



IYAUM  
November 2021 BOD Meeting Minutes  
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**IYAUM Board of Directors' Meeting MINUTES**

Date/Time November 21, 2021 // 12:00pm  
Place: Zoom

- **Call to Order/Quorum:** The meeting was called to order at 12:00pm. A quorum was established for the meeting. Present: Nancy Marcy, Susan Johnson, Bethany Valentini, Irene Alderson, Julie Sybrant, Pat Harty, Dawn Talbert. Arrived later: Katharine Wood, Shannyn Joy Potter, Nancy Footner. Molly Gallagher comes in briefly for discussion of Winter Yoga Day.
  
- **Review of Agenda:** Addition of Nancy F led discussion of returning teachers vs. new teachers to teachers to invite in the future
  
- **Consensus Items:** September minutes approved
  - **Prospective Board Member: Dawn Talbert**
    - Dawn introduced herself to us (been practicing since 1999 mostly with Joy, works in marketing and used to work in banking). She would take over treasurer duties from Julie who would assist with the transition.
    - We will take a voice vote at the annual meeting in December to approve her appointment to the board and Shannyn/Nancy M will send out her bio ahead of time.
  
  - **Treasurer's report:**
    - Julie sent a detailed Profit and Loss statement for year to date prior to meeting.
    - Current balance \$17,833.75
    - Julie will transition most duties to Dawn, but will continue to do our taxes and the MN financial statement most likely
    - We had no scholarship requests for Randy's workshop
    - We can switch Venmo to Dawn's phone for now
    - QuickBooks: Julie has been using her personal account. Options to subscribe monthly for online access at \$25/month or pay around \$200/year if it's on one person's computer. We will select the cheapest option that includes online backup
  
  - **President's report/Admin**
    - IYAUM Email account: Supposed to be secretary and membership chair checking it, needs to be checked weekly at minimum. Bethany has agreed to take responsibility for checking it. We decide not everyone needs access. All contact forms on our website go to this account.
    - We have two other email accounts (news@iyaum which Irene checks and info@iyaum, which we don't currently use)
    - Need to add yearly registration with MN secretary of state as a nonprofit to bylaws and assign responsibility: Secretary will do it (need EIN and name of company). Done for 2021.
    - New board members: no other additions to the slate.
  
  - **IYNAUS Updates:**
    - IYNAUS currently doing strategic planning



• **Membership Report:**

- Currently have 121 members (no change)
- Discussion of how/if we allow IYNAUS members from other regions to join our region as well as “regional members.” They could pay us \$30 directly through PayPal and receive the same benefits from us as “regular” members. Would start at beginning of next year.
- Further discussion of if we allow people to join IYAUM without joining IYNAUS (just found out this is allowed from IYNAUS). If we allow this would cut total expense for members (and potentially allow more people to apply for scholarships if we continue to allow members only to apply for scholarship). Will table this discussion until later.
- Nancy M will check with IYNAUS to confirm that we are allowed to have regional members who are not IYNAUS members.

• **Media Report**

- Winter Yoga Day online registration almost ready to go
- Our number of followers have been increasing since Irene and Katharine started working on social media accounts
- Newsletter: We need contributors for February on. Send Irene ideas for contributors for member spotlights and asana articles. Nancy M will write February intro if no one else volunteers.

• **Education/Events:**

- Winter Yoga Day: 12/11/21 in Decorah and online. Will include annual meeting briefly at the beginning (verbal presentation only). Followed by all levels asana practice with Laurie Blakeney, then snacks. Space for 18 in person and overflow in person will be in the barn. Vaccinations required, not sure about masks – Molly will let Shannyn know on this.
- Randy Just – Lost money on his workshop. Nancy M sent a detailed report. He has offered to teach a 2-hour class for us for free to make up for lost revenue. Nancy M and Shannyn will work with him to schedule it in January.
- 2022 Prairiewoods Regional Retreat: 5/20/22-5/22/22. IYAUM will take financial responsibility for this retreat (as with all our events). Nancy F prefers not to offer zoom, will check with Laurie about her preference. Zoom could bring in more revenue, but we are OK offering with or without zoom. Capacity in person is 36.

1:34 Meeting Adjourned. Had additional agenda items we didn’t get to, which we will discuss at our next meeting.

**Next steps:**

- Next board meeting will be in the new year (other than annual meeting).
- Everyone: Think about books for IYAUM DEIJ book club and bring suggestions to next meeting.
- Everyone: Send Irene ideas for contributors for member spotlights and asana articles
- Nancy M and Nancy F will continue discussion about instructors for our fall event via email.
- Julie and Nancy M will decide on which QuickBooks option makes sense for us
- Nancy M and Shannyn work to schedule Randy Just January class
- Nancy M will check with IYNAUS to confirm that we are allowed to have regional members who are not IYNAUS members.