

IYNZ Ethics Committee Report: Prepared for August 2020, AGM.

In my role as Chair of the current committee I would like to acknowledge how much I have valued the varied life and work experiences of the group. To have a 50/50 male/female split would have to be a first for an IYNZ Ethics Committee. As new faces to IYNZ Committee work, and both with qualifications and experience in legal matters, the two male members of the group brought a fresh perspective and different skill set to our discussions.

The fact that our committee is seldom called upon to work with issues is a positive sign for IYNZ, therein also lies the situation of being a committee 'in waiting' for the majority of the time. This usually requires the need to mobilise and build a cohesive group in a short space of time.

The committee has dealt with two issues over the past 12 months, and decisions have been made on each of these. We acknowledge and apologise for a time delay in working with these issues, which was further compounded by the COVID-19 lockdown period.

We have discussed the reporting of misuse of the 'Iyengar' name - as to whether this sits more within the role of the Executive or Ethics Committee. Follow up with the chair of the Executive Committee has clarified that the initial communication is made by the Executive committee, since it is the organisation, IYNZ, that holds the Trademark.

Committee members:

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