

Moderators Skype Meeting: January 26, 2018

Present: Monica Haar, Melodie Batchelor, Sue Lever, Anne-Marie (A-M) Tweedie.

Moni chaired the meeting and opened by welcoming A-M to the Moderators Group.

A reminder of the ethics of the group including:

- the confidentiality of the group's discussions - unless everyone has agreed that it is information to be shared outside of the group.
- group votes & decisions to be adhered to by all - they cannot be changed.

Future timings of meetings: Friday at 3.00pm

Discussion around opening the annual All Assessors Meeting up to include all teacher trainers:

- it was agreed that there is a lot we discussed that can be useful for the teacher trainers including keeping up with any changes and developments.
- also to include those training to be teachers - currently this includes Jo Peden, Pat MacDonald, Rosie and Joy.
- As they structure it in Australia, we will have one part of the weekend for Assessors only [likely to be the Saturday afternoon], and everyone to be involved for the full day on Sunday. To be confirmed asap and everyone notified.

Follow-up from the debrief meeting following the 2017 Junior Intermediate Level One Assessment:

- The main concern discussed at the previous Moderators Meeting was again reinforced: the protocol steps for a complaint concerning the assessment process were not adhered to by the complainant from within the assessing panel. Advice was sought outside the assessing panel on the day before the opportunity was given for it to be first discussed within the group - hence breaking the 'confidentiality' of the group.
- The importance of supporting each other as a group and working together rather than against each other was stressed.
- It was agreed that the Moderators have a very important role which includes acting as the 'safety valve' if it can be seen that anything is going 'off-track.'
- A-M's acknowledgement of the workload of the Moderators on the assessment weekend was met with an assurance that help would be asked for if it was required.

2018 Junior Intermediate Level Three & Senior Intermediate Level One Assessments:

- The Australian CC has offered to send two assessors for the weekend of the above assessments: Pixie Lillas and Marina Jung. Moni will also be on both panels and Melodie to observe the Jun Int 3.
- Melodie said that she has observed at the Jun Int 3 level previously, and would hope to be able to be included as an assessor. With applications closing on 28 February, it was agreed that any further discussion would wait until we see how many applications we have at the different levels. If no SI applications this year, the Australians would only need to send 1 assessor. Then Melodie would assess JI3.

Clarification of the term 'Constitution:

- IYANZ follows the 'Pune Constitution' which has been legalised here in New Zealand - it is the only 'constitution' and our 'ethical constitution'.
- While we are under the umbrella of an Incorporated Society, we do not fall under the Society Act.
- We need to keep the distinction between the Constitution as our governing document and the various manuals that are produced for guidance and use in our local communities.

Co-ordinator required for the new Senior Intermediate Level One Assessment in New Zealand:

- Moni volunteered to take on this role and Sue to inform Jo Peden at next weeks A & TT committee meeting.
- Confirmation that Sue and Jo are working together to co-ordinate at the Jun Int 3 Level.
- Moni will keep the Moderators informed of the process for the Sen Int Level assessment procedures.

Agenda for the 2018 All Assessors Meeting:

- A-M reminded the group that Jo had sent out a draft schedule in late December. A-M to forward the e-mail to the group. Timings have already been set and flights booked.
- Sue to remind Jo to circulate again and give a deadline date for agenda items to be sent in.
- A-M suggested it would be both practical and inclusive if the out-of-towners could stay together - finding accommodation within the budget guidelines of the association. A-M to follow-up with those involved and to check guidelines with the treasurer.

Update on teachers for our National Convention in Raglan, November 2018 to celebrate Guruji's 100th Anniversary:

- Melodie to check with the Exec Committee and confirm dates: 12 -13 November?
- With 3 of our senior teachers not available, the next level of teachers were approached and two Australian teachers invited. Both Sue Scott and Alan Goode have accepted the invitation. From NZ: Melodie, Louisa, Cornelia and Suzi Carson will be teaching.
- While all present support the concept, Moni, Sue & A-M expressed various concerns about: location and accessibility, which NZ Jun Int level 3 teachers were invited to teach, the need for two Australian teachers and the disparity in the payment to the Australian and NZ teachers.

Update on Abhijata's visit to New Zealand in 2020:

- No dates confirmed but likely to be in May.
- Location - Auckland.
- Raya confirmed for May 2019. No further details available yet.

Next Meeting:

Friday 2 March: 3.00pm.

With the All Assessors Meeting the following 2 days, all agenda items and discussion to be kept strictly to items relating to the meeting format and content.