

Moderators Group Report - for the IYNZ AGM, September 2022

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Looking back over the past year we report a continuing focus on adapting the new RIMYI Guidelines from December 2019, into our Teacher Training and Assessment processes. With the association's first Level 2 assessment to be held in November, and edits to our manuals well under way, the completion of this journey of transition feels close.

These changes required significant editing of both the 'Certification Procedures Manual' and the 'Teachers Certification Handbook' that present the structures and ethics of our processes. We acknowledge the generosity of Iyengar Yoga Australia [IYA] in sharing their amended manuals with us after the tremendous amount of work they had done. With the big difference in the size of our communities translating to different committee structures and a reduced number of contributors, the task at our end is not a simple adoption of the IYA publications.

In terms of **contribution from the Moderators Group**, the standout has been the ongoing familiarisation with the changes, and cross referencing the IYA and IYNZ Manuals to check where material needed to be accepted, amended or deleted.

This work involved attendance at the IYA March All Assessors [AA] online Meeting, and concluded with presenting this material for discussion at our own All Assessors Meeting a week later, and a second meeting held late April, both conducted online. Eira Punt and Suzi Carson [from the wider AA Group], with support from Monica Haar, have taken on the task of inserting the edits into our Manuals. We would expect the completion of the IYNZ manuals to be finalised after further discussion at our March 2023 AA Meeting. This has been a time consuming and detailed task, and we look forward to a period of stability where only minor amendments are required.

Two **additional online meetings** were held between the Moderators Group [MG] and the Assessment & Teacher Training Committee [A & TT] - one in June and the second in July. The purpose of these discussions was to clarify the roles of the two groups and improve our lines of communication. These had become a little blurred over the past 12 months, without representation of the MG on the A & TT. It was agreed that the MG would have two representatives on the A & TT on a rotational basis. The two groups work in consultation for assessments and forward planning, and we anticipate that this development will eliminate double handling, improve communications and set a clear succession plan.

We **acknowledge** the members of A & TT who have served their current term and have made a valuable contribution to IYNZ, and to all association members who give their time and skills to contribute both within and outside of our committee structure. IYNZ cannot function without your selfless involvement.

Our final acknowledgement and huge thank you goes to Susie Lever who is resigning from both the Moderating and Assessing roles, and committee work. Over the past two decades Susie has so generously given her experience and service to the New Zealand Association. Her input will be greatly missed by the Moderators Group and all those she has supported and served with over this lengthy period.

Looking forward:

IYNZ's pool of certified teachers is at an all time high, demonstrating the developing depth in our community. We have Level 3 teachers on the training pathway to become Assessors, and in 2023 have two more experienced assessors ready to commence their training as Moderators.

Taking into consideration that the three Moderators are also members of the general assessors' pool, and the reduced number of assessments to cover the condensed certification levels, we consider IYNZ's ability to deliver our assessment processes to be in a healthy position.