

**Moderators Meeting: Friday 04.05.2018 [2.30 - 4.00 pm]**

Present: Monica Haar, Susie Lever, Anne-Marie Tweedie.

Apologies: Melodie Batchelor.

**1. Relating to the Teacher Certification Handbook [TCH] & Certification Procedures Manual [CPM].**

**a). Decide on name change or not for Assessment & Teacher Training Committee [A & TT] and the Moderators Group:**

- Rather than change to 'Certification Committee' it was decided to stay with A & TT as this best reflects the current responsibilities of this committee.
- The Moderators Group will now be called the 'Senior Advisory Group'.

**b). Decide how we want requirements for menstruating candidate to be presented in the new manual:**

Our 'policy' on this [decided on at the 2014 All Assessors Meeting] has been for the presentation of a DVD of selected asanas for the Intermediate Junior Level. However, the information packs for the 2018 Intermediate Junior and Intermediate Senior Levels have been sent out with the '**Menstruation at Assessment**' sheet taken directly from the Australian TCH, stating that a photo portfolio is to be presented:

- At Intermediate Junior levels of selected poses only.
- At Intermediate Senior Level 1 of ALL Senior Level 1 syllabus asanas.

Refer to pages 54 & 55 of the TCH for the required asanas at the Intermediate Junior Level.

Decisions:

For our **2018 assessments** at the above levels: While the presentation of a photo portfolio will stand for this year, the Moderator will inform any menstruating candidates on the day of assessment that they will also have the option of presenting their selected asanas in person to a panel of 2 senior assessors [or in the case of Intermediate Senior Level 1, it can only be the one assessor, Moni], within 2 months of the assessment.

**From 2019** we will reinstate the policy of menstruating candidates having the option of:

- a). The more personal, and perhaps fairer option with the presentation of the required asanas to a senior panel within 2 months of the assessment, or
- b). A video presentation of the required asanas.

.... for both options the candidate will make up a sequence that will support the requested asanas.

**Note**, that the logistics and any clarification of presentation method will need to be discussed between the candidate and the moderator at the time of the assessment.

Action Point:

Anne-Marie to let Suzanne know of these decisions, and that it will be the 2019 format that will be written in the NZ TCH.

**c). How best to help Suzanne complete the NZ CPM & TCH.**

All agreed that this is too big a task for one person, and even inefficient and confusing if the 4 members of the Moderators Group were all to contribute and give feedback and editing notes by e-mail.

Decisions:

The most practical and efficient way for this big task to be completed would be for the Moderators to meet with Suzanne in Auckland in a 'workshop meeting' where items are checked page-by-page and amended on the spot as required. The suggested format is:

Proposed dates:

Saturday 25 August: Full afternoon meeting.

Sunday 26 August: Early morning practice, meeting for the remainder of the morning and concluding at 3.00pm.

Venue: IYC for Sunday practice and meeting in the board room. Moni has offered the use of IYC at no charge.

Action Points:

1. Anne-Marie to notify Melodie and Suzanne of this decision and check their availability. The back up date is the following weekend, 1 & 2 September.
2. Apply to the Executive committee for funding. **How is this actioned? Do A & TT present it on our behalf [since it involves assessment & teacher training requirements and procedures] or are we contacting the Executive Committee directly?**

The funding request will include travel expenses as required [A-M flights, Melodie & Susie mileage] , and meals as required during the meeting.

**2. Update on need of volunteer students for this year's JI 3 & SI 1 assessments:**

Confirmation that 5 volunteers requires for SI. And 6 for the JI 3.

With the assessments not until 3 - 5 August, these details have not been finalised.

Any interested volunteers to contact Jo Peden and Moni to be kept informed.

**3. Discussion on the possibility of separating the JI 3 and the SI 1 & 2 for next year (2019) in the event of the SI 1/2 both being assessed and more than 4 applicants for the JI 3.**

Moni explained the need to discuss this possible scenario comes from the challenges that 5 candidates in the JI 3 assessments presents for the Australians with regards to travel logistics and time away from their other commitments.

It was agreed that we will deal with this situation as/if it arises, but it is good to discuss in advance.

With our assessment application window being in February, we are now aware of candidate numbers well in advance.

**4. Discussion on the proposal from the U.K. on 'Training Teachers from 2018 onwards.'**

**Can we use some of it to clarify what Geetaji has asked to happen in regards to Teacher Training?**

We agreed that this important topic would be more efficiently dealt with by inclusion in the proposed August meeting in Auckland.

All to go through the document in advance and highlight what we feel needs to be presented.

**Next Meeting:** Friday 1 June. 2.30 pm

Note: Melodie to confirm availability.

Back-up date: Friday 8 June.