

IYNZ AGM 2021—Minutes

5 September 2021—via Zoom

11.00–12.10am Yoga class (free) with Susie Lever. Thank you, Susie, for a wonderful class.

12.10pm–12.15pm Refreshment break

12.15–12.45pm Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Attendees

Jo Peden, Suzi Carson, Susie Lever, Melodie Batchelor, Vanessa Greenwood, Eira Kramer, Lee McGarva, Kathleen Powell, Joy Sanders, Deb Mann, Jyoteeka Cummings, Tamar Munch, Neil McKay, Megan Wilson, Sandra McLellan, Clare Davenport, Catherine Fong, Michelle Robinson, Maria Emelyanova, Renée Roos, Anne-Marie Tweedie, Hayley Roberts, Marina Locke, Matthew Wilkey, Jolanta Dixon, Jane Von Roy, Taya Van Roon, Sylvia Goff

Unable to attend (send their apologies for absence)

Cornelia Regnier, Tessa Meek, Wendy Norwood, Pat McDonald, Monica Haar

Minutes from previous meeting

23 August 2020, via Zoom—Passed by Eira Kramer and seconded by Jyoteeka Cummings

Topic	Read by
<p>1. Chairperson’s annual report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Chairperson’s annual report was read by Jo Peden (attached)	Jo Peden
<p>2. Treasurer’s annual report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The financial report was read by Jyoteeka Cummings (available on IYNZ Website)Income generated from events over last financial year April 2020 - March 2021<ul style="list-style-type: none">Abhijata, June 2020, cancelled due to COVID and changed to Zoom we raised \$25,000 shared income Abhi 70% / IYNZ 30%Devki Desai, Oct-Nov 2020, raised \$4,600 shared income 70% Devki / 30% IYNZSue Hallas, Anatomy lecture series 2021, members paid (a discount rate) \$30 each <p>End of year finances at \$108,000, previous year \$82,000. Savings made from both assessment and events costs. Events run over Zoom have brought about cost savings and other benefits.</p> <p>Fees and subs down this year. Over the COVID year general membership down as we chose not to chase subs from non-teaching members. Goods and services revenue down by \$7,000. Loss around event costs.</p> <p>Financially in a good position to upgrade the website</p> <p>Jyoteeka is stepping down after six years and handing role of Treasurer to Renee Roos.</p>	Jyoteeka Cummings
<p>3. Moderators’ report</p> <p>The Moderators’ report was read by Anne-Marie Tweedie.</p> <p>Anne-Marie thanked Jo and Jyoteeka for their long-term commitment and service to IYNZ and acknowledged the trying circumstances over the past few years.</p> <p>The Moderators are committed to the assessment process and the growth and development of the association. Members are Monica Haar, Melodie Batchelor, Susie Lever, Anne-Marie Tweedie.</p> <p>Susie will be taking a one-year break from the committee. The Moderators would like to acknowledge Susie’s contribution to the community.</p> <p>In 2019 RIMYI presented the new certification and assessment guidelines. The Moderators have met over Zoom to discuss how best IYNZ could use these guidelines.</p> <p>Abhijata granted JI3 assessments to continue in the current format to strengthen the experience of our assessing pool. There are eight new JI 3 teachers able to step up for this.</p> <p>New level 1 assessment will be in Nov 2021. Moni to liaise between the moderators group</p>	Anne-Marie Tweedie

<p>and A&TT. There is close liaison with the Australians who have invited New Zealanders to join them in Feb 2022. They continue to provide support of our assessment process at the higher levels. Jo thanked the Seniors for their work and commitment to the assessments</p>	
<p>4. Assessment and Teacher Training Committee (A&TT) report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The A&TT report was read by Tamar Munch on behalf of Wendy Norwood ● Members Wendy Norwood, Suzi Carson, Clare Davenport, Wendy Purdon, Stephanie Anderson, Tamar Munch. ● Thanks was given to Susie Lever and Rosie Holland who have stepped down. Their experience, generosity and time was acknowledged. ● Clare Davenport will take on the role as Chair as Wendy Norwood will be stepping down. ● Eira Kramer and Jo Peden are now qualified to assess at the new Level 1 ● In 2020 due to COVID all assessments were postponed until Nov 2020. There were two assessments all candidates passed. ● This year, there have been three JI 3 assessments with eight passes. ● The first Level 1 assessment under the new guidelines will be held on 5-6 November 2021 at IYC. There are eight candidates. ● Future assessments will be Level 2 in 2022 and Level 1 in 2023 ● Australia is doing the assessments on line after COVID ● The Australians invited two of our Moderators to their All Assessors meeting 2022 	<p>Tamar Munch</p>
<p>5. Ethics Committee report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nothing to report 	
<p>6. Election of officers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lee McGarva nominated to join Exec Committee by Jo Peden, seconded by Eira Kramer ● Welcome Lee 	
<p>7. General business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hayley thanked Jo and Jyoteeka for their experience, support, and guidance. Thank you also to Kathleen for her hard work managing the website. ● Hayley presented the redevelopment project of the IYNZ website. The current website has served well but the design is out of date, functionality is neither user friendly nor mobile friendly. It has many roles and needs to be able to showcase Iyengar yoga, communicate news and information, promote, and sell events, and many more functions to serve both the teachers and the community ● There is a project team working on its upgrade. The team have professional skills and expertise in in Iyengar yoga, communications, social media, and web design. Aiming for the redevelopment to be finished for the start of next year. ● The Iyengar Yoga Australia website is a potential model. ● If anyone has ideas please get in touch with Hayley hayley.roberts@workingin.com or the Exec committee ● Kathleen asked if there will be a change to general membership. Possibly there might be member areas vs available to all – yet to be decided. ● Jyoteeka thanked Kathleen for her hard work especially around the online events and supporting her as Treasurer 	<p>Hayley Roberts</p>

Meeting Closed 12.45pm

Next meeting date

Proposed Sunday 28 August 2022 — in Auckland or via Zoom

Eira Kramer — IYNZ Chairperson (signature)

Minutes approved date — 28 August 2022

IYNZ Executive Report to the AGM 2021

5 September 2021 via Zoom

Iyengar Yoga New Zealand's mission is to promote Iyengar Yoga within New Zealand. We do this by organising events for our community, communicating by newsletters and notices, and by holding Iyengar Yoga teacher assessments. We also have a small online presence.

The Executive committee have met on Zoom each month to manage the association. At this AGM Jyoteeka Cummings is standing down after 6 years on the Executive committee and before that 6 years on the A&TT committee. In particular, she has served several years as the association Treasurer. We thank her for her ongoing enthusiastic and diligent work. I too am standing down after serving three years as the Chair of the Executive committee and having served on the A&TT committee directly before that. I have found it really rewarding serving the community in this way. Eira Kramer, Renee Roos, Hayley Roberts, Sandra McLellan and Deborah Mann remain on the Executive committee.

Our teacher community has grown slightly over the last year to bring our association to 109 Certified Iyengar Yoga Teachers.

We sought dispensation from RIMYI (Ramamani Iyengar Memorial Yoga Institute) to hold two final Junior Intermediate Level 3 assessments earlier this year and from that we welcome five new JI3s/Level 3s. We are also delighted to report that in November 2020 seven candidates passed their Introductory Level 2 teaching assessment.

In this financial year, both the income and the outgoings of the association have decreased. The net result being our financial position has remained reasonably stable. This situation is due to not being able to hold in-person events during the COVID pandemic.

We have been so pleased with the range and depth of events we have organised for our community: from anatomy lectures with our own expert Sue Hallas to yoga philosophy and Sutras with Purnima Manghnani (July 2021). We also hosted (online) classical yoga workshops with senior Iyengar Yoga teachers from Pune: Devki Dashti (October 2020) and Raya Uma Datta (June 2021).

The association was able to hold one in-person meeting – our annual All Assessors' meeting in March which continued discussions on the new assessment system and preparations for our first Level 1 assessment in November (fingers crossed).

We regret not having our usual workshops with senior Australian teachers who usually come to NZ. These have been missed.

Exciting developments for the association are that we are in the initial phase of updating the IYNZ website. We have a team of skilled and interested members working on this project. The other thing the Executive is looking to do is increase the reach of our mailing list.

It's been another tough year for yoga teachers with the uncertainty around COVID and in and out of lockdowns, particularly in Auckland. However, I think for many of us we have continued to serve our communities and stay connected by taking classes online.

We really look forward to a time when we can physically come together as a community. On that note we do have an association event pencilled in for the last weekend in May 2021 in Raglan with an Australian teacher.

Jo Peden
Chair, IYNZ