



BKS Iyengar Yoga Association of Minnesota
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Board of Directors Meeting

December 16th, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 4.35 p.m.

Present: Katy Olson, Dick Jones, Luanne Laurents, Shannyn Joy Potter, Joy Laine

Absent: Nancy Marcy, Steve Weiss

Review and approval of Minutes from previous meeting:

The Minutes from the December 15th, 2016 meeting were read and approved.

President's Report and Business:

(Dick Jones did not give a treasurer's report and Joy Laine did not give a membership report, since there was no pressing business from them and the time was allocated to discussion of the president's business, specifically how best to organize the committees for the future well being of IYAMN)

It was clarified that everybody coming new on to the board is serving a two-year term. The only exception to this is if someone is completing the two-year term of someone who has resigned early. This will ensure that we follow what we see to be the intent of the by-laws, that we never have too many people leave the board at the same time. In future we will follow the pattern of alternating between three and four members of the BOD completing their terms in each year.

We reaffirmed the code of conduct and it will be included in the binder and signed by individual members. Copies of this were distributed to board members present and will be given to Steve Weiss and Nancy Marcy for inclusion in their binders.

Offices for 2016 were decided as follows:

Katy Olson: President

Steve Weiss: Vice President

We discussed the relationship between this position and that of the president, whether or not the assumption should be that the vice-president will be viewed as a preparation for the president's position. . Since no one at this time volunteered to assume the role of president when Katy completes her tenure, we decided that Steve should stay on this office.

Secretary: Nancy Marcy

Richard Jones: Treasurer

The holders of these offices should prepare an updated description of the duties associated with each of these positions. This will ensure smoother hand offs in the future.

We then discussed how best to overhaul the committee structure to better reflect the needs of today's business. For example, since we no longer maintain libraries, the old library committee is now rather redundant. According to our by-laws, each committee requires the membership of two members of the board. The committees were re-organized in the following way:

Finance Committee

Chair: Dick Jones

Second BOD Member: Katy Olson

Provisional Duties: Budgeting, Filing Taxes

Media and Communications Committee (Old Library Committee/Mailing Combined)

Chair: Shannyn Potter

Second BOD Member: Luanne Laurents

Joy Laine also requested to be on this committee

Steve Weiss (Liaison with IYNAUS)

Provisional Duties: I Contact; Facebook; Website; Mailing; Archives. This committee will be key for developing the new website.

Education Committee

Chair: Katy Olson

Second BOD Member: Richard Jones

Provisional Duties: Organizing workshops and yoga days; exploring other educational opportunities

Membership Committee

Chair: Joy Laine

Second BOD Member: Nancy Marcy

Provisional Duties: Membership outreach; coordinating with treasurer on updating memberships;

We made sure that at least two board members are on each committee. If other board members want to be members of these committees then they can request membership. The chairs of each of these committees will be responsible for drawing members from outside of the board when needed and specifying the duties of each of the committees. We discussed the duties of each of these committees and how they line up with the old committees (given above). These descriptions are rather provisional and the chairs of each of these committees will now be responsible for outlining them in more detail.

Unfinished Business

Tax Issues: Dick Jones reaffirmed that we have our status as a non-profit 501C3. We are keeping our status as a private foundation and will complete this year's tax filing as a private foundation. There is still some discussion as to whether we should be public charity or a private foundation. This remains a live issue because IYNAUS itself is a public charity and it might also impact the ease with which individuals can make donations to IYAMN.

Dick Jones also reported that since we have not heard back from the IRS, we can assume that the withholding from Jawahar Banghera's fee has been accepted by them.

Dick discussed the possibility that BOD members receive training from a representative from the Minnesota non-profit board. We also discussed seeking professional help to file taxes and to develop the website. It was agreed that these two tasks are important enough that we invest some of our budget to have this done by professionals. The Media and Communications Committee will look into website development and seek to identify a suitable individual. Luanne will send Shannyn the 'wish list' for the website developed by Luanne and Joy. In the meantime we should continue to keep our current website current (updating teacher certifications, for example). Joy will contact Michael; with updates and also ask Steve to inquire why the link to the IYAMN webpage from IYNAUS does not work.

New Business

Name Change

We talked about forming a committee to change by-laws and/or articles of incorporation, and noted that a name change would require a change in the articles of incorporation. We also need a more current address for IYAMN. We decided that the best course of action will be to invite Patty Zurlo to speak with us and for each of us to review and read the by-laws to prepare for this meeting. Dick will ask Patty if she is free to attend our next meeting. She will help us review the by-laws and see what changes need to be made. Thus at this time, we decided that we are not at a point where a committee would be useful.

We agreed on the need for in-person board meetings to bring people together, four times a year was deemed sufficient

We agreed that as a board we can conduct the business of the association via email so long as everyone is copied on the emails. All voting is to be in done in person by a quorum at a board meeting.

(Passed by all those present.)

Meetings for 2016 were provisionally set for:

March 19 3.00pm. Claddagh Coffee House

July 23/24 (*guru purnīma* day) BOD/Yoga Day Time and Place to be decided

October 15 3.00p.m. Claddagh Coffee House

December 10/11 Board Meeting and Yoga Day Time and place to be decided

Laurie Blakeney Workshop

- Discussed timings of mailing - Luanne will do the mailing mid-February and Dick will continue to collect registrations from the PO Box.
- Discussed hospitality - she will be housed at the Laine house
- Saturday: -- evening dinner with Laurie (provisional)

Mary Obendorfer and Eddy Marks Workshop

Committee to be decided at next board meeting. We agree that they should begin their workshop on the Tuesday after Labor Day.

Insurance

We discussed the need for insurance to protect BOD members from individual liability resulting from personal injuries at our workshops. This is expensive. We will check with Steve Weiss to see if there is any info on this from IYNAUS and also to look into the possibilities of having participants sign waivers.

Service Mark

\$100 membership check submitted by Dick Jones who requested clarification on where to send service mark check

Bellur Donation

10% of account balance \$1000 - will be sent.

Meeting closed at 7.30p.m.

Proposed by Laine and seconded by Laurent

Minutes respectfully submitted by Joy Laine.