**March 2020 IYAUM Board of Directors’ Meeting**

**Minutes**

Time: 1:00-2:30 p.m. March 14, 2020

Place: Northrup King Building, 1500 Jackson St. NE, nkbyoga Studio #337, Minneapolis 55413

* Call to Order/Quorum: The meeting was called to order at 1:08 pm. Present: Luanne Laurents, Nancy Marcy, Nancy Footner via phone, and Julie Sybrant. Absent: Mona McNeely, Mary Jo Nissen, and Shannyn Potter. A quorum was established for the meeting.
* Consensus Items
  + January minutes were approved.
  + Modified agenda was approved to include contingency plans for events due to the COVID19 pandemic.
* Treasurer’s Report (Julie):
  + Our current bank balance is $10,947
  + Julie noted that we are charged $15 for receiving money from IYNAUS through Zelle. Discussion as to whether we should continue doing transactions in this way or ask for checks to be sent instead—noting that while individuals are not charged, businesses are, we agreed that ‘this is the way of the world’ so we would stay with Mobile transfers. Nancy M said she would check with US Bank to ensure that we must be charged fees even though we are a non-profit organization.
  + Budget for 2020: We looked at the proposed budget and agreed to wait on approval until we know more about upcoming workshops that may be canceled due to COVID19, proposed product sales (T-shirts). We can do this business via email prior to the next meeting.
  + Bellur Trust Donation: We discussed the motion (Made by Luanne and seconded by Mary Jo via email prior to the meeting) to “proceed with our annual donation of 10% of our year-end balance to Bellur.” Nancy F moved that we amend the motion to “allocate this 10% of balance specifically in the form of a scholarship for a member to fund the expense of going to study in Bellur.” Nancy M seconded. Discussion followed: The option of doing both a general donation and a scholarship was considered. Due to travel restrictions currently in place for India, we postponed this motion but agreed to consider it at next meeting to allow time, should the motion pass, to plan for a 2021 scholarship, We voted on and approved the first motion.
* President’s Report (Nancy M.)
  + Thirteen IYAUM CIYTs agreed to participate in the IYNAUS-supported Yoga/Wellness research project as of February. However, leadership of the IYNAUS research committee is in flux right now, so the project has not proceeded. *[Update 03/17/20: Due to closure of most yoga venues in response to COVID19, this project is on hold for the foreseeable future.]*
* Media Report (Shannyn, read by Nancy)
  + Arun’s trip to the US has been canceled due to COVID19.
  + Shannyn proposed hiring Mark Hayden to live stream Joy Laine’s sutra study event using data. The event will be available using FaceBook and website; Mark will then edit the footage and create a Vimeo account for IYAUM and the public to watch at any time. Shannyn provided a proposal from Hayden with breakdown of costs: $180 total. Nancy M moved and Luanne seconded that we approve the proposal. Motion passed. Joy suggested moving sutra study to April 26th. Shannyn’s studio is available.
  + Mary and Eddy cards are being designed, registration is open online, and an email has been sent. Consideration of prop numbers and a charge of $25 per hour (site to be nkbyoga). *[Update 03/17/2020: Mary and Eddy have canceled the workshop due to COVID19. We will need to notify members asap via email as well as on the web site. Nancy will work with Shannyn to do so.]*
* Membership Report (Mary Jo, read by Luanne):
  + We currently have 107 members
  + The $500 discrepancy that was noted in January between projected and actual membership funds received from IYNAUS through 2019 was due to CIYTs renewing their membership at the end of the prior year. (they have a grace period through February 2020**). These funds should be received soon from IYNAUS**.
  + IYNAUS/IYAUM General Members’ Survey should go out soon.
  + Nancy M noted that IYNAUS still does not have a way for people to join more than one region online. She will contact them about this. Meanwhile, we will accept checks ($30) for additional membership and communicate this to IYNAUS.
* Education and Events: We discussed contingency plans for upcoming workshops.
  + Yoga Sutras Study group with Joy Laine (March 29, 2020 2-4pm)—The venue for this event is/was the BKS Iyengar Yoga Center. At present, the center is closed until March 28. As noted above, we plan to live stream the event. Not certain at this time whether people will attend, but doubtful. Luanne will connect with Joy to agree on a space for the meeting/broadcast.
  + Mary and Eddy workshop (April 24-26 at nkbyoga)—Contingency plans included finding a larger venue to allow for social distancing, necessary communication with registrants, deadlines for deciding whether to have the workshop. *[Update 03/17/20]: Workshop canceled; see Media report above for next steps.*
  + Bobby Clennell workshop (June 12-14) —There was no discussion of this workshop.
  + H.S. Arun (June 26-28, 2020) *Canceled.*
  + Summer Yoga Day (Saturday, July 11)—Katy Olson teaching at the BKS Center
  + Laurie Blakeney (October 2-4, 2020)— There was no discussion of this workshop.
  + Winter Yoga Day (December 11 or 12, 2020) We only set the weekend of the event. We need to find a venue and a teacher.
* 2021 Teachers
  + Randy Just has agreed to come to Minnesota in 2021, any (warm) time but for two weeks in July. Dates to be decided.
  + Nancy F noted it is good to have visiting teachers come twice. Mentioned: Bobby Clennell, Laurie Blakeney
  + Nancy M noted that some senior teachers had been recommended to her and that she had contacted one of them. Discussion ensued. We agreed that the proper procedure is to bring potential teachers’ names to the board for consideration prior to contacting them. We will form a search committee for this purpose. Nancy M and Nancy F will serve; we may ask another IYAUM member to help us.
* New Business: IYAUM Sponsorship of Prairiewoods Retreat (May 21-23, 2021) Nancy provided a copy of the Prairiewoods contract for our information. We discussed the history behind the retreat as well as other regions’ retreats. No motion was made because one of the board members had to leave early; we lost our quorum.
* Next Meeting: TBA
* Adjournment: 2:20

Respectfully submitted,

## Nancy Marcy, IYAUM President