



BKS Iyengar Yoga Association of Minnesota

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Annual Meeting for General Members

December 3, 2016

Call to Order

Katy Olson called to order a meeting of the general membership immediately following the Yoga Day lecture and asana practice which was led by Joy Laine.

Katy shared with attendees the notable events, progress, and challenges of IYAMN's past year:

- Our status as a 501(c)3 organization is secure.
- Our webpage has been transformed to be more user-friendly. It includes PayPal payment options for dues and workshops.
- Facebook presence has raised awareness of Iyengar Yoga. Thanks to Shannyn Potter for this work.
- Thanks to Luanne for iContact and mailing communications to members
- Summer Yoga Day was a successful event that included membership outreach although we did go beyond our budget to accomplish the event. Thanks to Luanne and Nancy for heading up this effort.
- The Laurie Blakeney workshop was great and much fun.
- Our third annual 'Eddy and Mary Dive Down' week-long workshop: Katy explained why we do it: to really move our practice ahead. Explained that we did not make money due to low attendance.
- Discussed survey: Got 12 responses. Members' feedback was that they did not get it; spam, lack of feedback to give, poorly worded questions, not enough background information given.
- Katy asked: do you want to go back to having different teachers every spring and fall? No concrete response from the group.
- Membership is up to 97.
- Regarding question of changing the name of the organization: We received less than half the membership in response. One member complained that there was not enough background information to understand what the process would be to change the name of the org in the mailing accompanying the vote.
- Joy explained that the request for name change came from Iowa. What was not on the ballot was how much it would cost (there is a filing fee), nor what it would mean, nor how we work with the Midwest Association. Someone asked what was the result. This was explained (no majority of membership therefore no change).

- Other members noted that bios of potential board members should have been provided with the ballot for board voting. (Space was the issue, Katy responded.)
- Joy noted that bios and minutes of meetings are retrievable on the website.
- Katy's final statement: Our emails are publicized and any of you can email us at any time. Feel free. My feeling is one of feeling around in the dark sometimes. Trying to figure out: What is the path to the future? Are we reflecting the will of our members?

Dick Jones then spoke. He thanked Katy for her 5-6 years of service as president and presented her with a gift from the association. He then spoke of our financial status:

- IYAMN has just over \$7800 in the unencumbered checking account.
- Some feel it is more money than we should have. (But we can't anticipate revenue flows.)
- This year we have an operating loss of \$2000.
- The good news is that it corresponds to what we spent on the website to date.
- We will explore reducing cash balance to \$5000 and sending surplus to Bellur.
- All events with the exception of the two yoga days are based on breaking even. Yoga Days are one of our great benefits.
- For \$60—\$30 to national—\$30 stays here. So if you attend both Yoga Days you get 100% of your dues back. Because we charge \$15 for nonmembers. If we owe you money we pay after each meeting.
- We are up to speed in taxes, etc.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Marcy
IYAMN Secretary