

## Minutes of Senior Advisory Group Meeting: Friday 21 December, 2018

**Present:** Monica Haar, Melodie Batchelor, Anne-Marie Tweedie

**Apologies:** Susie Lever

1). From A & TT:

“At our recent A&TT meeting we discussed whether candidates sitting J13 or above should have been to Pune within the last three years. We understand this is not in our Constitution but believe it is a requirement in some Associations in other countries. We wonder if Moderators should be assessing this at the time of applications? Perhaps if the SAG can discuss this as we feel it could be an inconsistency in our current rules and A&TT look forward to hearing your thoughts on this matter once you have had a chance to discuss.”

In our discussions, a letter “to all B.K.S. Iyengar Associations Certification/Technical committee Members” was referred to. **Moni - do we have a date for this letter???**

The SAG support this requirement and consider that it needs to be taken to the All Assessors Meeting scheduled for 9 -10 February for further discussion with regards to formalising the situation. This would also involve discussion around whether this information needs to be included in the ‘Certification Procedures Manual’.

2). Report regarding the Certification Procedures Manual [CPM] and the Teacher Certification Handbook [TCH], and the progress of the drafts completed by Moni and Anne-Marie.

- Any small changes made to substitute IYNZ facts and figures, or to simplify the wording, have not been highlighted. This includes the material agreed upon at the March 2018 All Assessors Meeting.
- Where changes may need to be discussed and given consideration, the text has been highlighted in different colours.

Note: The Australians have made some changes/updates that will be presented at their February All Assessors [AA] Meeting. Melodie & Anne-Marie to report back on these updates.

Time line:

- Draft documents to be e-mailed out to members of the AA Group early January **was this to be Friday 5th???**
- Deadline for feedback: Friday 01 February
- The draft documents to be updated with this feedback in readiness to be presented as a hardcopy for further discussion at the March 2019 AA Meeting.

3). **Quick general briefing on the Senior Intermediate Level 1 Assessment.** Moni reported that:

- the assessment went well and was an interesting process especially with the one hour teaching slot.

- Two candidates feels the maximum to assess at this level.
- Next year the Jun Int Level 3 and the Sen Int Level 1 assessments will be separated over different weekends.

There was discussion around:

- The responsibility of stepping up to support the work of the association for teachers passing these more senior certificates.
- All levels of certification require maintaining the validity of the 'Certification Mark' with payment of the CM fee and fulfilling the requirement of ongoing Teacher Development - 10 hours annually.

#### 4). **Discuss our All Assessors Meeting for March 2019:**

- Saturday afternoon will involve discussion & decision making around the work of the TCH & CPM.
- Saturday also for Melodie & A-M to report back on their involvement in the Australian AA Meeting, 22 - 24 February, 2019. Melodie & A-M to record notes and to come together during the breaks to discuss and co-ordinate how we will be reporting back to our AA Group.
- A & TT will also be compiling items for the weekend agenda.

Action Point: Anne-Marie to forward to A & TT the following items to be included in the agenda. With two new trainee assessors coming on board and others stepping up a level we feel it an opportune time to be including general discussion on a). the 'standards' we are looking for at the various levels, and b). responsibilities in filling out the 'Assessment Feedback Forms'.

**Next meeting:** Friday 25 January, 1.30pm.

