



**February 2021**  
**IYAUM Board of Directors' Meeting MINUTES**

Date/Time February 6, 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.
- **Review of Agenda:** Add membership report.
- **Consensus Items:** January minutes approved.
  - **President's report:** Paige Noon asked for a history of IYAUM - Nancy M is following up. [3/20/20 Update: IYAUM will submit an article to be published in the next issue of Samachar that includes a summary of our history and current initiatives and activities. Luanne Laurents has developed a draft of the history to be included in this report-NM]
  - **Treasurer report :** \$17,212.81 current balance. Julie working to open a new Paypal account. Will renew PO box in June. 2021 proposed budget approved by consensus.
  - **Media Report:** First newsletter was sent to 414 (members and interested teachers/practitioners): 254 opened=60% response. Shannyn and Irene Alderson are preparing future newsletters (one a month). Newsletter will include pose, sutra, member profile, and upcoming events. Susan is March backup for pose of the month. Joy Laine doing sutra of the month. Past editions will be archived on website.
  - **Education/Events:**
    - Discussion of mission preceded the discussion of the scholarship report. We agreed to modify the official statement to reflect our commitment to social justice. Several people contributed draft statements. Susan, Bethany, and Katharine to meet and create draft of new mission/purpose statement with equity statement for website by end of month (all agree to keep first sentence the same).
    - Scholarship report:
      - Approved recommendations by consensus except changed I.ii to 3 weeks deadline for submission of applications before event.
      - Julie collects scholarship applications, calls recommending teachers, and send applications to committee by deadline. Julie is on scholarship committee as a purveyor of information but not as a judge.
      - Scholarship/grant evaluating committee for 2021 is Nancy F, Bethany, and Pat Harty if she accepts (Nancy M will ask her). Katharine is backup for Pat. If a committee member needs to recuse themselves from a decision, another board member can sub in.
      - Community outreach grants will have 2 deadlines per year (such as March 31<sup>st</sup> and September 31<sup>st</sup>). First deadline 2021 will be end of April.
      - Proposed COVID grants will be broadened to general emergency relief grants and will be available on a rolling basis as need arises.



- Grants to board members are OK per our conflict of interest agreement.
  - Whenever possible, monies will be given directly to the vendor or sponsor of study opportunity rather than applicant.
  - Will list all committee members on website for every committee except scholarships/grants in order to keep anonymity policy intact.
- CIYT meeting: 2/27 4-5 pm hosted by Nancy F. No agenda, won't be recorded, open to CIYT, teachers-in-training. Nancy F will send email to CIYTs who can forward to anyone they think would be interested.
  - Upcoming events:
    - Jaki Nett - Nancy M working with Jaki on April workshop. Can we move Randy to September (Shannyn working with him to schedule)? Would like approximately one event per quarter (yoga days in winter and summer).

- **Membership**: Bethany and Nancy M working to get access to membership database.

End of meeting

### **March 25, 2021**

Via email, the board reached a consensus to adopt the following revised mission statement:

To promote and disseminate the art, science, and philosophy of yoga according to the teachings of B.K.S. Iyengar. The association's purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

We fulfill this mission in the following ways:

- By building an Iyengar community that values maitri and karuna (friendliness and compassion). We are welcoming to students of all abilities, body type, age, race, gender, sexual orientation, and economic status. We are committed to social justice and seek to attain ahimsa (non-violence), both within the individual self and the community we serve.
- By advancing public education in the classical teachings of the science of Yoga based upon the principles of the highest standards of personal conduct and service to others through events, classes, demonstrations, meetings, etc.
- By offering scholarships for association events and other educational opportunities related to the study of Iyengar Yoga.