## Minutes for the 16th Annual General Body Meeting of the INDIAN SOCIETY OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS conducted online on the 25th of September 2021

#### **LIST OF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

#### **Executive Council Members**

1. Dr. Sridevi Rao **Honorary President** 2. Prashanta Bhat **Honorary Vice President** Past President 3. Sujata Kohli 4. Devayani Deshmukh Upasani **Honorary Secretary** 5. Deepak Rao **Honorary Treasurer** 6. Ashish Patanakar K Fellow Member 7. Ganga Krishnan Fellow Member 8. Charvi Samdhani Associate Member Venkata Lakshmi Associate Member

10. Savita Raje Madhya Pradesh

11. Ravikumar Narayan Chennai
12. Shruti Humane Maharashtra
13. Hrishikesh Phadke Mumbai
14. Rohini Prasad Kerala
15. S.Kannan Bangalore

16. Hemanshu Taneja Rajasthan
17. Prof.Narasimham.V.V.L. Hyderabad

#### **Other Members**

18. A. Madhumithaa 31. Deepa Jindam

19. Aarati Binayak20. Aarti Grover (Dr.)32. Deepa Maheshwari33. Dhanashree Kulkarni

21. Aditi Japtiwale 34. Dhileep Kumara Raja

22. Aditi Galande 35. Divya Sharma

23. Aditya Kumar Singh 36. Ganesa Iyer Viswanathan

24. Ameya Bhosekar25. Anjali Chati37. Harish Vangara38. Isha Umrani

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26. Anupama Morankar
38. Isha Umrani
39. Jasleen Kaur Waraich

27. Aparna Bhargava 40. Jayesh Kasat

28. Atul Katariya 41. Jolinsha JP

29. Bakul Chandra30. Bineet Chhajer42. Kapil Natavdekar43. Kauseen Motiwala

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44. Kavita Kedawat

45. Kshitija Kolhatkar

46. Kumar Rahul Verma

47. Kumareswari Rajendran

48. M Asok Kumar

49. Maithily V

50. Manguesh Prabhugaonker

51. Manjiri Palnitkar

52. Mohan Rao

53. Mugdha Sathe

54. Nayan Shankar Pawar.

55. Neelima Soni

56. Neha Apre

57. Neha Shah

58. Nidhi Madan

59. Nikhil Dhar

60. Nina Chandawarkar

61. Nupur Prothi

62. Parmeet Singh Bhatt

63. Poonam Saini

64. Prachi Rastogi

65. Prachi Wakaley

66. Pranathi G

67. Pranoti Chavan

68. Priyaleen Singh (Dr)

69. Prof.Rajshekhar Rao

70. Rashmi Paramesh

71. Rohit Marol

72. Rukkumany.R.H

73. S.J. Vaishnavi

74. Sachin Jain

75. Sachin Ubbarada

76. Salman Ayub Shaikh

77. Sanpreet Kaur Dua

78. Sarang Bhide

79. Sathya Sai Katikaneni

80. Shajeena T. Venugopalan

81. Shilpa Bakshi Chandawarkar

82. Shraddha Palande

83. Shreeni Benjamin

84. Snehal Jadhav

85. Somaina Islary

86. Sonal Thanawala

87. Sonal Tiwari

88. Subhagya Raval

89. Swati Dike

90. Tintu Rajan

91. Urmila Rajadhyaksha

92. Varsha Ravindra Gavandi

93. Vasanti Londhe

94. Yogesh Kapoor

### Special Invitees

95. Rajnikant Trivedi

96. Deepak Kungwani

Auditor

Office Manager

The meeting commenced by paying homage to the departed souls from the landscape fraternity, Mr. Fumiaki Takano, Immediate Past President of IFLA APR, and Rajaprakash Purushothman, faculty SPA Delhi, ISOLA Member who passed away in the year 2020. After one-minute of silence, the meeting continued with Agenda items.

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#### 1. To approve the minutes of the last AGM held on the 12-09-2020

The minutes of the meeting had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. The minutes were approved by all present and accepted.

#### 2. To adopt the Annual Report of the Society for the year ended 31-03-2021

The Honorary Secretary read out the annual report of the Society and it was accepted by all present. The Secretary's report is a part of the minutes of this meeting for future record and reference.

### 3. To approve and adopt the Audited Annual Accounts as approved by the Executive Council for the year ended 31-03-2021

The auditor Rajnikant Trivedi from Vibhakar Trivedi & Co. presented the audited accounts of the Society to all members present.

After presentation by the auditor, the audited accounts were accepted and approved by all present.

#### 4. To re-appoint the auditor for the current financial year.

This was unanimously approved by all present and Vibhakar Trivedi & Co. will be reappointed for the current financial year.

#### 5. To briefly showcase video presentations by the Local Chapters

Each of the ten chapters (Bangalore, Delhi NCR, Gujarat, Hyderabad, Kerala, Maharashtra, Mumbai, Rajasthan, and TN & Pondicherry) presented videos of their chapter activities and plans. These can be viewed on the ISOLA website.

#### 6. To appraise members of the activities of the Education Board

Swati Sahasrabudhe, Convener and Steering committee member of the Education board updated the members regarding the Education board activities in the past year which included:

- Interaction of Education board steering committee members with thesis students of Masters of Landscape Architecture initiated by ISOLA students' group- TN-PY chapter and provided quidance to them.
- Formation of Education board working group in May 2021 and online interaction with representatives of all ISOLA recognized Landscape Architecture postgraduate programs in India
- Interaction with International education boards: As part of EB's International outreach program, EB connected with the head of the Education and Academic Affairs Committee at IFLA-APR, Mike Barthelmeh, and with the members of the education, Standards and

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Engagement Committee at the Landscape Institute in the UK with a view to further collaborate and to organize joint activities.

- MoU was signed in May 2021, between ISOLA and CEPT.
- Proposed ISOLA membership framework was presented which needs further discussions
- Publication in LA Journal describing the EB's role within ISOLA, it's working, and way forward as requested by LA journal.

#### Next steps:

- Research symposium, planned for November 2021.
- Long-term plans of ISOLA EB to strengthen research, education, and resources under one web platform of ISOLA.
- Building a connection between Institutes and ISOLA regional chapters to work in collaboration with each other in the domains of research and practice.
- Capacity Building program.

#### 7. To update members regarding the upcoming first research symposium by ISOLA

- Prashanta Bhat, Chairperson Education Board, briefed the objectives of the proposed ISOLA Symposium which would be based on the theme of Research for this year. He appraised the members that the symposium is envisaged as a combination of Presentations, Panel discussions, and Mentorship sessions and also updated the members regarding the tentative schedule of the symposium.
- The ISOLA Symposiums are scheduled to be conducted biennially alternating with the National Conference. The second symposium is scheduled to be conducted in 2023.
- Prashanta Bhat called for active participation as presenters and volunteers in the Research Symposium.

#### 8. To appraise members regarding the upcoming ISOLA conference conducted by Hyderabad

- Naveen Panuganti, Convener ISOLA Conference 2022 presented the progress and planning process of the upcoming National ISOLA conference (Virtual conference) scheduled on 11<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> February 2022, at Hyderabad.
- The conference theme is Built/Unbuilt landscapes with 3 subthemes titled Balance, Transformation, and Renewal.
- A basic overview of the Conference which included speaker sessions as live sessions / prerecorded videos /project walkthroughs was given. The conference has been planned to conduct as a Project centric conference and not a speaker centric the progress of the presenter/speaker's confirmation and the selection of projects were updated.



#### 9. To appraise members regarding the application for the ISOLA logo trademark

Deepak Rao, Honorary Treasurer, presented updates on the process of procuring copyright for the ISOLA trademark. Out of 43 clauses, in consultation with the Advocate, ISOLA is eligible to apply for copyright in Three classes – classes 9, 35, and 41, the process of filing the application for registration of the ISOLA logo and word mark has been initiated.

Two components of trademark- one being word mark & other BW symbol mark. The process of registration will take 6 to 8 months if there are no objections. Once registered, the certificate will be issued and the registration is valid for 10 years and to be renewed after. The idea of applying of ISOLA logo trademark was appreciated and approved by all.

#### 10. To discuss with members the overhaul of the ISOLA website

- Ashish Patankar appraised the members about the idea of an integrated app for the membership portal and ISOLA website along with an overhaul for the ISOLA website to make it user-friendly.
- The idea that social media & website to be integrated to generate income for ISOLA was shared with the members. Volunteers were invited for working on website upgradation.
- Members were updated regarding the addition of a new tab for "competitions" on the ISOLA website.

#### 11. To appraise members of the activities of the Resource Centre (RC)

- Resource Centre coordinator Venkata Lakshmi presented a brief update on ISOLA-Resource Center (RC), which is structured into six sections, -regional species list, open space data, student and research programs in LA, events- ISOLA and others, resource persons and material database for LA practice of which three sections, involves regional data. Data collection of these sections has been initiated through chapter-wise volunteer teams led by respective section coordinators.
- RC had driven intensive data collection in Section involving information about ISOLA events & Resource People Database. Venkata Lakshmi updated that this resource data will be accessible for the members on the ISOLA website under members-only section shortly.

#### 12. ISOLA road map 21-23: To appraise members of ISOLA plans for the next year

ISOLA President Dr. Sridevi Rao to briefly talk about the plans of the ISOLA EC committee for this term, ISOLA road map 2021-23. The key areas of attention included:

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- Strengthening interaction with IFLA and exploring the possibility of hosting the IFLA APR conference in India in the year 2025
- Exploring the possibility of engaging with members from SAARC countries by opening ISOLA Conferences, events, and initiatives for them.
- Inviting institutions and allied professionals for collaboration from states which do not presently have ISOLA chapters to create a stronger network and outreach for ISOLA within the country.

Dr. Rao encouraged ISOLA members to take advantage of ISOLA membership and access the IFLA APR and IFLA websites to understand world trends in the Landscape profession which emphasizes encouraging biodiversity and sustainability in our design decisions to achieve the goals of the year 2030.

#### 13. Discussions

Creation of a Wikipedia page for ISOLA

Prachi Wakaley suggested the possibility of creating a page in Wikipedia. All the members appreciated the suggestions and it was agreed to explore the possibility.

• Widening the impact of ISOLA initiatives

Dr. Priyaleen Singh suggested more effort needs to be put to strengthen the outreach of ISOLA activities beyond members. She also suggested that the upcoming Research Symposium may be open/accessible to Ph.D. Scholars/students from other Specializations /allied fields.

• Maintaining checks on the standard of the education of ISOLA-approved courses.

Nina Chandawarkar inquired regarding the system for maintaining the checks on the standard of education of the ISOLA-approved landscape courses. The present checks were discussed and Prashanta Bhatt discussed the possibilities of exploring the options for the same.

#### • Chapter Newsletter

The members were informed that the upcoming newsletter was by Rajasthan Chapter and will be followed by Maharashtra Chapter

The meeting ended with the ISOLA Secretary thanking the members for attending and further inviting the members to participate in Post AGM Event-Landscape Legacies.

Minutes of the Meeting by:

Devayani Deshmukh Upasani, Honorary Secretary, ISOLA

Drafted by:

Ganga Krishnan, Fellow Member, ISOLA Executive Council

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August 27th, 2021

## NOTICE CONVENING 16TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE INDIAN SOCIETY OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

Notice is hereby given for the **16th Annual General Meeting** of all members of the Indian Society of Landscape Architects to be held on Saturday, **the 25th of September 2021 from 10.00 am to 1:30 pm.** 

2021 from 10.00 am to 1:30 pm.
If the required quorum is not available, the meeting would be held at the same place and same date at 10:15 am.
Considering the present situation due to Covid-19, the AGM will be held online. Meeting link will be sent prior to the AGM.
You are requested to kindly attend the meeting.
Thanking you,
Yours truly,
Devayani Deshmukh Upasani
Honorary Secretary, ISOLA



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- 11. ISOLA road map 21-23
- 12. To transact any other business with the permission of the Chair

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