



## MINUTES OF THE MEETING FOR 80<sup>th</sup> EC MEETING

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> August 2019

Time: 11.00am

Venue: Ahmedabad

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Sujata Kohli	Hon. President
Sridevi Rao	Hon. Vice President
Rohit Marol	Past President
Nidhi Madan	Hon. Secretary
Jitendra Pawgi	Hon. Treasurer
Neelima Soni	Fellow Member
Prashanta Bhat	Fellow Member
Swati Sahasrabudhe	Fellow Member
Venkata Lakshmi	Associate Member
Parisutha Rajan	Co-opted Member
Shilpa Chandawarkar	Co-opted Member
Preetanshi Singh	Co-opted Member

### Chapter Representatives

Bobby Sujansingani	Gujarat
Devayani Deshmukh Upasani	Mumbai
Jasleen Waraich	Delhi
K. Senthil Kumar	Tamil Nadu & Pondicherry
Narasimham V.V.L.	Hyderabad
Sachin Ubbarada	Bangalore
Shruti Humane	Maharashtra

### Special Invitees

Rajnikant Trivedi

### MEMBERS ABSENT

Asok Kumar	Associate Member
Vineetha PS	Associate Member
Rohini Prasad	Kerala Chapter Representative

*Hon President Sujata Kohli presided over the meeting.*

*Morning Session (chapter representatives were not present. Held at the ISOLA Office)*

## EC ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

### 1. Education Board

MoU draft to be formalized as a single document to share with institutions. Six MoUs should be signed by the next EC. This may not include government colleges, since they have some restrictions. An ISOLA member should be included in the board of studies and review the syllabus, preferably.

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It will be important going forward to check recognition criterion for institutes recognized earlier and de-recognizing them if the faculty criteria etc. are not met. This would require warning colleges a year before their review, possibly every five years.

LSR, Mumbai was recognized by ISOLA last year. They have a part-time 3-year programme, but will have to convert to a 2-year full time course, since CoA does not recognize any part-time master's courses.

Some clarifications given -student membership to be given to recognized institutions only and foreign graduates can only become ISOLA members if IFLA recognizes the institute.

An EB-IFLA workshop to be organized with Mike Bartholomew, IFLA APR secretary and accreditation coordinator, focusing on interaction with the EB, Head of the Departments and members of Institutions and others interested. Event to be held at a neutral location (not at any institute) and an institute can fund/host the event. ISOLA shall fund and cover the expenses of the IFLA representative member. Two representatives can attend this event from each institute and all working group members. It can be planned as a 2 full day + 1 pre meeting evening (social) event, possibly at the end of January. Hyderabad or Pune can be options for the venue.

## **2. Resource Centre**

Resource Centre should begin with a small group to start, with Savita Punde as Convener. This should be an EC based and not a chapter driven initiative. Parisutha Rajan and Venkata Lakshmi to start and set a working mechanism in place with a focus on practice and research. Sridevi Rao and Geeta Wahi Dua to be consulted as well.

Short term tangible deliverables to be set in place. Focus more on research work. Start with common data base setups for all members such as schools and institutes information, firm directory, and plant material regional database and other items recommended by the EB. Venkata Lakshmi identified the structure to be carried forward and worked out in detail. This includes publication of papers and projects on website from the conference and IFLA resources.

## **3. Chapter Coordination**

Event calendar to co-ordinated and set up Neelima Soni. All chapters to send their tentative event outlines and these will be set up within a larger agenda. This will enable us to connect events and content leading up to the conference (once conference theme is finalized) and drive a larger vision.

TN, Mumbai, Gujarat yet to submit their calendars.

## **4. Outreach and Collaborations**

GRIHA collaboration has been set in motion, with Jitendra Pawgi as coordinator and a team of volunteers. They will send updates of their working to the EC.

Nupur Prothi Khanna has initiated discussions on a collaborative session with IUCN at India Water week.

Through ideas discussed by the PP group, it was suggested that CSR /pro bono works (at regional level) be undertaken to improve open spaces in different cities.

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**Afternoon Session (all EC members present. Held at Comfort Inn, Navrangpura)**

**1. STATUS OF ISOLA CHAPTERS**

Common directions for all chapters

Chapter event calendars (tentative) to be completed and shared with Neelima Soni to enable her to coordinate the ISOLA calendar. The events should have a larger theme and agenda that should also lead to the conference, scheduled in 2020.

All chapters to share a vision document and intent behind events to help broaden the horizon and gather ideas.

The NASA collaboration should become a platform for larger opportunity and interactions including chapters in the workshops so there is a local connect. Career drive can be held for young professionals by local chapters as well.

**2. MEMBERSHIPS**

Membership status

There are currently 339 valid ISOLA members.

**3. FINANCIAL STATUS OF ISOLA**

Travel expenses of chapter representatives to be paid for by chapter

All chapters agreed to pay the travel expenses of their chapter representative for EC meetings, not including the AGM and Conference. Reimbursement to match EC reimbursement, i.e., EC and EB members are paid a travel reimbursement of Rs.8000=00 or the actual cost of travel to and from the meeting whichever is lower. Payments shall be made by cheque upon submitting ticket copy/journey cost details. Hotel stay, local transport and meals shall not be reimbursed. EC and EB members are not reimbursed for AGM and Conference travel (since attendance is expected for all ISOLA members at these events). It is expected that tickets are booked ahead of time based on the meetings scheduled to ensure lower costs. Also please note, as per our auditor Rajnikant Trivedi, it is mandatory that all EC and EB members submit boarding passes and tickets (if travelled by flight) or railway tickets/bus tickets/car rental receipt to avail of the travel reimbursement.

Chapters suggested that since AGM travel requires an overnight stay, chapter representatives could be reimbursed for one night stay to attend both the EC and AGM meeting (on consecutive days), of Rs.3,000-4,000 or the actual cost of accommodation to and from the meeting, whichever is lower.

**4. Website and Social Media**

Consistent uploads on all social platforms will increase the footfall and increase the outreach. A monthly schedule to be set up (by Preetanshi) with each chapter contributing to the mail ISOLA page on a regular basis. Set formats to be prepared for a graphical consistency. All chapter secretaries to directly co-ordinate with Vineetha to send the updates and posts.

Quarterly update mails/video clippings of EC workings to be sent to all the members.

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## 5. ISOLA AWARDS

Student awards in 2020

For the ISOLA awards, the online jury process was successful in the past year. The same can continue in the future. Award competition should have a larger outreach, and ways to do so to be looked into.

Shilpa Chandawarkar suggested that for future we could consider an award (Hungarian reference) wherein firms were awarded based on work done in the past three years.

## 6. LA Journal Proposal

LA Journal has made two proposals, one to support the Journals distribution to members, through donor support and a compensatory ISOLA 2 page spread. The EC unanimously disagreed with this proposal.

The second proposal was for financial support from ISOLA to work on and publish monographs of senior landscape architects. Concerns were raised as to ISOLA copyright, contributions and capacity to fund this work, even though the intent was lauded. No final call was taken, but it was decided that a mail will be sent to all members for further comments.

## 7. NEWSLETTER

ISOLA Newsletter will be released twice a year, if possible. It must not merely be a collation of events from the past but be compiled as a journal with a larger theme and intention. The current issue has been taken up by Bangalore chapter and shall be published by the next EC meeting.

## 8. SCHEDULES TO BE MADE FOR THE CURRENT/NEXT YEAR

- a. Chapter events and ISOLA calendar
- b. Conference run-up events

To be set up with the ISOLA Calendar.

## 9. NEXT EC MEETING

Next EC meeting to be hosted by Bangalore Chapter on Saturday, the 30<sup>th</sup> of November, 2019. Bangalore chapter will host an event the same day.

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*Honorary Secretary, ISOLA*

Drafted with:

**Preetanshi Singh**

*Co-opted Member, ISOLA*

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