



## DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING FOR 91st EC MEETING

Date: 15th and 16th April 2022

Day 01

Venue: ISOLA office

Time 12:30pm -5:30 pm

Attendees

### ***Executive council members***

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| 1. Dr. Sridevi Rao   | Honorary President (online)         |
| 2. Prashanta Bhat    | Honorary Vice President (in person) |
| 3. Devayani Deshmukh | Honorary Secretary (in person)      |
| 4. Deepak Rao        | Honorary Treasurer (in person)      |
| 5. Sujata Kohli      | Past President (online)             |
| 6. Ashish Patankar   | EC Member (in person)               |
| 7. Ganga Krishnan    | EC Member (online)                  |
| 8. Charvi Samdhani   | EC Member (online)                  |
| 9. Venkata Lakshmi   | EC Member (online)                  |

### ***Special invitees***

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| 10. Jitendra Pawgi  | Past Secretary (in person)  |
| 11. Nidhi Madan     | Past Treasurer (in person)  |
| 12. Harish Vangara  | ISOLA Conference LOC member |
| 13. Deepak Kungwani | Office manager (in person)  |

Honorary President Dr. Sridevi Rao presided over the meeting.

### **1) Calendar for the year 2022-23**

Dr. Sridevi Rao updated the members regarding the proposed events

#### **a) ISOLA 25**

Dr Rao suggested that as ISOLA completes 20 years of its existence, a vision document be created for ISOLA which traces the journey of ISOLA since its inception. She also mentioned that she has discussed the same with the Past Presidents and the response were been very positive. It was decided that Devayani Deshmukh Upasani and Nidhi Madan take this initiative ahead. Nidhi and Devayani also suggested the idea of recording interviews of all the ISOLA Presidents to date followed by a Panel Discussion. It was decided to also look at some form of publication for the initiative to reach out to members as well as other professionals.



b) Fredrick Olmsted Celebrations

The year 2022 marks the 200th birth year of Frederick Law Olmsted, It was proposed that ISOLA celebrates this year with some initiative for its members. Prashanta Bhat volunteered to share some ideas with the EC at the earliest.

c) Cultural landscapes in collaboration with ICOMOS

Dr. Rao updated the EC regarding her discussion with Sujata Kohli, Nupur Prothi Khanna, and Rima Hooja (ICOMOS India Head) regarding an event in collaboration with ICOMOS. She further updated the attendees that the event would focus on the landscape /ecological management of cultural centers which are situated in sensitive/fragile ecosystems.

d) ISOLA Research Symposium 2023

Venkata Lakshmi shared the vision and the timeline for the ISOLA Symposium 2023. The theme of the upcoming symposium is based on Resources in the field of landscape architecture. She further updated the EC regarding the advisory and the Working Group formation. She further updated the members that the symposium was scheduled to be conducted in February 2023.

e) IFLA Conference

Dr. Rao suggested that ISOLA could consider hosting the IFLA APR 2025. It was discussed that there needs to be further clarification regarding the requirements and finances before taking the decision regarding the same.

**2) Charity commissioner update**

Jitendra Pawgi updated the attendees that the data from 2017 to 2022 has been available and shared with the Charity Committee. However, data from 2003 to 2017 is incomplete. As suggested by the lawyer everything needs to be shared in writing. He further updated that the official address of ISOLA has also been updated from the CEPT office to ISOLA Office. He further suggested that for future elections the documents from the elected members should be submitted within 30 days to the office. Hence, he suggested that the elected members during the election should be made aware of their roles and responsibilities, and the documents should be mandatorily shared by the elected members within a week. All the members agreed to the suggestion.

He further suggested that single notary personnel could be employed to expedite the process and to pass through different state legislations.

**3) ISOLA finance update**

Deepak Rao updated the members on the current Finance holdings of ISOLA. He mentioned that the annual expenditure as estimated is 33 Lakhs which includes all the expenditure of ISOLA as copyrights for ISOLA Logo and other paper works apart from the regular annual expenditures of ISOLA

From understanding the current funds and deficits, Sujata Kohli suggested that a strategic plan needs to be documented mentioning the short terms/ immediate actions and long terms plans



for fund generation. She also mentioned that the immediate action can be by sending in the list of 20-25 prospective donors and connecting with them each on an individual basis. The possibility of the category of the Donor Member for ISOLA was also suggested. Jitendra Pawgi mentioned that if the category of Donor member is to be introduced it should be documented very clearly and crisp as to what rights/ authorities are provided to such category. For the same, there has to be a discussion with a panel. He also mentioned that the Bye-Laws and the Constitutions can be amended and can be submitted officially to make the changes legally.

#### **4) ISOLA membership status**

Devayani updated the attendees regarding the valid memberships. The presently valid memberships of ISOLA stand at 422 members

#### **5) ISOLA Awards**

Devayani updated the members regarding the ISOLA awards revamp the process and also the new categories of awards which will be introduced based on the survey and multiple meetings with members done to date. The new category of awards includes a recognition award for professionals in the allied field as well as additional categories in the design excellence awards. The EC approved the same. She updated the EC regarding the tentative schedule of the awards and suggested that the Awards distribution could be scheduled as a post-AGM event.

#### **6) EB recognition for institutes**

#### **7). Matters related to IFLA**

Deepak Rao updated the EC members that the membership fee process for IFLA has been initiated and will be completed at the earliest.

#### **8) . Any other point with the permission of the chair**

Harish Vangara from the Conference LOC team shared an update on the Hyderabad conference. . He updated the EC that 39 Lakhs were generated from the donor membership and around 2.5 Lakhs via registrations. He mentioned that the current expenses are standing at around 7.33 Lakhs against the projected budget of 18 Lakhs. The raw data collated from the conference is about 32GB. The financial statement of the conference is to be sent to Rajnikant Trivedi for auditing.

Nidhi and Jitendra suggested that the cost of the book of proceedings will also get further added to the expenses of the conference and the LOC needs to consider the same. They could connect with Rohini Prasad for getting further details regarding the same and put across an estimate based on the number of copies of the book of conference proceedings to be printed. It was suggested that The LOC should compile/save the raw data via 3 modes of digital form which can be a pen drive, a Hard disk, and a Drive

It was further suggested that the post-conference update be shared by the LOC with Ashish and Charvi for uploading on the website. The same content could be shared over for the IFLA Newsletter.

Day 02

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Venue: Hotel Rezzas Conference room

Time: 10:30 am – 5:30 pm

### **Members present**

#### ***Executive council members***

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|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Prashanta Bhat    | Honorary Vice President (in person) |
| 2. Devayani Deshmukh | Honorary Secretary (in person)      |
| 3. Deepak Rao        | Honorary Treasurer (in person)      |
| 4. Ashish Patankar   | EC Member (in person)               |
| 5. Ganga Krishnan    | EC Member (online)                  |
| 6. Charvi Samdhani   | EC Member (online)                  |
| 7. Venkata Lakshmi   | EC Member (online)                  |

#### ***Chapter Representatives***

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|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 8. Seema Anthony      | Delhi (in person)                   |
| 9. Kannan             | Bangalore (online)                  |
| 10. Narasimham VVL    | Hyderabad (in person)               |
| 11. Hrishikesh Phadke | Mumbai (in person)                  |
| 12. Shruti Humane     | Maharashtra (in person)             |
| 13. Hemanshu Taneja   | Rajasthan (in person)               |
| 14. Savita Raje       | Madhya Pradesh (online)             |
| 15. Pragya Shankar    | Gujarat (in person)                 |
| 16. Babjee S          | Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry (online) |

#### ***Invited members***

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| 17. Geeta Wahi Dua  | WLAM coordinator (online)  |
| 18. Deepak Kungwani | Office manager (in person) |

#### ***Members absent***

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 19. Dr. Sridevi Rao | Absent with notice    |
| 20. Venkata Lakshmi | Absent with notice    |
| 21. Sebastian Jose  | Absent without notice |

Honorary Vice President Prashanta Bhat presided over the meeting.

### **1) Status of ISOLA chapters signatory change**

Deepak updated the attendees that due to the new rules in place by the Government in the recent year the process for signatory change is taking more time than expected. Additionally, the requirements for the same vary from each branch of HDFA. He further mentioned that the process for the signatory change has been initiated and should be completed at the earliest.

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## **2) Submittal of by-laws to Charity Commissioner**

Deepak updated the attendees regarding the submission of the documents to the Charity commission. The data from 2017 to 2022 has been shared with the Charity Committee. However, data from 2003 till 2017 is incomplete. He further updated that the official address of ISOLA has also been updated from the CEPT office to ISOLA Office.

## **3) ISOLA conference**

Devayani and Deepak updated the members regarding the Kerala conference book of proceedings. The book has been published and will be sent to the attendees of the conference who had pre-ordered the book. Rohini Prasad has been following up with the same and the extra copies of the book will be couriered to the ISOLA office. The books will be available for sale post-September.

Conference proceedings books for Bangalore, Goa, and Hyderabad are pending.

## **4) Matters related to IFLA**

Prashanta and Devayani updated the attendees regarding the discussion about ISOLA hosting the IFLA APR conference. All the Chapter representatives welcomed the idea. It was suggested that the PAN India organizing committee should be formed for the same. It was further decided that the final commitment to host the conference will only be made after more details regarding the organizing requirements are shared with the team.

It was suggested that the LOC should be formed on Pan India basis which should take in 4 years of least commitment to host this conference.

## **5) Calendar for the year 2022 2022-23**

Prashanta and Devayani updated the CRs regarding the various initiatives planned in the upcoming year including ISOLA 25, Fredrick Olmsted Celebrations, Cultural landscapes in collaboration with ICOMOS, and ISOLA Research Symposium 2023. All the chapter representatives appreciated the initiatives.

## **6) Chapter WLAM activities**

Geeta Wahi Dua ISOLA WLAM 2022 coordinator updated the EC members regarding all chapters' ongoing and upcoming WLAM activities. The initiatives by the chapters were appreciated by all.

## **7) Chapter pan India activities**

Shruti updated all regarding the progress wrt to ISOLA tours and the Pan India activity by the Maharashtra chapter. The presentation for ISOLA tours was highly appreciated by all. She mentioned that the chapter will revert back to all with details regarding the initiative by the next

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EC meeting. Hrishikesh updated that the dates for the ISOLA career clinic, The pan India activity by the Mumbai chapter shall be shared with all the members soon.

Pragya updated the members regarding the details of the Gujarat chapter pan India initiative 'ISOLA Academic Excellence Showcase', an online resource of academic works by recognized Landscape programs in the country. Pragya shared the proposal presentation with the attendees which was appreciated by all. She will be reverting back to the EC with further working on the same by the next EC meeting

Devayani urged the other chapter representatives to revert back with their Pan India initiative soon.

### **8) Upcoming newsletter by Rajasthan chapter**

Hemanshu updated the EC regarding the newsletter by the Rajasthan chapter. The broader theme and matter of the newsletter is in place however the newsletter was yet to be formatted and proofreading was pending. He mentioned that the newsletter would be ready to be released by a month's time.

### **9) Isola social media/outreach**

Ashish updated the members regarding the active social media presence and website update of ISOLA events which included the Spoorthi Sthalam competition, Research symposium, National conference, Wlam, etc

He further urged all the CRs to help coordinate the chapter events update on social media and website seamlessly by making sure that all the relevant material is emailed well in time.

### **10) Other collaborations**

Shruti updated the members regarding the intent of collaborating with the Ecological Society Pune for a newsletter. The ecological society, Pune releases a newsletter every month. It was proposed by Shruti that The ISOLA Maharashtra chapter will be collaborating with ES for the newsletter for the month of April as a part of the WLAM celebration. This collaboration was approved by all the members present.

It was further decided that the authors of the articles for this April newsletter shall consist only of valid ISOLA members in good standing and the ISOLA logo will be used only for the April newsletter.

**Any other agenda with the permission of the chair.**

### **ISOLA Logo trademark**

Deepak Rao presented updates on the process of procuring copyright for the ISOLA trademark. Hrishikesh then suggested that other than the three above-mentioned classes, we must also protect ISOLA logo in other classes where it could be misused. This was agreed by all members

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and Deepak and Hrishikesh would explore the possibilities of other classes where ISOLA name could be misused and hence would need copyright/ trademark filing

*Minutes of the Meeting by:*

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*Drafted by*

*Charvi Samdhani ISOLA EC member*

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