**January 2021**

**IYAUM Board of Directors’ Meeting Minutes**

## Date/Time January 16, 2021 // 2:00pm

Place: Zoom

* Call to Order/Quorum: The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm. Present: Nancy Marcy, Nancy Footner, Shannyn Joy Potter, Susan Johnson, Katharine Wood, Bethany Valentini, Julie Sybrant. A quorum was established for the meeting.
* Welcome new directors: Susan Johnson, Bethany Valentini, Katharine Wood
* Review of Agenda: Addition of thank yous for outgoing board members, postpone zoom event procedures update until later date.
* Consensus Items:
* **IYNAUS report** (Susan): No assessments will happen this year. Focus on training assessors. 6 total DEIJ trainings will be offered. How can we share between regions our DEIJ work? Upcoming continuing ed Abhijata’s kids classes. Discussion of how to address members joining other regional associations when they are geographically within ours. IYAUM membership chair will reach out to IYNAUS membership chair to discuss.
* **Treasurer report** (Julie)**:** $16,582.32. Review 2020 profit and loss and 2020 balance sheets. Differences from previous years: More donations this year, online workshop expenses are new, workshop expenses overall were lower since were all online. Julie will send 2019 profit and loss report for comparison. Nancy M and Julie to create 2021 budget.
* **Elect officers of the board:** President: Nancy M, Vice President: Nancy F, Secretary: Katharine, Treasurer: Julie
* **Affirm/modify Standing Committees** (Current standing committees are as follows:) Administration, Education and events, Media and Communications, Membership. Discussion of PO Box: Julie will check. Need to keep it so we don’t have to change addresses frequently with bank, government.
* **Affirm/appoint committee chairs:** Administration: Nancy M and Julie, Education and events: Nancy F, will share responsibilities on an event by event basis, Media and Communications: Shannyn, Membership: Bethany, Susan will continue as regional representative to IYNAUS
* **Newsletter Initiative:** May be monthly, may include sutra and asana of the month, upcoming events, video interviews or articles with/by senior teachers. Could have Vimeo archive. Shannyn waiting to hear from Irene on helping with this.
* **Goals for 2021:** We want to include a statement about being an anti-racist organization and doing social justice work, but are not sure if it is allowed in the mission. Agree to put it somewhere. We contribute to social justice by teaching Iyengar yoga in a culturally-sensitive, trauma-informed way and creating a welcoming community. Follow Detroit Collective’s (Ahmisa in Action) lead in this work. Other goals: repost on social media more of what’s happening in broader community. Make our organization more regional (happening more with class participation on zoom). Continue outreach thru newsletter, events, support members and teachers with scholarships, building stronger community. Discussion: Could we offer free classes to highlight other teachers besides senior teachers? Arun class? Class/yoga day on how to teach yoga where people feel safe/empowered partnering with Resmaa Menakem and/or another social justice organization? Turn these ideas over to education committee.
* **Newsletter draft for January:** Nancy M will shorten and resend. Needs to be sent ASAP to help January events. Will not hyperlink to individual events, but rather to IYAUM events page.
* **Scholarship Report:** Forms – ready to make live. Nancy M and Shannyn will meet and finalize form for Abhijata kids class. Discussion: If a teacher in our region teaches thru yoga therapeutics we should promote it, but won’t promote all yoga therapeutics events.

Outstanding discussion items: Finish scholarship discussion, events for 2021, zoom event procedures update, thank yous to outgoing board members. May need to meet more often. Will schedule another meeting in early February.

End of meeting