



## Board of Directors Meeting

March 28, 2010

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The meeting was called to order at 1:03 A.M.

**Present:** Susan Johnson, Elizabeth Cowan, Elizabeth Cleveland, Mary Kovar, Steve Hornbacher

**Association member at large:** Kristin Chirhart

**Absent:** Carol Baker, Steve Weiss

### Secretary's Report

- The minutes from the January 10, 2010, meeting were approved.

### Treasurer's Report

- The current balance reported is \$7,208.70.

### Membership Report

- We currently have 67 members.
- RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP! IYAMN members are encouraged to join online via IYNAUS ([www.iyanaus.org](http://www.iyanaus.org)), but the option to join through IYAMN is available. Go to [www.iyamn.org](http://www.iyamn.org) to download a form and mail it in with a check or look for registration form at your local studio.

### New Business

- A web editor has been set up on IYAMN web site so board members can make changes and additions rather than pay a web master for some basic, simple changes. The email format (emails sent to members) was also updated to be personalized and include links to the IYAMN web. Other upgrades were incorporated to create a more reliable system of communication to the membership and to add additional levels of security to avoid pirating email addresses.
- The board renewed the existing liability insurance policy.

### Old Business (bold indicates updated information from previous minutes)

- Archive project: the board still needs to cull through old documents, papers, etc., to determine what should be saved. Once this is accomplished, the board will solicit member volunteers to form an archive committee to coordinate this project (determine what format to save materials, how to get it in that format, and then get in that format). If you are interested, please contact IYAMN.
- **The board will move forward with a Gmail account and migrate all board files and documents from Box.net to Gmail.**
- **The scholarship idea was discussed in more detail with input from the attending association member at large. Scholarship should be based on merit and need, which are both difficult criteria to monitor and review. Other ideas were suggested but the board needs to further discuss all options. No final decisions were reached.**
- The board gathered the current information regarding which Iyengar books are circulating in the Hennepin, Ramsey, and St. Paul Public libraries. The board will discuss and determine, based on this info, which books need to be purchased and donated to the systems.
- Gururji has granted permission to record the class offered via audio at the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration in 2008. The board will make copies available for purchase; price and availability to be announced. Royalties from the sales will be sent to Gururji.



- One goal set for 2010 is that the board will create a balance sheet to track in detail the financial health of the association.
- Job descriptions and voting procedures were discussed in regard to what is defined in the bylaws. Job descriptions will be further defined and bylaws updated accordingly. Bylaws will be posted on the [www.iyamn.org](http://www.iyamn.org) for all members to have access.

### **Education and Special Events Committee**

- Yoga Days for 2010 will be on Sunday, July 25, and Sunday, December 12. Jeanne Barkey has volunteered to teach the Yoga Day class on July 25. More details on this event to come.
- The next association-sponsored workshop with Laurie Blakeney will be held from April 9–11 at the St. Paul Yoga Center. The flyer has been emailed and disseminated to area studios and also posted on [www.iyamn.org](http://www.iyamn.org).
- Mark your calendars for these guest teachers in Fall 2010 and beyond: Mary Obendorfer and Eddie Marks from Sept 17–19, 2010; Dean Lerner returns Spring 2011.
- Looking further ahead to future workshops (beyond 2011), there was discussion about inviting teachers from India. The board will pursue more details on the best way to make this a reality.
- Look for the 2010 study group offers talks by Geeta Iyengar recorded at RIMYI; meetings take place at Embodied Health (2500 University Avenue West, #F5, St. Paul) on the following remaining Sundays in 2010: May 23, June 27, August 15, October 10, November 21.
- The next Iyengar Yoga national convention will be held in Portland, OR, on May 11–16. This convention is limited to certified teachers only. More information can be found at [www.iyengarteachersconvention.com](http://www.iyengarteachersconvention.com).
- All Iyengar Yoga events conducted by certified teachers who are current with their certification listings are eligible for inclusion in the Minnesota Association **Calendar of Events** on the IYAMN website. Please send your listing by email to [iyamn@iynaus.org](mailto:iyamn@iynaus.org).

### **Next Board Meeting**

Next Board meeting will be June 19, 2010, 1:00 p.m. at Dunn Bros on Lake Street.

*Meeting adjourned at 2:37 P.M.*

*Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Cleveland.*