



MINUTES OF THE MEETING FOR 81st EC MEETING

Date: 30th November 2019 Time: 11.00am Venue: Basant Beton Experience Centre, Bangalore

Morning Session (chapter representatives not present)

MEMBERS PRESENT

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| 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 |
| Swati Sahasrabudhe | Fellow Member |
| Asok Kumar | Associate Member |
| Vineetha PS | Associate Member |
| Parisutha Rajan | Co-opted Member |
| Shilpa Chandawarkar | Co-opted Member |
| Preetanshi Singh | Co-opted Member |

MEMBERS ABSENT

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| Prashanta Bhat | Fellow Member |
| Venkata Lakshmi | Associate Member |
| Naveen Panugati | Conference Convenor |

Hon President Sujata Kohli presided over the meeting.

STATUS OF EC SUB COMMITTEES

Education Board

International connections were discussed and the focus on looking inwards to start with for collaborations was agreed on. Sujata Kohli suggested that even though the IFLA EB workshop was being postponed, it would be worthwhile for the steering committee (Nikhil Dhar, Prashanta Bhat and Swati Sahasrabudhe) to meet with Mike Bartholomew when he is in India.

The Education Board (EB) constitution has been finalized and will be shared on email. To be closed by year end.

The role of the MoU with institutions and the lack thereof with CoA was discussed in light of the CoA TTP workshop planned in Mumbai. The framework was initiated as an ISOLA collaboration, but CoA did not agree since the MoU was not signed. For future events, CoA workshops, based on the TTP in Pune in 2018, to include ISOLA logo on posters, dissemination of event information, shared finances and plans and coordinated through Central EC to avoid miscommunication.

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It was agreed that since the CoA President has changed, the MoU should be pursued once again. Particularly, since CoA now has a mandate for all architectural education in the country, with the dissolution of AICTE. Other issues to be coordinated include inclusion of the definition of Landscape Architect/ Architecture, fees, and future collaborations and workshops.

The role of the chapter in the MoU process with institutions was clarified. There would be one chapter coordinator, from the chapter managing committee (MC), either an elected or co-opted member, with the local institution who would not be a part of the EB, but would coordinate with them.

Similarly, for all collaborations by chapters, the executive council (EC) to give consent to avoid conflicts/ raise red flags in a timely fashion, if required, based on past associations.

There has not been any activity with the student forum after the students volunteered at the Kochi conference, nor any response to emails. Some may have graduated. Follow up can be focused on faculty members to initiate a student body in each institution if there are enough ISOLA student members.

Shilpa Chandawarkar volunteered to help coordinate a joint studio across different institutions.

ISOLA Calendar, Social Media and Website

Neelima Soni shared a draft of the ISOLA calendar to be updated on the website. An interactive format, it allows each chapter to update events and also links to the event/ news/ chapter page as relevant. A suggestion was made to also create a listing of events, and categorize them (walks/ continuing education/ workshop etc.). This will be completed and updated on the website.

Neelima, Preetanshi and Vineetha to review the website and update it for current information, missing links and a better user interface. Some things are missing including NASA collaborations including trophies, workshops etc., event photos, chapter pages, past awards, competitions, chronologies of events etc.

Social media updates to be consistently posted every week and include information on awards, activities, and chapter links.

Resource Centre

Not much clarity was given during the meeting as to how to proceed with the work. It was suggested that one project be taken up to begin with, such as- Landscape Practice Directory- data for practices across the country for the ISOLA members.

Lot of ideas have been suggested by members already (EB recommendations) to simultaneously take them forward. Resource Centre members to take help of members who have been involved in research/ data compilation. Research papers (from members) can also be compiled and made available on the website. For this we need to create format for the website with the help of Nitin, the website programmer, to upload data and make it easily available to members.

Sridevi Rao to review and update the research proposal format to enable it to be taken up. Every year some students/ young professionals inquire about it.

Parisustha Rajan to identify two streams of focus, finalize with Sridevi Rao and pursue to completion.

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Date: 30th November 2019 Time: 2.30pm Venue: Bangalore



Afternoon Session (all EC members present)

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| Shilpa Chandawarkar | Co-opted Member |
| Preetanshi Singh | Co-opted Member |

Chapter Representatives

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| Prasad | Bangalore |
| Jasleen Waraich | Delhi |
| Priyesh Shah | Gujarat |
| Narasimham V.V.L. | Hyderabad |
| Rohini Prasad | Kerala |
| Shruti Humane | Maharashtra |
| Devayani Deshmukh Upasani | Mumbai |

Special Invitees

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| Maithily Velangi | ZoNASA workshop coordinator/ Bangalore Chapter Secretary |
| Sachin Ubbarda | Bangalore Chapter Treasurer |
| Rashmi Paramesh | Bangalore Chapter MC Member |

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| K. Senthil Kumar | Tamil Nadu & Pondicherry |
| Naveen Panugati | Conference Convenor |

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2. ISOLA AWARDS

Student awards

Student awards are in place, with an e-jury scheduled for January. The process is functioning smoothly.

Urmila Rajadhyaksha's email to allow LSR students applying for the ISOLA awards to not pay membership fees for the duration of the course, since the college was not recognized earlier, was discussed at the EC meeting.

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Three colleges were granted ISOLA recognition in the 2018-19 membership cycle to enable conference and award registration as student members. Both the other two colleges (PVP and MGR) had students apply for the awards, and since they were all recent graduates had to pay for 3 years of registration (despite recognition in the third year of eligibility, so in effect they paid for 2 extra years).

LSR students were not eligible at the time since they were still students. Some students did take membership, and along with the current year (2019-20) would also have had to pay for 2 additional years of membership (prior to recognition). So for parity, the same rule applies.

It was decided that even though we can review student membership in the future, and possibly make it a lump sum amount no matter what the year of application, for the time being, the parity rule applies.

Past Awards

Past award winning entries are all in the process of being uploaded on the website. Following this all hard copies in the office will be removed.

3. STATUS OF ISOLA CHAPTERS

Chapter Updates

Each chapter shared details on their recently held events, walks, meetings and interactions since the AGM. They also shared their plans for the next few months. Mumbai chapter's categorisation of events based on audience experience with innovative formats was well received and they were asked to share more details so that similar modules can be created in other chapters as well. Gujarat chapter's outreach among various colleges and institutes is going well and the same shall be continuing in the coming year. Delhi and Maharashtra chapter held large events which allowed large gathering of people to be a part of ISOLA functions. Bangalore chapter's recurring event- Thesis Open Day was a huge success and attracted its largest audience this year. Kerala chapter has a few events planned, even though their membership have to travel long distances to attend the same. Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry chapter will be conducting some walks.

There is interest from members in Jaipur to start a chapter in the coming year.

All chapters were advised to send their MoMs, formats, event details and other documentation to the ISOLA office, to enable continuity of data, and also to subsequent managing committees. Particularly with the larger number of chapters, it is becoming important to follow similar formats and procedures across MCs.

Chapter Elections for 2020-22 term - Delhi NCR, Gujarat, Kerala, TN & Pondicherry

To be held in February-March 2020, to enable the new chapter MCs to be in place by mid-March with time for transition, since the new committee takes over on April 1st. The new chapter representatives will also be able to attend the next EC meeting

4. ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Conference proceedings books

Kochi publication is in the works. Bangalore chapter to take assistance from Kerala chapter to identify resources/agency that will allow them to compile the conference book. Bangalore chapter requires funds to complete this task. Goa book to be completed in the first half of 2020.

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ISBN Number

To be followed up on by Shilpa.

2021 Conference

No conclusive discussion on the theme of the upcoming conference happened. Hyderabad chapter is encouraged to speed up the process and finalise the same along with other details. They are to share the theme and a tentative timeline of their workings. Hon. Vice president to help the committee reach the same goals.

Once the theme is finalised other chapters are advised to create and hold events that build up to the conference.

5. SUBMITTAL OF BYELAWS TO CHARITY COMMISSIONER

All documents submitted. Sachin Jain to follow up with the lawyer.

6. PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE GROUP

Fee Survey

To complete the Code of Conduct and Professional Scale of Charges document, a workshop will be conducted with invited members from across different offices from different cities, practices demonstrating a range of experience levels and size, location of practice etc. All EC members and any interested practitioners may also attend.

Fee Schedule workshop to be held on March 20th, 2020, Friday, the day before the next EC meeting in Ahmedabad.

7. WORKING GROUPS

The collaborative work done by the GRIHA group can be replicated for the IGBC group, led by Gopal Bajaj. Ideas on collaborating with allied professionals are invited from all members. Working groups (in each chapter) have to be pro-active in their geographic with the ongoing issues and represent ISOLA vigorously.

8. COLLABORATIONS

It was agreed that we need to reconsider support of commercial trade events, on a case by case basis, to further collaborations with likeminded organizations where there is some synergy. Particularly, since most members participate anyway, it will help with visibility and donors. So far we have not accepted any commercial proposals.

9. IFLA

Proposing members to participate as ISOLA designee or as volunteers in the IFLA Working Groups should be encouraged. Members are advised to participate as ISOLA representatives in IFLA working groups based on their interests. This will bring ISOLA to an international platform as well as help feed resources back into our system.

10. NASA

The Mohammed Shaheer NASA Trophy

Trophy brief was prepared by Shilpa Chandawarkar and shared with NASA. Jury tentatively scheduled for late January, early February.

ZoNASA workshops

Maithily Velangi, coordinator of the workshops, made a presentation on the Zonal Workshops held by ISOLA members across 6 towns and cities. Some were in partnership with other professionals. The workshops were well received.

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Two issues that need to be addressed in the future- ISOLA logo to be used for all posters, information, materials and promotion, and not the members name/ organization. And, the workshop format suggested needs to be adhered to.

NASA collaboration needs to be reflected on the website.

Jitendra Pawgi to look into the MoU.

11. NEWSLETTER

Bangalore chapter to complete the newsletter by December 23rd, 2019.

12. NEXT EC MEETING

Next EC meeting to be held in Ahmedabad on March 21st, 2020, Saturday, following the workshop to finalize the Code of Conduct and Professional Scale of Charges on March 20th.

13. ANY OTHER ITEMS WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

The advantages of ISOLA membership were reiterated in two opportunities that ISOLA members had in the past few months. The first, at India Water Week, spearheaded by Nupur Prothi Khanna, where a collaborative workshop was held between IUCN, ICOMOS and ISOLA provided free participation (delegate fee was Rs.10,000) for the 4 day conference. Nidhi Madan made a presentation on behalf of ISOLA.

The second was to present, exhibit and attend the IGBC Green Building Congress in Hyderabad. EC members held meetings with the Conference LOC, Damian Tang (IFLA President), with IGBC to take further the MoU signed in Kochi and helped create the program for the Green Landscapes seminar. Shilpa Chandawarkar and Gopal Bajaj made presentations and Sujata Kohli, Sridevi Rao, Rohit Marol and Narasimham VVL participated in the panel.

In addition, IGBC invited ISOLA members to show slides of the presentation on a screen to the 4000-5000 conference attendees. Unfortunately, only about 10 members sent in their slides, but those who did, had their work exhibited to the diverse audience right in the middle of all activities.

These are opportunities that we are working to have all members have access to, and they must be encouraged to take up these.

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