



**The Iyengar Yoga Association of Hong Kong
Annual General Meeting 2023**

Minutes

Date : Sunday, 2 April, 2023

Time : 17:30 pm

Venue : 21 Wing Wo Street, Sheung Wan, Hong Kong (meeting was held via both video conferencing and in person)

Present :

Executive Committee

Mr Arnold Ip (Chair) in person

Mr Doris Choi (Treasurer) in person

Ms Kitty Wong (Secretary) in person

Mr FOO Choy Peng (Hong Kong Island Representative 1)

Ms Cary Au-Yeung (Hong Kong Island Representative 2)*

Mr Chun Pang Yu (Kowloon / New Territories Representative 2) in person

Ms Winnie Yu (Kowloon / New Territories Representative 1)*

Standing Committee Chair / Coordinator:

Ms Icy Lee (Chair - Ethics and Certification Committee)*

Mr George Dovas (Chair - Assessment and Teacher Training Committee)

Mr Soo Siu Chung (Membership Coordinator)

In attendance :

The attendance record is attached at Annex A.

Absent with Apologies :

Ms Victoria Faulidi (Vice Chair)

Ms Dorothy Cheung (Public Relations / Press and Communication Coordinator)

Ms Ada Leung (Chair - Events Committee)

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

Invocation to Patanjali

The Chair led the Invocation to Patanjali.

Approve the Minutes of Last Meeting

1. The Chair asked for amendments on the minutes of the last AGM (27 February 2022), which were sent to member for review by email before the meeting. The minutes were approved without amendment.

Committee Reports

2. The Chair welcomed all participants to attend the meeting, and reported that the Executive Committee and Standing Committee members met once a month last year to discuss the Association's affairs.

3. The Chair invited each committee chair and coordinator to present respective committee reports.

Financial Report

4. The Treasurer presented a summary of key financial data as of 30 June 2022 (attached at Annex B), and reported that the financial situation of the Association has been healthy, with accumulated surplus of HKD577,792

5. She highlighted that the major sources of income last financial year came from membership subscription and events. Membership subscription income was less than the previous year's because of the waiver of membership fee as a COVID-19 relieving measure introduced in early 2022.

6. The Chair highlighted that major donations were made to Ramanani Iyengar Memorial Yoga Institute (RIMYI) in Pune, India after hosting the Association's events or coordinating Pune events from Hong Kong.

7. The Chair proposed to reappoint Nicholas Fung & Company as the accounting firm for the Association in the new-year term from 2023 to 2024, and the proposal was passed.

Expense Items

8. The Chair reported that we have plans to invite Abhijata to come to Hong Kong to teach for a 3 or 5 days convention. We have sent the invitation to her by email and now waiting for her reply. It will most probably be held in late 2023 or 2024.

9. The Chair reported that RIMYI directed local associations to trademark "Iyengar Yoga" and "Certified Iyengar Yoga Teacher" locally. As such, the Association was advised to select a commonly used font in English to represent, further trademark registrations this year. In consultation with a local solicitor firm, it would initially cost HK\$17,000 for the two applications.

Membership Committee

10. The Membership Coordinator reported that there is a total of 82 members thus far, of which 23 are Associate Members (trainees), 14 are Student Members and 45 are Teacher Members.

11. The Association will continue to use Wild Apricot for event hosting, emails and membership management. The subscription was renewed in February 2023.

Assessment Committee

12. The Chair of the Committee reported that mock assessments were held to try out the new Certification and Assessment Guidelines in July 2020.

13. 3 mock assessments were held online on 14 June, 14 October and 2 & 3 December 2021 respectively.

14. For 2022 “Level I” Assessments, he reported that the first assessment was held on 2 and 3 June. The second assessment was held on 12 and 13 September. Total 18 candidates had attended these two assessments and all passed.

15. He updated that there were no plans for running any assessments in 2023 but if we hold assessments and it will be in person assessments.

16. He also reported the certificates for those candidates who passed the “Level I” assessments in 2022 have already been printed and sent out to IYCHK. Once received, the certificates will be distributed to the owners.

17. He said RIMYI has started to use the new format of the certificates. The candidates who passed the Level I assessments in 2022 will receive the new format of the certificates.

Appointment of New Members for the Executive Council and Standing Committees

18. The Chair informed that the following members have reached the end of their tenure in 2023 according to the Constitution of the Association approved by Pune :

- a) Ethics and Certification Committee – Ms Icy Lee (5 years tenure);
 - b) Kowloon / New Territories Representative – Ms Winnie Yu (3 years tenure);
- and
- c) Hong Kong Island Representative – Ms Cary Au-Yeung (3 years tenure).

19. He thanked the committee members for covering each other’s tasks when necessary, and looked forward to the continuation of such good practice and dedication.

20. Ms Aishah Jantan was appointed Chair of the Ethics and Certification Committee, replacing Ms Icy Lee.

21. Ms Jie Cheng was appointed Kowloon / New Territories Representative, replacing Ms Winnie Yu.

22. Ms Bhakti Mathur was appointed Hong Kong Island Representative, replacing Ms Cary Au-Yeung.

23. The Chair thanked the outgoing officers and welcomed the newcomers.

24. To facilitate ongoing circulation of immediate communications from RIMYI, the “IYAHK Thinking Cap” WhatsApp group will remain open for all the existing and past officers.

Any Other Business

25. The Chair reported that the Vice Chair has just tendered her resignation due to family issues.

26. The meeting agreed to handle this in next EC meeting on 28 April 2023.

27. The handover-cum-regular-Executive-Committee meeting will be held at 3:30pm on 28 April 2023 for both existing and new officers.

Next Meeting

28. The meeting was adjourned at 6:10pm. The details of next AGM will be announced in due course.

Distribution

All members

Signed

Kitty Wong

Secretary

Attendance Record

1	Aishah Jantan
2	Icy Lee
3	Anna Oedman
4	Marion Ganns
5	Clara Lam
6	Karen Lam
7	Devarmane Vijayarao Sapna
8	Devika Virmani
9	Bhakti Mathur
10	Eva Chui
11	Judy Zhou
12	Catriona Lim
13	Sandy Yip
14	Jie Cheng
15	Kan Tsoi
16	Kate Lock
17	Kitty Wong
18	Arnold Ip
19	SOO Siu Chung
20	Tiffany Hambley
21	Doris Choi
22	Choy Fu Peng
23	Cary Au Yeung
24	Winnie Yu
25	Chun Pang YU
26	George Dovas

Summary of Key Financial as of 30 June 2022.

		IYENGAR YOGA ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG LIMITED		
		Summary of Key Financial Data for 2023 AGM (2023 年周年大會 - 財務摘要)		
		審核前財務摘要	Draft Audited Accounts 審核前經審核報告	Audited Accounts 已審核財務報告
		Year ended 30/06/2022	Year ended 30/06/2021	Year ended 30/06/2020
		HK\$	HK\$	HK\$
Members Subscriptions	會員會費	59,840 *	57,480	88,380
Activity and Course Income	活動收入	200,700	192,460	0
		<u>260,540</u>	<u>259,490</u>	<u>88,380</u>
Surplus for the year	周年盈餘	<u>66,729</u>	<u>27,622</u>	<u>20,126</u>
Taxation	徵收稅款	<u>0</u>	<u>5,749</u>	<u>0</u>
Surplus Carried Forward	累積盈餘	<u>577,792</u>	<u>511,063</u>	<u>483,441</u>
Major Expenses 主要行政費用:				
Audit Fee	審核費用	7,500	7,500	7,500
Certification Mark Fee	證書前項	12,492	12,053	13,589
Community Classes	社區課程	0	0	0
Computer (Wild Apricot)	電腦軟件	7,127	7,717	6,395
Donation to Pune	慈善捐款	8,118	36,329	7,312
Legal & Professional Fee	法律及專業費用	2,920	0	0
PayPal Expenses	網上繳款	5,929	12,038	4,966
Subscription - Yoga Rahasya	刊物訂閱	0	0	2,951
Teachers Assessment	考試雜項	12,659	0	13,703
	Total:	<u>56,445</u>	<u>75,637</u>	<u>56,416</u>

Note: * In view of COVID Pandemic, members who did not renew their 2022 membership would have their membership extended for free. Members who renewed 2022 membership would have their membership extended to January 2024.