



BKS Iyengar Yoga Association of Minnesota
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IYAMN BOD Meeting Minutes April 29, 2017

The meeting took place at the Northrup King Building in Minneapolis, room #341 (Shannyn Potter's studio).

The meeting was called to order by President Joy Laine at 3:45 pm.

Present: Joy Laine, Dick Jones, Shannyn Potter, Mona McNeely, Nancy Marcy, Luanne Laurents.

Absent: Mary Jo Nissen

It was determined that we had a quorum.

Approval of Minutes from 2/18/2017 meeting.

The minutes were approved with no changes.

Report from President

- *Discussion of Letter from Dr Geeta Iyengar (implications for our mission)*
With the aid of a written summary provided by Joy, we reviewed a letter that was sent to all certified Iyengar teachers from Geeta and Prashant Iyengar, dated March 29, 2017, regarding teaching, teacher training and assessment.

The intent of the letter was that it be shared with all Association members.

Our discussion focused on ideas that are relevant to our mission, including:

- a) Fostering support and communication among members, teachers and associations
- b) Respecting seniors while also including younger teachers and members in the organizational process of the association
- c) Cultivating local communities of seasoned practitioners and using qualified local teachers for teacher training whenever possible
- d) Teachers' responsibility to disseminate Guruji's teachings, both in classes and through short lecture/demonstrations

In support of these guidelines, we talked about

- a) Purchasing books that teachers can borrow for educational purposes
- b) Organizing reading/study groups
- c) Including educational components in yoga days, website, and Facebook
- d) Offering a yoga event that includes teaching by many of our local teachers, perhaps as part of the 100-year birthday celebration for Guruji.

- *By-Laws*

Joy and Nancy shared progress to date on revision of IYAMN Bylaws.
Sharing a comparison sheet of the bylaws of IYAMN, IYAMW, and



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IYNAUS, we noted the similarities and differences in format and content. We agreed to use the examples of IYAMW and IYNAUS, along with review of the Minnesota Statute 317A on Non-profit Corporations, to do the amendments. Work is progressing via Google docs. Work will be shared on a read-only basis with Board members. The goal is to complete this revision during the present fiscal year. We noted that additional changes to our organization, such as official office location, official agent, name of organization, or non-profit status, can wait until the bylaws and articles of incorporation have been amended and approved by the Board and members, as needed.

Report from Vice President

Report from Treasurer

Committee Reports

Membership: There were no updates to membership status.

Media and Communications:

Shannyn plans to send out postcards promoting Yoga Day and ...

Education:

➤ Mary Obendorfer and Eddy Marks Workshop

The correct date of the workshop is October 16–22, 2017. The location of the weekday classes (Oct. 16–20) will be Saint Paul Yoga Center; Saturday and Sunday classes (Oct. 21–22) will be held at Barre Bliss.

➤ Carrie Owerko (Spring 2018)

We decided confirm the details of this workshop and move ahead with planning. The dates of the workshop are May 4–6, 2018. Dick Jones has agreed to contact Carrie to arrange details of transportation, food, and lodging.

➤ Summer Yoga Day

Luanne Laurents will be in charge of working with Pam Starcher at the Yoga Place in LaCrosse to plan the details of this event, including catering. Rachel Frazee will be the teacher.

Unfinished Business

➤ Randy Just Workshop/Overview of Workshop

➤ Review West Bend Insurance Waiver

➤ Review IRS Tax Return



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New Business

- Winter Yoga Day
- Meetings Dates for 2017
- Preparations for 2018 Guruji's Centenary: Initial thoughts