

## **Moderators Skype Meeting: 01 June, 2018**

**Present:** Melodie Batchelor, Susie Lever, Anne-Marie Tweedie. Apologies: Monica Haar.

Shared chairing of the meeting and writing of the minutes. Collated by Anne-Marie.

### **1. Report from Susie Lever: The Introductory Level 2 Assessment was held on May 18 - 20 2018.**

Thank you to Monica Haar for the use of the Iyengar Yoga Centre in Auckland, where the Assessment was held.

The Assessors were Anne-Marie Tweedie, Cornelia Regnier and Fran Campbell. The Moderator was Susie Lever.

Congratulations to all candidates! Well done on earning your certificate and welcome to our teaching community now as Certified Iyengar teachers;

Francesca Hopkins

Pamela McDonald

Agata Orlowicz

Hayley Roberts

Thank you to all the volunteer students, who came from all over the north island. Without you all, there would have been no assessment and so your contribution is invaluable.

Namaste

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No pass: (for our minutes only)

Kama Brown and Deborah Mann

Thanks Susie

### **2. Discussions on proposed 'work shopping meeting' to discuss the Australian Manuals:**

a). Decision on dates: last weekend of August or first weekend in September?

With Suzanne's Carson's non-availability for either of these dates, and Melodie's preference for the September dates, if the meeting goes ahead, it will be the weekend of 1 & 2 September.

b). How to organise the workshop efficiently.

Discussions started with Susie suggesting that an alternative approach would be to stay with our New Zealand Manual and only include the most relevant and helpful sections from the Australian Manuals.

With this approach we look at what is missing and include this material only.

Susie anticipates that this would be a more straight forward approach and will result in a less cumbersome manual more relevant to our New Zealand situation.

Susie also has concerns around the Certification Procedure Manual [CPM], not being available as a public document. Her preference is not to have any secrecy involved.

Melodie noted that the moderators are more familiar with the material involved and she would like to see us adopt both manuals and for our group to make the changes required. As the Australians do, making the decisions and then informing the All Assessors Group.

Susie would like to see the All Assessors Group involved in these decisions. Due to our much smaller numbers we have the potential for a more inclusive approach.

This led to discussion on what decisions had been made by the members of our All Assessors Group in the March meeting. On checking the minutes after the meeting Anne-Marie notes the following:

- Action Point: Cornelia to share her thoughts on the TCH. (page 1)
- The Moderators thought these documents were formally adopted and Suzanna & Cornelia were to bring the things that didn't suit NZ to the fore. (bottom of page 2)
- We need to all be on the same page. We need to hear Cornelia's feedback. (No 2. Page 4)

#### Additional points in this discussion:

- All concerned regarding the personal time of those involved [and the cost to IYANZ] in a meeting over a day and a half, on top of the assessment weekends and additional responsibilities.
- Melodie suggested a 4-hour Skype Meeting, but Susie feels this discussion requires face-to-face interaction.
- An alternative suggestion was to meet over the full day on the Sunday only.
- All agreed to including a request for a \$150 per diem per day in our proposal to the Executive Committee, since this is over and above the time that all involved currently give to the running of our assessments.

#### DECISION:

In preparation for our next meeting scheduled for Friday 15 June [one hour only] all to be familiar with the material in both manuals, CPM & TCH, and the NZ Teacher Training and Certification Manual, so that discussions can focus on what direction we feel is the best to take. In addition to the role of consultation and feedback from members of the all Assessors Group.

#### **3. Report on changes of assessment panel for August 2018 Jun Intermediate Level 3 Assessment:**

Susie stressed the importance of notifying all parties involved in proposed changes to plans previously agreed upon. After discussion it was agreed that:

- the best way forward would be to notify A&TT that Melodie will now be an Assessor instead of the planned 'observer role'.
- Melodie to write a letter of request to Moni as a formality and courtesy outlining the reasons that the group agreed Assessing would be of value to the on-going maturing and development of our assessing pool.

#### **4. The November Junior Intermediate Level One Assessment:**

Susie's understanding was that A & TT was still waiting to hear confirmation from the Executive Committee regarding the granting of Paul Barton's dispensation from the required visits to Pune. Melodie was sure that this has been given. Susie to check at A & TT's next meeting this coming Tuesday. Proposed panel: Moderator: Melodie Batchelor. Assessors: Paul Barton, Anne-Marie Tweedie Trainees: Cornelia Regnier, Suzanne Carson.

Meeting commenced at 2.30pm and concluded at 3.55pm.

**Next meeting:** We had proposed Friday 15 June, but sorry, in writing this, I have just recalled that I have a Teacher Training session all afternoon. We will have to look at finding another day/time. Apologies. Monday and Wednesday afternoons are both times that would work for me.

**Note:** These times will also work for Susie.