

# Minutes ERHG meeting July 16, 2020

**Present:** Dave, Cathy, Sheena, Gino, Luigi.

## - AGM meeting discussion

We are starting to imagine what the content will be. Two opportunities: meeting of General Council and of the Regional Councils.

The dates and times: September 30/October 1, 4-6 PT/6-8 CT/7-9 ET; preparing group: Marianne Fieber, Miky Leach (?), Laura Scappaticci, Dave Mansur.

We are inviting each other to see where we are seeing the fruits of anthroposophy shining; and us members of ERHG to think about what we would like to get out of this.

## - Website and mission statement review

Sheena followed the layout pattern of the other regions and shared screens with us.

The screenshot shows a Google Docs document with a two-column layout. The left column contains the following text:

Welcome to the Eastern Region Holding Group!  
Click Grey heading to expand...

**Mission of the Eastern Region Holding Group**  
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The Eastern Region Holding Group consists of individuals from the three areas (Northeast, Mid-Atlantic and Southeast areas) who see it as their mission:

- I. To provide opportunities for human beings longing for the spirit to meet each other soul to soul.
- II. To render the whole of anthroposophy in the eastern region more visible to local groups and members.
- III. To provide a regional platform for individuals working out of anthroposophy to share the result of their work.
- IV. To promote larger exchange of information and collaboration between branches and groups in the Eastern Region.
- V. To create a bridge between the national organization and the local groups and branches of the Eastern Region.

Current members of the Eastern Regional Holding Group:  
Dave Mansur, Sheena Ifkovitch, Cathy Green, Luigi Morelli and Gino Ver Eecke

**Member Biographies and Contact Information**

**Eastern Region Holding Group Biographies**

**David Mansur**

The right column contains a table of contents for the website:

Click on headings to expand...

**Minutes of the Eastern Regional Holding Group Meetings**  
(meeting to represent the whole Eastern region)  
Links

**Video Newsletters**  
(Info about aim of newsletter)  
- March 31st 2020 Agenda  
- Sept. 17th, 2019 Agenda

**Newsletter Digest**

Eastern Region Newsletter Digest - [link](#)

This "Newsletter Digest" is an evolving tool for newsletter / spreading of information and collaboration in the eastern region. At the moment it allows you to access articles, artistic contributions, reports and calendar events (only those concerning the whole eastern region) of the latest newsletter issues in the region.

At present you will see the listing of the newsletters and the contact information of the editors. The first section is the digest proper with a paragraph about the offerings. After the intro the second section offers the

On the right column: Minutes, video newsletters, newsletter digest,...

Proposed additions:

- how to become a member of the holding group (after we devise process)
- share contact information (email only)
- add link with info about the video newsletters (participants)
- add pictures for our area: either anthroposophical initiatives and nature shots. We need 2 to 4 pictures for each area

Sheena will work on the Eastern map and will post the page on Google Docs for edit reviews from the group.

Input on Mission Statement: mention the soulful element; the longing/seeking. Place 2 and 3 on top; 1 after. Luigi will post the page on Google Docs for edit reviews from the group.

### **Video Newsletter**

We could have the videos according to various formats:

- Speakers/presenters and break out rooms (Open Space kind) for those interested
- Topics of common interest to all subdivided according to special focus
- Preparation of AGM: trial run of use of Zoom platform where people bring content for AGM. And follow up to receive input for the next AGM.
- Use the time for input around themes that have been outlined; e.g., input for the encounters between regional councils.

### Video newsletter in September:

How are people addressing the present needs under the pandemic? David will subdivide this topic in sub-themes. People will have to choose the break out rooms.

Set up date!

### **MISC:**

North East area meeting did not happen; will be rescheduled.

### **Items for next Meetings**

- Selection process for coming new members of ERHG
- Letter of recommendation to the General Council: person to attend
- Review of website improvements.
- Anthroposophical Newsletters content discussion (Covid and related): we will need to have a separate meeting for that.