Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
of Iyengar Yoga Association of Hong Kong
held on 16 March (Saturday) 2019 at 7:00 pm
at 19 Floor The Pemberton 22-26 Bonham Strand Iyengar
Yoga Centre of Hong Kong Sheung Wan, Hong Kong

Present:

Executive Committee Members:
Mr George Dovas (Chair)*
Ms Aishah Binte Jantan (Vice Chair)
Mr Chun Pang Yu (Secretary)*
Mr Marshall Ng (Treasurer)
Mr Arnold IP (Hong Kong Island Representative)
Mr Ray Lui (Kowloon and New Territories Representative)

Standing Committees Members:
Ms Icy Lee (Chair - Ethics and Certification Committee)
Ms Karen Lam (Assessment Co-ordinator)
Ms Theresa Leung (Chair – Events Committee)

In attendance:
The attendance record is at Annex A

Absent with Apology:
Ms Katharine Sara Lock (Membership Co-ordinator)*

*To be re-elected according to the tenure defined by the Constitution

Invocation to Patanjali
The Chair led the Invocation to Pantanjali.

Approve the Minutes of Last Meeting
1. The Chair asked for amendments on the minutes of last meeting which was uploaded to the Association’s web site for member sighting before meeting. The minutes was approved without amendment.
Committee Reports
2. The Chair welcome those present to the meeting and introduced the members of the Executive Committee and Standing Committees and their responsibilities.

Financial Report
3. The Treasurer reported the financial situation of the Association which was considered healthy. The supplementary audit report is at Annex B.

4. He also informed members the amount of donation made to the ‘Bellur Trust’ (Bellur Krishnamachar Sheshamma Smaraka Nidhi Trust).

5. The Chair introduced how the Association would spend the accumulated revenue such as sponsoring the community classes.

6. The Treasurer proposed to re-appoint Nicholas Fung & Company as the accounting firm for the Association in the new year term and the proposal was passed.

Ethics and Certification Committee
7. The Committee informed the meeting that the trademark for the ‘certification mark’ symbol and ‘teacher mark’ had been completed.

8. Application for the trademarks on the texts of ‘Iyengar Yoga’ and ‘Certified Iyengar Yoga Teacher’ was in progress.

9. The Vice-Chair echoed why trademarks was so important by drawing reference to the recent incident of the ClearWater Bay Golf Club and Spa where an Iyengar yoga course was planned to be taught by a teacher other than a ‘Certificate Iyengar Teacher’. A letter to the organization had been sent to affirm our stand and the organization later removed the text of Iyengar in all propaganda.

Assessment Committee
10. There was no assessment conducted in 2018. The forthcoming
assessments in 2019 was being planned.

**Event Committee**

11. The Committee reported the events organized by the Association in 2018-2019:

a) Raya Convention (28/04/2018 – 02/05/2018) – with a participation of 130 local and overseas students;

b) The Hong Kong Pune Study Trip (14/01/2019 – 20/01/2019) – with 101 participants.

12. Karen reported the community class held recently with the CCAF (Community CareAge Foundation). Please also see paragraph 5 above.

13. It was planned in the year ahead to invite teachers from Pune to come and teach in Hong Kong.

**Public Relation/Press and Communication Committee**

14. Members were informed of the following:

a) The Association would continue to subscribe to ‘Wild Apricot’ to manage the web site, email communication with members, membership renewal, events hosting and online payments;

b) Yoga Rahasya 2019 had been put for order online and members are advised to act fast before closure in end March 2019; and

c) The Association aimed for better design of the current web page. Members having the related skills are therefore encouraged to come forward and contribute to make best use of money paid.

**Appointment of New Members for the Executive Council and Standing Committees**

15. The posts of the existing Chair, Secretary and Membership Co-
ordinator had reached the end of the tenure of 3 years in 2019 according to the Constitution of the Association.

16. The meeting approved the appointment of Ms Karen Lam as the Chair, replacing Mr George Dovas, Ms Rhonda Yung Ling Chi as the Secretary, replacing Mr Yu Chun Pang who would replace Ms Katharine Sara Lock as the Membership Co-ordinator. Mr George Dovas would replace Ms Karen Lam as the Assessment Co-ordinator.

**Any Other Business**

17. The Chair informed members that Chinese translation in written and verbal would be deemed necessary in many occasions as in the past. The Association would need volunteers continuously to perform the tasks at times of need. For example, the letter from RIMYI was translated and uploaded to the Association’s web page on 6 March 2019 for sighting of members, which was not an easy job.

18. Members were told that the Association may need to re-organize to cope with the sustainability and mission anticipated. These may include the creation of two more regional representatives.

19. Ms Helen Mahtani was appointed as the second Hong Kong Island Representative and Ms Kitty Wong Kwai Fong was appointed as the second Kowloon and New Territories Representative.

**Next Meeting**

20. The details of next AGM would been announced in due course.

**Distribution**

All members
Annex A

Aishah Jantan
Aleydis Chan
Ally Ting Ting Lee
Arnold Ip
Cary Au Yeung
Cecilia Lee
Cecilia Suet Ping Lee
Ching Man Keely Yau
Choy Peng Foo
Chun Pang Yu
Deborah Cheng
Devika Virmani
Elaine Cheung
George Dovas
Helen Mahtani
Icy Lee
Judy Zhou
Ka Ming Chu
Kam Yin Athena Ho
Karen Lam
Kwai Fong, Kitty Wong
Lap Yat, Peggy Lui
Ling Chi Rhonda Yung
Marshall Ng
On Yee Chan
Pui Yee Yeung
Ray Lui
Sandy Yip
Shirley Law
Sin Fun Sindy Siu
Suk Fan Fanny Tse
Susan Kreidler
Theresa LEUNG
Victoria Fouladi
Winifred Yuk Ying Leung
Xiaofang Zheng