



SUMMER 2017

TRAINERS MENTORING CIRCLE

The mission of the TMC is to set standards and oversee the path to becoming a certified council trainer and facilitator in the "Ojai Foundation, Way of Council" lineage.

Summer Salutations from your TMC!

This is the second occasional report to give you updates about activities on the path. Your TMC members, Jack Zimmerman, Lori Austein, Kate Lipkis and Bonnie Tamblyn are happy to share with you important information as we prepare to gather in July.

What's New?

- **Administrative Support:** As a reminder, Sarah Bryant has been working to support the TMC and the body of trainers. We appreciate her skills and invite you to join us in welcoming her baby, Emelina Poppy into the circle.
- **Trainers Path Fee:** To support the ongoing administrative work of the TMC, we ask mentees for an exchange of \$100 over the course of their time on the trainer's path. We recommend making this contribution upfront to help defray the cost of our support of you and your mentor.
- **TMC Email:** We invite your communication, including questions, concerns, requests for support, and celebrations! Please write to your TMC at tmc@ojaifoundation.org.
- **TMC Documents :** You will find the following documents, which have been updated in the past year, on the *Ways of Council* website, <http://waysofcouncil.net/>
 - **Becoming a Certified Facilitator** (*Learn>Public Resources*)
 - **Becoming a Council Trainer** (*Learn>Public Resources*)
 - **Leading Council Training 1, 2, and 3** (*Learn>Trainer Resources*)
 - **Vision document for the TMC – CTAG** (*Learn>Trainer Resources*)

The CTAG (Council Trainers Advisory Group) grew out of "An Offering from the Elder's Council about the TMC of June 7, 2016." This document envisions the evolving TMC and proposes an advisory group comprised of the members of the Elders Council and others.

The documents outlining the Trainers Path, the Facilitators Path, and Leading Council Training 1, 2, and 3 have been revised this year by the TMC and reviewed by the Elders Circle. These documents are a core part of the transmission of the Way of Council lineage and we urge you to take time to review them. If you're currently a mentor, it's particularly important for you to study the Trainers Path document and share it with your mentee(s). The Facilitators Path outlines a way for facilitators to receive acknowledgement through certification should that be desired. While the first two documents listed are public resources, only certified council trainers can gain access to trainer resources. It's easy to register on the site, however. Simply follow the prompts on the Trainer Resources page under the Learn tab. Then bookmark this website for future reference. The more we use it, the more helpful it will be and the deeper will be our relationship with council practitioners around the world.

- **Leading Council 3:** The process for certification as a Council 3 trainer is three-fold: 1) submit a letter of intention, which addresses the criteria outlined in the document referenced above; 2) book a phone call with the TMC; and 3) if confirmed for certification, notify Center for Council. A new CT3 trainer will be paired with a CT3 veteran for the first training.
- **New Certified Trainers:** We will be meeting with more mentor-mentee pairs whom we affectionately refer to as “M&M pairs” on June 27th. We look forward to welcoming the new trainers in ceremony under the Teaching Tree next month.
- **New Path Walkers:** With enthusiasm we have welcomed Marc Rosner, and Taylor Replane onto the trainer’s path.

What’s in the Works?

- **Working with the LCC:** The concept of a Listener/Convener Circle arose at last year’s Annual Council Gathering and has been fleshed out by Camille Ameen, Siri Gunnarson, Shay Sloan and Laura Whitney. These four, along with the TMC, have come to consensus around the roles that fall within the mandates of the TMC and the proposed LCC. We have identified which body takes the lead in which areas and how roles will be shared. The basic criterion for defining these roles will truly serve the Trainers Circle and the wider council community. We will present this new partnership to the council community on the Council Immersion Closing Day, Tuesday July 18th, following the International Gathering and we look forward to see the LCC officially seated at that time.
- **Mentors Path and Workshop:** The TMC is coordinating with members of the European Council Network and Ma’agal Hakshava to present a daylong exploration of mentoring on Monday July 17th. This work will lead to developing a Mentor Path that includes training in the art of mentoring. This arises out of a long time yearning by many and the listening at last year’s Gathering. If you see yourself as a mentor, or would like to work towards becoming authorized as such, and you meet the minimum criteria below, we would appreciate hearing from you.
- **NOTE:** A mentor on the path is a carrier who has read The Way of Council, has been a trainer for three years, has co-led a minimum of five trainings and is committed to transmission of this lineage.

Greetings from
Jack
Zimmerman

The Ojai Council Trainers Path began forty years ago in the early days of the Foundation...Now the journey and all its professional aspects has evolved into a global community of council carriers with the TMC as a bridge for North America between the past and the future. The present quartet continues to serve the Ojai council vision through devotion to maintaining the standards and integrity of the tradition we have created together. What a blessing to see council serve in so many settings in different parts of the world. May the evolution continue!