: Organizer (1774)</li> </ul>	
Status report: Organizer (Izzy)     Moved: Yvonne. Second: Stephen. Carried.	
Motion: Approve Meeting Agenda with In Camera item deferred to next meeting.  Moved: Yvonne Second: Stephen. Carried unanimously by a show of hands	Brigitte
Organizer's Insights Organizing: We are doing better on narrowing down issues but can get better in doing community organizing as described in our purpose. Izzy is increasing focus on helping delegates understand their role	Izzy
Strat Co-Lead's Update Good feedback on Planning meetings and Strat Hub meeting.	Joyce
COEDI Decision Requests Request funding for a roundtable for equity deserving gvat members + any taxes. Prep time, meeting, debrief with gvat leaders, verbal report. Outcomes edi would be listened to in a safe space and feed into prioritization. If approved Izzy and Dr. Gunderson to work out details of timing.  Motion to approve funding for a round table with equity deserving individuals in GVAT and request a brief written report from Dr. Gunderson to a maximum of \$1500.00 Moved Stephen. Second Eric. Carried unanimously by a show of hands	Jane Yvonne
Request funding for 7-13 hours of Sonia Theroux's time to create a survey in consultation with Dr. Gunderson.  Motion to approve 7-13 hours of Sonia's time to create a survey in consultation with Dr. Gunderson. Moved by Stephen. Second Eric. Carried unanimously by a show of hands.	
Request input on Code of Conduct Policy draft  Action: Board to provide comments on Code of Conduct no later than March 4.  Action: COEDI to bring Code of Conduct with recommendation to approve when it is ready.  Action: COEDI to develop a process for implementing Code of Conduct and bring it to the Board for approval when it is ready.	
Review Annual Financials for presentation at the AGM  No further comments on the financials.  Action: Stephen to investigate the cost and considerations in hiring an auditor and make a recommendation to the next Board meeting.	Stephen

Item	Lead
Membership Policy	
☐ Action: Stephen to consider feedback and incorporate into the next draft as	Stephen
appropriate	
Renewal of Directors and Officers insurance coverage	Stephen
Motion to renew Directors and Officers insurance	
Moved: Stephen. Second: Eric. Carried unanimously by a show of hands.	
2024 Priorities for the Board and Strat Hub	
Confirm Board member who will act as lead/point person for each priority	Brigitte
1. Fundraising: Raise funds for GVAT - Stephen	
2. IAF: Lead consultation, negotiations and decision on IAF affiliation or	
alternatives Stephen	
Internal processes: Document and communicate	
a. decision making process - toolkit - Brigitte	
b. group/committee roles - Tracey	
c. Terms of Reference for COEDI (incl MT, IRLC) and ARTs - Tracey	
d. leadership roles and responsibilities - Tracey	
☐ Tracey to update Board plan with leaders for each Board priority.	
Annual General Meeting	Brigitte
Annual report to be developed by Brigitte who will be requesting support from others in	
GVAT in the preparation and review. Brigitte will use a draft Annual Report procedure	
as a guide. The meeting will be held online as scheduled.	
☐ Brigitte to re-send AGM invitation to Izzy for Sammy to send out.	<u> </u>
Nominations for Board Members	Brigitte
Brigitte and Tracey have a draft nominations procedure they are using to guide the	
nominations committee work this year. The procedure will be refined as required with	
an emphasis on keeping it practical and useful. Tracey is speaking to a GVAT member	
who is not on the Board regarding joining the nominations committee. Four	
candidates for Board positions have been identified.	Drigitto
Planning future discussion re: mission/vision/values The board is aligned behind GVAT's mission (i.e. the purpose as stated in the bylaws)	Brigitte
and values as stated in the draft Code of Conduct.	
☐ Action: Brigitte to ask Sonia to facilitate a discussion on how what we are doing	
today aligns and does not align with our purpose and values.	
Concern regarding the message not being inspiring is deferred until after the meeting	
with Sonia.	
Roles for next meeting: March 25	Brigitte
Time Keeper: Joyce	Drigitte
Land Acknowledgement: Yvonne	
Motion to Adjourn Meeting	Brigitte
Carried by a show of hands	
Optional post-meeting debrief for any Board members who would like to participate	Brigitte

ltem	Lead
Consider structuring the meeting so it focuses on decision making. In cases where longer discussions or broader consultation is required, consider asking a team, committee or small workgroup to review the topic and bring a recommendation to the Board.	