



# The Indian Association of Greater Zürich

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## IAGZ GBM 2019

**Location:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2019 at Namaste Oerlikon.

**Duration:** 11.00 am to 1.00 pm

**Opening Address:** Ankita Thaker (President 2017-2018)

### **Attendees:**

The General Body Meeting was attended by 25 members including the President and Executive Committee, 2018.

*From here on, the General Body Meeting is abbreviated as GBM, Executive Committee as EC and Advisory Committee as AC. 2018 EC was released by the GBM of their duties to IAGZ unanimously by all present.*

### **2018 EC**

Ankita Thaker	President
Varsha Gandhi	Treasurer
Suchitra Suresh Kumar	General Secretary
Ashok Kishore	EC Member
Peter Simeon	EC Member
Prashasti Prabhu	EC Member
Pooja Kaigala	EC Member

A new IAGZ Executive Committee as voted in by majority.

### **2019 EC**

Atit Patel	President
Rasik Rayvadera	Treasurer
Nitesh Gandhi	General Secretary
Vishvala Amin	EC Member

*The other 3 EC members have been selected after the GBM*

Jayesh Baid

Ekansh Anand

Madhavan (Maddy) Poyyapakkam

**Appointed Auditors:** Himanshu Amin has been re-appointed for 2019 and he will find the 2<sup>nd</sup> person.



### Discussions:

- ➔ **President's Address:** Ankita Thaker shared a presentation on the documents  
No comments raised on the presentation
- ➔ **Treasurer's Report:** Varsha Gandhi (see separate document).  
Went smoothly with no questions asked.
- ➔ **Auditor's Report:** Atit & Hitendu added a note on audit findings:

#### Lessons Learned from 2018/19

- Interim Audit is important -> Book keeping needs to be after the event then it makes it easier.
- Bills and transactions with the use of personal card needs to be avoided.

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

### Motions Raised / Discussion Points:

#### Sponsorship Questions:

*When did we start asking for sponsors?*

- Embassy was approached with sponsorship at beginning of the year and it's very important to maintain relationship with them.
- Private sponsors were given during the course of the year for certain specific events.
- Organizing the events there can be a risk but keep the risk to minimum by preparing a budget upfront to keep a tab on the profit and loss.

#### Attracting new Members:

- We received quite a few new members how about renewal of old members?
- Old members did not renew we need to follow up the old members to remind them.
- Stammtisch did give us a couple of new members

#### Brainstorm 2020 Celebrations:

- September 2020 – marks 10 years of IAGZ.
- Make a proposal and give to the EC 2019 on what kind of event would be done. Vote on this.  
Preparation needs to be made in advance depending on the scale of the event.
- It was **unanimously** agreed that we should have a celebration

#### Proposal for various committee to help the EC:

- Sponsorship committee can be setup
- Membership committee can be setup
- Advisory committee was set up a couple of years ago but it works as expected.
- Adhoc committee can be setup during the events or be set up for a particular event.
- Hitendu extended his support for setting up Garba event



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- Other support extended by various members to help in organizing the events as this can

## **Database for member list:**

- Peter -> recommendation on making the database – functionalities and purpose of the database needs to be clarified Cost ~2000 CHF.
- New committee investigates. IT community volunteering for such databases.
- Take into consideration GDPR etc.
- Decision should be done by the GBM once all details are clarified by voting online at least if not an extra meeting.

## **Making IAGZ more visible:**

- We might need to set up new events or improvise the events
- Full transparency to the Indian Community if we help or support someone to come to Swiss or by any other means.
- Stall at Zurich Fest
- More events for younger generation (disco night for example)

## **Revisiting the Constitution:**

- Constitution needs to be revisited to clarify the roles of the EC esp. the treasurer
- Term of the EC was discussed in detail at the GBM but the constitution stated that it is 1 year.
- Membership for lifetime can be an option that can be considered.

## **Miscellaneous:**

- Proper transfer of the equipment/inventory by 2018 EC needs to be done
- Celebrations for 150 years of Mahatma Gandhi needs to be decided by the new EC.
- Process of Handelsregister needs to be revisited as it is time consuming. Support from lawyers or any other persons might be required.
- Zwicky Fabrik has been tentatively booked for Garba. New EC needs to follow up.

Ankita Thaker  
President, IAGZ 2018

Suchitra Suresh Kumar  
Gen Sec., IAGZ 2018