

**IYANW General Membership Meeting
4 June 2006**

General Meeting Minutes.

Present:

IYANW Board Members:

Pat Musburger, Felicity Green, Nina Pileggi, Nadine Sims, Paul Cheek, Judy Landecker and Don Gura;

Other:

Eight General IYANW Members

Location:

Sunset Yoga Studio, Portland, OR

The meeting was called to order by Pat Musburger at approximately 3 pm.
Three AUM's, invocation to Patanjali, and a blessing by Felicity Green.

Motion to approve minutes of the Winter meeting made by Judy, unanimously approved.

Committee Reports

Treasurer Report - Nadine.

Our total bank balance as of 6/2/06 was \$5,970.02. Of that total, \$847.39 was dedicated to our Scholarship Fund leaving available general funds in the amount of \$5122.63.

Membership-- Nina.

As of May 24, 2006 we have 62 members. The members are as follows:

Category	Count
Certified Teachers	24
Teachers in Training	6
General Members	32
Total	62

This compares with approximately 30 members at the same time last year!

Communications- Don.

Discussion about the cost and numbers of newsletter produced. It was suggested to do a color newsletter once a year.
Discussion about the IYANW temporary website and Email blasts.

Three newsletters have been produced. The cost for one color newsletters is approximately \$470.11, the cost for black and white is approximately \$153.29, \$642.47 for both. The one color newsletter will go out every November to help and attract new members.

Email blasts were discussed as another way to communicate with members and potential members.

The IYANW temporary website is up. The use of the national website template is currently delayed.

Decisions/Action Items:

Don.

Work up estimated costs to update website adding newsletters, list of teachers, workshops, and other information.

Contact Carmen about national website template.

One color newsletter will go out every November. The other two newsletters will be in one color.

Presidents Report - Pat.

News from IYNAUS

To further enhance lines of communication, IYNAUS has developed an “In-Reach” committee—consisting of the IYNAUS VP and 1 rep from each regional association. Currently for IYANW that person is the President. We need to decide if that should continue to be the case.

IYNAUS has requested that each association recommend 2 people from the region to be considered by the nominating committee for the 2008 elections.

To increase membership, IYNAUS is encouraging regions to offer member’s only workshops by certified teachers. Members attend free or at a reduced rate and non-members can pay an extra \$50 and that becomes their membership fee. It is suggested that this be done near the end of the year when membership for the following year is due.

To promote community and networking among teachers, IYNAUS is suggesting that certified teachers’ classes be offered. These should be by the most senior teachers in the area or by someone recently returned from Pune.

IYNAUS also recommends that regions work to establish a scholarship fund for those going up for certification. We are asked not to give funds for study in Pune as the Karin O’Bannon scholarship is for that purpose.

IYANW News

Don Gura—our esteemed board member and communications chair—has recently been awarded the O’Bannon scholarship for his study in Pune this coming winter—many congratulations.

Several teachers who sponsor workshops have informed IYANW that they are planning to begin offering IYANW member discounts for the coming year. Julie Lawrence is among those teachers.

Old Business

Scholarship.

Discussion about the scholarship form and suggestions for edits, distribution, disbursement and scheduling.

Discussion about creating a budget for the scholarship fund.

The scholarship committee is made up of Felicity Green, Paul Cheek, Judy Landecker and Charles Udell.

The scholarship committee will meet via email and phone when necessary.

The following changes were suggested to the scholarship form:

Add item to request an application.

Under requirements add: 60 day to apply, 45 days confirmation, and 15 days dispersal of funds.

A budget needs to be created for the scholarship committee (this was already done for 2006).
Schedule awards half yearly focusing on supporting teachers up for certification and for students' attending workshops.
It was suggested that we have a "rolling" process: Example, apply in Jan. or Feb. for awards in March, April, and May
or have a quarterly deadline: Example March 15th and June 15th.

The decisions about distribution, disbursement and scheduling was tabled until October.

Decisions/Action Items:

Judy.

Make suggested changes to scholarship form. Add item to request an application and add 60 day to apply, 45 days confirmation, and 15 days dispersal of funds to the requirements.

Email Blasts.

Discussion about the nature, cost and content of Email blasts.

Email blasts are graphic emails. The cost of a service to provide an email is about \$20.00 for a list of 500 people (members and non-members). The content might include upcoming events, details about workshops, philosophy (Light on Life excerpts), and reports from India.

Decisions/Action Items:

Don.

Explore costs of Email blasts.

New Business

Nominations for IYANW Board Members.

Discussion of the nominating process, the nominating form, the election time-frame. The nomination committee will include Felicity Green, Nina Pileggi, and Jennifer Shonk (sp?)

Nominating for Vice-President, Treasurer, and General Board member.

The form needs editing. Missing the step of "suggested names".

Approval of form. ?????

Election in August, by mail, ballots due in two weeks. Post a notice in the next newsletter.

All current and new board members should attend the October meeting.

Decisions/Action Items:

Pat.

Edit nominating form, capital B in box "PO box".

Felicity.

Create job description for the nomination committee and send ballots out 1 Aug., ballots returned by 21st Aug., and results presented by Sep. 1st.

General Discussion.

How to promote the IYANW? How to recruit new members? Why be a member? Why get certified?

To honor BKS Iyengar and build the Yoga community.

Meeting adjourned.

Notes taken by paul cheek, 4 June 2006.

IYANW Board Meeting
4 June 2006

Board Meeting Minutes.

Present:

IYANW Board Members:

Pat Musburger, Felicity Green, Nina Pileggi, Nadine Sims, Paul Cheek, Judy Landecker and Don Gura;

Location:

Nina Pileggi's in Portland, OR.

The meeting was called to order by Pat Musburger.

Pat moved to send a letter to IYNAUS suggesting that they delay the next Iyengar convention, unanimously approved

Decisions/Action Items:

Pat.

Send letter to IYNAUS suggesting that they delay the next Iyengar convention. Deadline 10 June 2006.

Board Job Descriptions.

Discussion about having all of the job descriptions in the same format and about a job description for the nominating committee. Discussed the need for a job description for the nominating committee.

Decisions/Action Items:

Paul.

Put board job descriptions into one format and share with board for approval. Deadline 15 June 2006.

Felicity create a job description for the nominating committee. Deadline 15 June 2006

Fall Meeting.

Scheduled for October 8th in Seattle.

Judy will call in.

Budgets.

Discussion about budgets for the scholarship fund, board meetings and about how to prepare treasurer reports.

It was mentioned that we should budget \$400.00 for the scholarship fund for 2006.

It was mentioned that it might cost up to \$1000.00 to file with the IRS and \$300.00 for website costs.

Decisions/Action Items:

Nadine.

Breakdown expenses into cost per item (newsletter, other.) for future meetings.

Board Rules.

Discussion about all board members knowing and understanding the board rules.

Motion by Pat to pay Judy for entire cost (\$446.50) of the plane ticket for the 4 June 2006 meeting, unanimously approved

Total reimbursement for travel will be decided meeting-by-meeting. We will decide at prior meetings how travel reimbursement will be done trying to make the process as equitable as possible.

Scholarship.

Judy presented a "DRAFT" letter that will go to teachers describing the scholarship program and ways to support membership in the IYANW.

Decisions/Action Items:

Pat.

Draft a letter to teachers and send it to the board for review. Deadline 10 June 2006.

Decisions/Action Items:

All Board Members.

Review the board rules and send any suggestions / comments to Pat by 1 September 2006.

Review the DRAFT letter to teachers and send any suggestions / comments to Pat by 10 Sep. 2006.

Paul.

Create minutes for both meetings. Deadline 15 June 2006.

Meeting adjourned.

Notes taken by paul cheek, 4 June 2006.