

1/7/2021

Dear Vermont Reiki Association Members,

Our work together as a board in 2020, and for most of us many years prior, has been motivated by our desire to grow and support the VRA in its mission, and to support you in your practices. Building community and fostering relationships through this shared practice and as members with a common goal was a cherished benefit and great joy.

During our tenure, we have set the organization up for great success. This was a difficult year for most small businesses and organizations, but despite that we accomplished a great deal. We put programs, plans and systems in place that showed great promise and possibility. We prepared goals and initiatives that would continue to bring growth in diversity and reach, foster a membership of collaboration, inclusion, high standards, and meaningful work.

The days following our first virtual conference in November have been difficult for this board. Instead of a celebration we faced nearly daily challenges. Though our work has been selfless and with the highest of integrity and diligence, the prior presidents have asked for new leadership.

The current board, though most terms were expiring, had decided to extend their offers to serve during this time of growth primarily because it felt important to offer this support, and because our work feels unfinished. We can see the VRA reaching a place of recognition as a professional organization, and Reiki as a valued and recognized practice in the medical community. It is our greatest wish to see this dream realized.

Despite these hopes and intentions for the organization, and due to high pressures placed on the the current board, the members have individually and unanimously chosen to resign. We did not arrive at this decision easily, and it is not the news we had intended to present at this time of our anticipated annual business meeting. What leaves us with the greatest sadness are the ruptures in trust, and the confusion and loss for this community as a whole. **(Please find our resignation letters attached.)**

We will each continue in our practices and offerings of Reiki and will be resources for you should you choose to reach out, as we are opening the doors for new leadership to step forward. **We will present a special meeting on Sunday January 24th from 1pm-3 pm** to offer the membership and new leaders a platform to discuss and present proposals for the next chapter of the Vermont Reiki Association. We will be stepping down. We are anticipating that those who applied for positions on the board, will be prepared to step in. Our wish is that the outcomes for the organization are of the highest good and the new leaders are successful.

With love and gratitude to our members,

Lonnie, Barrie, Kelly and Leslie
Deb and Becca

Please find the ZOOM link attached and below for the meeting. January 24, 2021 from 1-3pm.

Vermont Reiki Association is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: VRA special meeting
Time: Jan 24, 2021 01:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88169329572?pwd=MWI4cEd3RTJNMUNIMjZKSDEwanNPdz09>

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