

October 2008 News

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GFSC Annual Board Meeting

In mid-August the GFSC Board had our annual face-to-face board meeting in West Hartford, CT. In our intensive 2-day meeting we set several ambitious goals

- ★ **Grow a Resilient Business Structure:**
- Add 2 more active Board members
 - Increase annual financial support to \$50,000

- ★ **Improve Service Delivery System:**
- Upgrade web site
 - Publish GFSC book
 - Produce 3 webinars

- ★ **Create Dynamic Relationships:**
- Redefine organization partnerships
 - Seek 3 new partners

We are excited and a little anxious about setting such lofty objectives. With the help of our Advisory Council and other interested volunteers, we hope to make these a reality. If you have expertise in any of these areas and wish to help us, please us at info@globalfacilitators.org.

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Crisis > **Change** > **Choice**



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## Letter from Indonesia

Dear GFSC,

*It has been long time since our last contact and I think it is important for me to reestablish communication with you because my recent personal development is closely related to the facilitation activities in Indonesia. I hope you still remember me.*

*In recent times I am still focused on facilitation activities and supporting facilitation training for a Health Services Program (USAID and Ministry of Health RI), District Team Problem Solving for Mother, Neonatal and Toddler Health. The program is interesting and rather complex: helping health facilitators to create district/city team for health program planning in East Java, West Java, Jakarta, Banten, North Sumatra and Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam provinces in Indonesia.*

*I was also involved and using my facilitation skills in another project funded by The World Bank in cooperation with Ministry of Public Works, Cities Poverty Eradication Program, a program for almost all provinces in Indonesia. In this program I helped produce a facilitation training module and became a facilitator-trainer for Districts/Cities staff.*

*I have also been involved in Indonesian Forestry issues by conducting evaluation for the Multi-stakeholders Forestry Program. For this assignment, This is a very important program in the Ministry of Forestry which needs a variety of advanced facilitation skills..*

*I want to thank you for GFSC's contribution to my personal and professional development as a facilitator in Indonesia. I thank you for your support and kind attention.*

Best regards,

I. Andrie Novi Hendrarto

## China Update

GFSC has been working closely with Mark Pixley and Karen Lim of Leadership Inc., based in Hong Kong and working in many different areas in China. They have introduced the **GFSC Crisis Recovery Process** (CRP—formerly known as DCI —Disaster & Crisis Intervention) to community leaders, potential sponsors, educators and social service workers who are highly involved in the recovery of Sichuan province in the aftermath of the earthquake there. We are encouraged by the interest shown in bringing the CRP workshop and methodology to that area on a long-term basis to help communities there, not only recover but also learn how to apply strategies to address personal and group challenges in ways that will build their inner strengths and resilience. Mark and Karen are working on sponsorship and funding to bring 2 GFSC facilitators to China to lead off this effort. If you are interested in contributing to this endeavor, click [here](#) to make a donation and designate it "China workshops."



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## Support GFSC

You can help GFSC continue to build local community capacity in China, in New Orleans and elsewhere. Click on our [donation page](#) or mail a check to

GFSC  
c/o BJ Diamond  
11 Sequin Road  
West Hartford, CT 06117

## NCDD Conference

### Austin, TX

The biannual conference of the National Coalition for Dialogue and Deliberation (Oct. 3-5) was a real opportunity for GFSC. Nearly 400 people who work at improving our world by improving our communications with one another attended.

It was very nice to see GFSC friends and supporters, Julianna Padgett and Carol Fleischmann, from the GFSC NOLA network; Linda Mather from NJ; and Marti Roach, Center for Strategic Facilitation, San Francisco. The sessions were varied and offered something for everyone. The all-group sessions were energetic and very interesting (our personal favorite was the poetry slam).

Visit <http://thataway.org> for a complete report.

BJ Diamond & Marieann Shovlin



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## Join the GFSC Network

We offer materials, mentoring, training and a forum to share ideas and techniques to people who volunteer or work in their communities to build the community's capacity to address challenges.

By joining the GFSC Network you agree to have your contact information shared with others in your region and/or in your designated areas of interest.

We are using a new (simplified) form. If you signed up a few years ago, or if you are new, please [join the network](#).

Let us know how you are building capacity within your community. Share your story with us at [Inspire: Share Your Story](#).

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## Learning Opportunities from Our Partner Organizations

Be sure to let our partner organizations know that you are a part of the GFSC network, for possible discounts and other benefits.

**Amauta International,**  
<http://amauta-international.com/>

**Center for Strategic Facilitation,**  
<http://www.strategicfacilitation.com/>

**Creative Education Foundation,**  
<http://www.creativeeducationfoundation.org:80/>

**Community at Work,**  
<http://www.communityatwork.com/>

**Facilitator U.,** <http://www.facilitatoru.com/>

**International Association of Facilitators**  
<http://iaf-world.org>

**National Coalition for Dialogue & Deliberation** (NCDD), <http://www.thataway.org/>

If your organization would like to explore partnership opportunities with GFSC, please contact Marieann Shovlin,  
[m.shovlin@comcast.net](mailto:m.shovlin@comcast.net).



## Special Thanks to

Stephen Thorpe, member of the GFSC Advisory Council, for rescuing the GFSC website from an alien takeover. We appreciate his quick reaction and solution. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused our visitors.

## Events of Interest

### Asia

Chinese Facilitators Conference,  
18-19 Oct. 2008, Taipei, Taiwan

### Australia

[2008 AUSTRALASIAN FACILITATORS NETWORK \(AFN\) CONFERENCE](#)

Pushing the Boundaries:  
Facilitation Frontiers

Charles Sturt University,  
Bathurst, New South Wales, Australia  
26-28 November 2008

### North America

[IAF North American Conference](#)

Sheraton Wall Centre  
Vancouver, British Columbia  
April 20-25, 2009

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## Gratitude/Gracias

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<http://www.hotconference.com/GFSC/partners1.php>

**Slingshot Media,** <http://www.listcast.com> for our newsletter distribution and email list service

**GFSC Advisory Council** for their patience, expertise, advice and caring.

### 2008 GFSC Board

President: Lenny Diamond  
Vice President: Tim Karpoff  
Secretary-Treasurer: Marieann Shovlin  
Executive Director: BJ Diamond

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