April 16, 2020

Executive Session/EAI

Present: Derita P., Colleen C., Scott J., John W., and Paul N.

Absent: Steve B.

From time to time a board of trustees meets in executive session. Minutes are not taken during these meetings. However, it is good to share a summary of the topics of discussion at such meetings. The trustees of EAI met on this occasion for the purpose of the board managing itself in relation to how the board functions and interacts with the staff - specifically in relation to the executive director.

Worth noting is our affirmation of the very capable work that our Executive Director is doing. EAI is very fortunate to have Elaine working in this capacity.

As trustees, we reviewed and renewed our commitment to abide by the Administrative Concepts and the principles of the EA program. We clarified our unique role as stewards of the program of EA, as well as stewards of EAI, because we are in this role as trustees - acknowledging that others in the fellowship also have a voice and they are stewards in these matters, as well.

As trustees, we have certain duties that we're bound to carry out as the board of trustees of a non-profit organization - in this case, EAI.  We also have other responsibilities that come with being guardians and stewards of the EA program, safe-guarding it so that EA remains true to its steps, traditions, principles, and concepts. Others in the fellowship also have a role to be guardians of the program of EA along with the trustees.

The meeting was primarily a time of clarifying our role as trustees and clarifying the executive director's role and duties when it comes to some of the day to day decisions that need to be made. Specifically we spoke about the process of literature being approved and about the naming of the monthly communication piece.

No motions or formal actions were taken. It was a fruitful, clarifying, and respectful discussion.  We thought that it would be prudent to share this update with the fellowship about the conversation we had at this executive session.