



Minutes of the General Body Meeting 2017-2018

Location: 4th Feb 2018 at Chalet India, Horgen.

Duration: 10.15 am to 12.00pm

Opening Address: Ankita Thaker

Elected Chair by General Body Meeting: Mr. Sushil Premchand

Attendees: The General Body Meeting was attended by 35 members including the President and Executive Committee, 2017.

From here on, the General Body Meeting is abbreviated as GBM, Executive Committee as EC and Advisory Committee as AC.

2017-18 EC was released by the GBM of their duties to IAGZ unanimously by all present.

IAGZ Committee for 2018

A new Committee for IAGZ as voted in by majority.

Elected IAGZ President 2018

Ankita Thaker

Elected Executive Committee members 2018

Varsha Gandhi	Treasurer
Suchitra Suresh	General Secretary
Pooja Kaigala	EC Member
Peter Simeon	EC Member
Prasashti Prabhu	EC Member
Ashok Kishore	EC Member

Appointed Auditors:

Himanshu Amin & Atit Patel. They have been re-appointed for 2018.

Discussions

- **President's Address:** Ankita Thaker. (See in separate Document)
- **Auditors Report:** Himanshu Amin, Atit Patel. (See in separate Document)
- **Treasurer's Report:** Vandana Shah. (See in separate Document)



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The Treasurer's Report and Auditors Report have been unanimously approved by the attending members of the GBM.

Motions raised:

Attracting new Members:

2015 – 2017 saw a reduction in members, a need to increase members is necessary

The ideas to increase members include:

- Collaboration with InSAZ for events as the students of today will be future of tomorrow.
- Offer discount deals with partners of IAGZ
- Provide ID Cards for Members
- Increase regularity of events in the year. The events must be value for the money for the attendees.
- An EC member should be appointed for marketing and promotion.

- **Proposal I:** The membership fee can be a fixed amount with a possibility for members to donate as they wish for the association. This proposal was unanimously agreed.

- **Proposal II:** The core members must be involved in the committee, from promotion to working with the team to increase visibility about the events. Idea of an AC was proposed.

However, based on previous experience, we felt that the roles of the AC & EC got blurred during the course of discussions, and the priorities of the AC were variable. As such, it was preferred that we have senior members of the community in the EC, who can provide guidance and leadership to give momentum to the EC.

Hence, the new EC 2018 contains 3 senior members.

- **Proposal III:** Organize 'Stammtisch' for members and nonmembers alike. It can be at different venues every month. Bina Shah and Vishvala Ben have volunteered to steer the Stammtisch events for the first few months. Proposal unanimously approved.



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Renewal of Memberships:

- It is imperative to understand why individuals are not renewing their membership each year.
- A suggestion is that each member can introduce new families to the Association. This will help the organization grow.
- Find out if people in Zug can be reached and encourage them to join the association.
- Benefits of membership must be clearly conveyed. Renewal of membership must be done by 31st of March.