



An Unfolding Journey

Staying in Touch with Reiki Home

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Greetings!

Welcome to the first issue of the RFI Board's newsletter. Our purpose is to inform you of the work being done on your behalf as, together, we hold the energy for Reiki Home.

In upcoming issues, you will learn how Reiki Foundation International Board is structured, the challenges we face, and the actions we are taking. You will get acquainted with the people behind the scenes and the work they are doing. You will be invited to share in our celebrations and in our struggles and challenges.

We hope you will partner with us as we bring Reiki Home into a physical reality. What an adventure lies before us! Won't it be fascinating to see what Reiki Home becomes, how it grows, and the impact it has upon our world and the Reiki community?

Current RFI Leadership

Each board member serves a three-year term. The alternate attends meetings, does not vote, and is prepared to serve if a vacancy arises.

Officers & Members



Grainne Warner,
President,
United Kingdom



Rosina Wiltshire,
Vice President,
Barbados



Birgit Knorr,
Treasurer,
Oregon, USA

It's Time for Gratitude



2014 RFI Board

Birgit Knorr, Donna Stetser, Rosina Wiltshire, Grainne Warner, Monica Weber and Phyllis Furumoto

Yes! It is time to share our deep gratitude and to thank *you!* Over the past few years, you supported the RFI Board's work without hearing much from us.

As we struggled to understand Reiki Home's invitation, your trust and belief in us was amazing! Though we found ourselves unable to explain and to put into words what was happening with Reiki Home, your gifts were noticed!

We thank you for sending Reiki, sharing your financial resources, working on a team, adding your name to the Volunteer List, holding the energy, and spreading the word of Reiki Home. Your gifts allowed us to work on behalf of the global Reiki community and held us in times of uncertainty as we moved towards a clearer vision of Reiki Home. You made, and are making, a difference.

THANK YOU! We are deeply grateful for your continued support.

The RFI Board members



Astrid Bagwitz,
Secretary,
Estonia



Patricia Cuadrado,
member,
Uruguay



Gilberto Arias,
alternate,
Texas, USA

Support for the Board

The Board is supported in its work by the Office of Grand Master, a scribe, and the Executive Director Group. Witnesses are invited to attend the meetings and share Reiki.



Phyllis Furumoto,
OGM, ED
Group,
Arizona,
USA



Paul Mitchell,
OGM, Idaho,
USA



Elaine Andres,
Scribe and ED Group
Facilitator, Oregon USA



Kate Jones,
ED Group,
United
Kingdom



Jolanda van Herk, ED
Group,
Ireland

Council of Electors

It's Time for an Update

Growth as individuals and as a Board characterized these past four years. We learned to work together and to listen deeply to Reiki. New ways of thinking were developed, joy was experienced, and incredible insights and clearer vision received.

We also had numerous challenges, questions, and, at times, we felt confused, and even lost. The past year was especially rewarding as we experienced and worked through a shift in energy that is now propelling us into concrete steps. We began 2015 with excitement, commitment, and purpose.



RFI Board & Supporters

Birgit Knorr, Donna Stetser,
Rosina Wiltshire, Grainne
Warner, Charlotte Bessels,
Elaine Andres, Monica Weber

Amazing volunteers are at work! We want to acknowledge the current teams and the work they are doing and whose members comes from around the globe. You will hear more about them in a future issue. Watch for it!

The **Core Team** of twenty Reiki practitioners continues to deepen the connection with, and experience of, the essence of Reiki Home. It works collaboratively with the RFI Board in creating and implementing the strategic plan to establish Reiki Home.

The **Translation Team** provides translation of documents in nine languages.

The **Akademia Team** spent a year listening to Reiki for the emerging essence of a learning environment within Reiki Home. Using the Purpose Statement and Core Values it created, it is now working to create a form for the offerings to be shared with the global community.

Other ways we are growing! The email list is expanding and Friends of Reiki Home continues to receive new members. Financially, we are stable and meeting monthly commitments. The volunteer list includes many people patiently waiting for our next steps to be revealed. Energy is building all over the world.

Reiki Home is Alive!

RFI Statements

The RFI Statements were developed after months of conversation with the members of the Core Team, the Executive Director Group and the Board. They guide our next steps as Reiki Home continues to emerge.

Our Inspiration is Reiki universal life energy.

Our Vision is a world where Reiki creates a way of living in which all life flourishes.

Our Mission is to serve the world by ensuring that those who practice and receive Reiki are respected, welcomed, and nourished in their connection with Reiki; embracing our universal connectedness; celebrating our

The Council of Electors carefully discerns and elects the new Board members. It also provides support by witnessing special Board meetings when invited.

Council Members



Rick Bockner, Canada



Kristin Bonney, Wales, United Kingdom



Tripuri Dunne, United Kingdom



Marta Getty, Oregon, USA



Paul Mitchell, Idaho, USA

Did You Know?

The Board meets at least twice every month. There is a 1-hour meeting to handle regular business and a 2-hour meeting for discussion and visioning.

In addition, they meet virtually for 3 days in March and will have their 8-day in-person Annual General Meeting in Belgium September, 2015.

Staying Involved

collective capacity to thrive.

Our Objectives

- Create a physical, sacred space where people can come together to experience regenerative practices and foster vitality.
- Empower Reiki students and masters through the oral tradition.
- Establish a legacy for future generations of Reiki students.
- Provide a place of pilgrimage where the authentic role of healer can be explored and acknowledged.

Our First Priority is to establish Reiki Home: a physical and virtual place where Reiki students from all over the world can learn and grow.

Adopted by the Board, January 2015

A Bit of History

During the 2009 OGM Retreat at Kenyon Ranch, a small group of first and second degree students, master candidates, and Reiki masters from around the globe was asked to explore the concept of "Home" for Usui Shiki Ryoho. After their initial conversation, they committed to hold the energy of "home" for one year. This took the form of a monthly Skype meeting.



An Invitation into Discovery

In 2010, the group reported to the OGM Retreat in Idaho. The energy of "home" grew and emerged as "Reiki Home." The RFI Board began exploring the possibility of purchasing property. After some work, it became apparent this was not Reiki's invitation - at this time. Other work was needed before this step could be taken.

The Board hired a consultant for the Board's Annual General Meeting in 2011 to help it understand its task of bringing the vision of Reiki Home into reality. That week was full of joy, hard work, and challenge. We grew.

By 2012, we recognized Reiki Home was filled with mystery. We listened to questions such as: What does Reiki want from us? What is Reiki's invitation for Reiki Home? As we listened, we discovered we were on a unique journey!

In 2013, we created a plan and began. We learned that serving on a Board of a new nonprofit is a very different experience from serving a developed organization. In a start-up organization among other tasks, clarity of vision needs to be discerned; policies created and written; legal issues understood - just to name a few!



2013 RFI Annual General Meeting Board and Witnesses

We discovered that communicating a fluid, growing, and changing concept - Reiki Home - to a world community is a challenge. How do you language something that is becoming?

The year 2014 found the Board and Phyllis in a what we referred to as "a fault line" - a place where two bodies of land push against each other. As we worked together through our experiences,



Do You Have.....

- skills to offer?
- talents to share?
- willingness to serve?
- excitement about Reiki Home?

Volunteer Today!

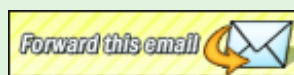
If you want to get involved, let us know [by email](#). We would be delighted to add you name to the Volunteer List.

Remember, this is a work in progress. You may not hear from us for a while. In the meantime, read the newsletters, forward them to your friends, stay tuned, and send Reiki.

Help Us Grow

You can help grow our Reiki Home community by forwarding this newsletter to your Reiki friends and/or students.

Encourage them to join you in our work together!



Join Our List

[Join Our Mailing List!](#)

thoughts and emotions, we allowed Reiki to deepen our relationships and emerged in a stronger, more committed space.

Recognizing our work takes time, we accept the journey before us. We continue to grow as a Board and as individuals. We listen to Reiki's invitation to dive deeply into the unknown and to trust Reiki every step of the way!

Your Financial Support Is Invited

As we all know, a new baby needs to be fed, nurtured and loved as it grows into maturity. The same is true for a new nonprofit organization and money is one of the basic food groups!



A money tree was planted at Kenyon Ranch to honor the work of the first ED Group in 2013.

You are invited to share a gift of gratitude in honor of the amazing gift of Reiki in your life. Your monthly contribution (an amount that gives you joy to share and is within your budget) provides a financial foundation that enables Reiki Home to manifest. By using PayPal, you are able to make a one-time contribution or set up a regular contribution.

You are invited to become an active member of our Reiki Home community, a community that is furthering the legacy Reiki offers to future generations. All your gifts are gratefully received.

My Contribution