



MINUTES OF 96th EC MEETING

Venue: Conference room, Hotel Reza's, Ahmedabad

Date: Saturday 15th September 2023

Timing: 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Elected and Co-opted members

(To focus on roles and responsibilities undertaken)

Executive council members

1. Urmila Rajadhyaksha	Honorary President
2. Rohini Prasad	Honorary Vice President
3. Devayani Deshmukh	Honorary Secretary
4. Deepak Rao	Honorary Treasurer
5. Ashish Patankar	Fellow Member
6. Manjusha Ukidave	Fellow Member
7. Rukkumani RH	Fellow Member
8. Maithily Velangi	Associate member
9. Rashmi Paramesh	Associate member
10. Ankur Jajpuria	Associate member
11. Sarang Bhide	Co -opted member

Special invitee

12. Simran Malkhani	Office manager, ISOLA
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Hon President Urmila Rajadhyaksha presided over the meeting.

1. Update regarding ISOLA membership

Devayani Deshmukh updated the members that there has been a steady increase in the membership numbers, especially in the Bangalore Chapter, where 30 new members were added. The total number of members presently is at 497.

The possibility of giving membership for allied professionals under the "Friends of ISOLA" category was discussed. The members were requested to look into the previous EC minutes of previous EC meetings would be referred to for making the decision

2. Budget 2023-24

Deepak Rao updated the members regarding the ISOLA annual budget. As per the same the ISOLA central accounts presently have the amount equivalent to this years annual expenditure.

He further updated the members that there would be an increased expense towards the ISOLA Central Office rent in the coming year.

3. Update regarding the Charity commissioner proceedings

Deepak Rao updated the members that necessary documents from 2015 onwards were found to be in place.

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The affidavits of most of previous office bearers have been submitted after follow ups. Another round of follow ups are to be done for the same. A notice may go out to those who have not submitted the required documents, as was communicated to them earlier.

He further updated the members that the next hearing is scheduled to be held on 10th October 2023.

4. ISOLA logo trademark registration update

Ten applications (5 for word mark and 5 for logo) were filed with the “Trademark Registry, Government of India” on 23rd June 2022 was initiated by Deepak Rao on behalf of ISOLA. It included filing for copyright and trademark in 5 (five) classes each, namely, classes 9,16, 35, 41 & 42. This included categories in which we are directly and indirectly associated.

Deepak Rao updated the members that on 31st August 2023, the word mark has been accepted and advertised in 4 classes and has been marked for examination in 1 class, namely class 41. The ISOLA logo has been accepted and advertised in 3 classes and has been “objected” in 2 classes, namely classes 35 & 42.

Deepak Rao further updated the members that SD Mehta and associates the advocate representing ISOLA in the hearing has already submitted the required proof of usage of the ISOLA logo and name since 2003. As communicated by him, application for copyright of logo in classes 35 and 42 would should be accepted based on the proof submitted. Copyright for ISOLA logo is expected to be obtained by January 2024.

5. Treasurer workshop

Deepak Rao updated the members that a Treasurer workshop of all Chapters is being planned for the 9th of December 2023 in Ahmedabad with Rajinikanth Trivedi and an email with the details for the same shall be shared shortly.

6. Education board update

Devayani Deshmukh updated the members that the Education board members for the term 2023-25 have been finalized and include Rukkumany R.H (EC representative), Sandeep Menon, Sriganesh Rajendran, Saurabh Popli and Swati Sahasrabudhe (continuing member) Rukkumani R.H updated the members that the present EB has had an online handover meeting with the earlier EB members

She further updated that the EC members regarding the following points with respect to institutional membership.

Institutions can apply for new memberships / renewal between June to September.

Membership scrutiny will be done from October up to December, and taken forward by EB with approval from EC.

Regular inspection will be undertaken for all member Institutions to check on the quality of education.

For new Institutional memberships, a 2-stage membership application process will be followed:

Stage 1: A provisional membership will be given at the beginning based on the Institute's initial set up, syllabus, etc.

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Stage 2: After one batch graduates (2 years), another round of Inspection will be conducted and permanent membership will be declared based on performance.

The membership will be up for periodic inspection (every 3 years) and is subject to the course adhering to the prescribed requirements by the EB including the faculty being valid ISOLA members.

Institutional members are required to send a list of enrolled students every year, for membership & a list of graduated students to cross check and confirm completion of graduation. This will ensure authenticity of individuals claiming to have finished graduation in Masters in LA.

The above updates regarding the Institutional membership were approved by all.

7. Update regarding ISOLA student forum

Rashmi Paramesh updated the EC members that she along with Kumareswari, who are incharge of the student's forum have conducted informal meetings with ISOLA student members to understand their expectations from ISOLA. Furthermore, a survey was conducted by them by circulating a Google form to understand the same. Based on the survey, where the student members requested for more exposure and connect with experts within the field, it was decided to start with a Master class initiative for the students. with invited resource persons both India as well as international in virtual mode every 3 months alternating with an informal meeting with the students to increase their interaction.

8. Matters related to IFLA

Deepak Rao updated the members that the IFLA dues that were earlier pending have now been cleared and are up to date.

Dr Sridevi Rao updated the members that ISOLA ratified the IFLA Climate Action Commitment in 2021 and the ISOLA's Logo is displayed on IFLA's website. Dr. Rao, also continues to be a member of IFLA's Climate Change Working Group.

Hon. President Urmila Rajadhyaksha and Hon. Chairperson Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry Chapter are the Committee are volunteers for the IFLA APR EAA Standing Committee.

Hon. President of ISOLA Urmila Rajadhyaksha is ISOLA's Official Delegate to IFLA and IFLA APR. As discussed and approved by all in the earlier EC meetings, the present EC members agreed to go ahead with the bid for the IFLA APR 2025.

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Chapter representatives

12. Seema Anthony	Delhi
13. Sudhir Chowgule	Bangalore
14. Dhara Shah	Mumbai
15. Prachi Wakaley	Maharashtra
16. Pragya Shankar	Gujarat
17. Parisutha Rajan	Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry
18. Sebastian Jose	Kerala
19. Kavita Kedavat	Rajasthan
20. Savita Raje	Madhya Pradesh

Special invitees

21. Simran Malkhani	\Office manager, ISOLA
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Absent members

22. Gopal Krishnan Narayanan	Hyderabad
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9. Pan India initiatives

The Pan-India Initiatives proposed by Mumbai (Career Clinic), Maharashtra (ISOLA Tours), Bangalore (Thesis open day), Delhi (Landscape awareness through schools), Gujarat (Thesis gallery), Tamilnadu and Pondicherry (ISOLA journal) and Rajasthan (Water positive landscapes) has been finalized. The Chapter representatives were requested to share the schedule for the same during the upcoming ISOLA meeting.

Hyderabad and Kerala chapters were advised to think through their proposals to make the nature of their initiatives Pan-India for the next EC meeting.

10. ISOLA news letter

Maharashtra chapter has taken up the responsibility to bring out the next newsletter. Call for content for the same is to be sent via Hon. Secretary to all members/chapters.

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11. WLAM theme

It was suggested that the theme for upcoming WLAM events in 2024 could be "Climate change" Manjusha Ukidave volunteered to create a note to be shared with all the chapters.

12. Conference/Symposium books

Devayani updated the members that the Goa conference books will be dispatched to all the members who had ordered for them during the conference.

The book of conference proceedings of the ISOLA conference hosted by Hyderabad chapter is pending as is the ISOLA resource symposium 2023 compilation.

13. Update regarding ISOLA conference 2024 to be held at Bhopal

Savita Raje presented the overall sequence, theme and details planned for Isola conference 2024 at Bhopal. The conference is scheduled on 23rd and 24th February.

Concerns were raised by the EC members regarding the finalization of the speakers and especially the proposed international speakers since there have been no confirmation to date.

A broad budget for the conference was shared by Sonal Tiwari earlier. The LOC was requested to look into the detailed budget and revert back to the EC at the earliest. It was advised that a detailed revised budget be prepared and discussed.

The LOC team proposed to introduce an App to make the Conference registration and information sharing paperless. A presentation explaining the working of the App was made by two students of MANIT Bhopal who had developed the App under Savita Raje's guidance.

The Attendees raised concerns regarding the following aspects.

- Continuity of the app to all future conferences
- App handling
- The safety of database if connected to existing SME
- Expense Initial and Continuing)

The decision on whether to continue or not with the App is to be made, based on resolution of said concerns.

14. Other issues

ISOLA Goa page on Facebook

Concerns were raised regarding an ISOLA-GOA Facebook account that is very active and up to date. Details about the owner/handler of the same are not clear. Since this is not an official Account approved by ISOLA, it needs to be reported to Facebook so that appropriate action can be taken.

Matters related to IFLA

Bid for hosting IFLA APR 2025

As discussed and finalized in the earlier meetings, all the EC members agreed to support ISOLAs bid to host the IFLA APR 2025. It was decided that Mumbai would be the host city and all the EC members approved the same.

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with a Pan India working committee for the conference. Urmila Rajadhyaksha updated that along with Hrishikesh Phadke and Ashish Patankar were planning to travel to Japan for the IFLA APR 2023.

Call for nomination of Finance and Business Planning Standing Committee Chair for IFLA APR 2023-25

for Hrishikesh Phadke had conveyed his interest in standing for the post of Finance and Business Planning Standing Committee Chair for IFLA APR. All EC members gave their consent for the same. The result for the election would be declared at the IFLA APR 2023 at Tokyo.

ISOLA Finance committee

Urmila Rajadhyaksha suggested the need to look into a finance committee for ISOLA. All the members approved of the same. She volunteered to connect with past presidents Rohit Marol and Sujata Kohli along with past and present Honorary Treasurers Jitendra Pawgi and Deepak Rao and past Mumbai chapter chairperson Hrishikesh Phadke to discuss regarding the same.

Collaboration with Landscape and Gardening Expo 2023

Dhara Shah updated the members regarding the request for ISOLA coming on board as knowledge partners for the Landscape and Gardening Expo 2023 to held at Mumbai which was approved by the EC.

Minutes of the Meeting by:

Devayani Deshmukh Upasani, Honorary Secretary, ISOLA

Drafted by

Maithili Velangi and Manjusha Ukidave, ISOLA EC member

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