



IAGZ GBM 2021

Location: Zoom on-line call, Sunday 7th Feb 2021

Duration: 11.00 am to 1.00 pm

Apologies conveyed on behalf of the President, Luke Saldanha, who could not attend and was inactive throughout the year due to tragic personal reasons. Everyone present conveyed their deep sympathies to Luke for the loss of his son after a prolonged illness.

Opening Address: Ratna Saha opened the meeting on behalf of the President and shared the agenda for the AGM.

AGENDA

1. Word of Welcome by Ratna
2. President's Report (if he is present)
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Auditor's Report
5. Selection of Chairman
6. Dissolution of 2020 EC Committee by Chairman
7. Selection of 2021 Committee, led by Chairman
8. Discussion (if any)
9. End of GBM

Attendees:

The General Body Meeting, GBM was attended by 21 members (plus partners) including 4 members of the Executive committee and Auditors.

2020 EC (Outgoing Committee)

Luke Saldanha	President (not present)
Rasik Rayvadera	Treasurer
Swati Parwal Khatri	General Secretary (not present)
Heena Joshi	EC Member
Ratnashree Saha	EC Member
Navsheel Anand	EC Member
Parag Desai	EC Member (not present)



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Treasurer submitted the income and expense report for 2020 which had been validated by the Auditors, Himanshu and Anand, and both confirmed accounts to be clean with nothing extraordinary to report.

Rasik Uncle confirmed that the hall reserved for Dandiya 2020 has been reserved for 2021 also. This was to avoid any loss of fees and give a head start on planning for this year. Seventeen membership fees were paid in 2020 and the proposal to return these fees was agreed upon.

This was followed by the selection of the Chairman.

Rakhal Dave was proposed and seconded by several members and as there were no other contenders, he was unanimously confirmed Chairman for GBM 2021.

Chairman, in accordance with the constitution, dissolved the 2020 EC.

Chairman then requested proposals for new President. Ramakant Uncle proposed Heena Joshi and was seconded by several members - again as there were no other contenders, Heena Joshi was confirmed President for 2021.

Chairman declared that according to protocol the new President has the right to select a new EC.

The new President thanked the GBM for their trust and shared some initial impressions on how to come together as a community beyond the pandemic, highlighting that during this unfortunate period we have learned new skills and adapted to a new norm. She also expressed that we must take advantage of the on-line connections and provide more opportunities for the community to thrive via this platform and that by the latter part of 2021 we might be able to hold in person Navratri and Diwali functions. The President announced the new EC who briefly introduced themselves.

2021 EC (Incoming Committee)

Heena A Joshi	President (Reelected)
Rasik Rayvadera	Treasurer (Reelected)
Swati Parwal Khatri	General Secretary (Reelected)
Ratnashree Saha	EC Member (Reelected)
Bhoomi Bhatt	EC Member
Matri Dave	EC Member
Pratul Unadkat	EC Member

Appointed Auditors: Himanshu Amin and Anand Pareek (Reelected)



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Discussions:

It was appreciated that individuals had stepped up to continue the spirit of IAGZ and to build on delivering great events that were greatly missed in 2020. The sentiment was clear that the 2020 committee could have been more active, despite COVID, and many other splinter groups had sprung up. Lots of ideas were shared for on-line events with much energy and the President encouraged everyone to suggest ideas to build on - of course not everything will be done but aim to prioritise.

For transparency, future EC proposals will be published beforehand so as to give opportunity for other members to step up and be join the committee.

Strong message shared by everyone that all events must be communicated and reminders sent so as to create more interest and attendance.

It appears there are 2 Facebook pages for IAGZ that need urgent review, and some control on posts. Other social media platforms should be considered.

In 2021 IAGZ will plan 2 big in person events - Navratri and Diwali.

In addition, consider on-line Holi, Independence Day celebrations, musical / movie nights, book club, nutritional benefits, mindfulness, etc - lots of support to get the ball rolling.

The meeting ended on a positive and unifying note.

Heena Joshi
President IAGZ 2021

Rasik Rayvadera
Treasurer IAGZ 2021