



## MINUTES OF MEETING FOR 85th EC MEETING

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2020

Time: 2.30pm

Venue: Video Conference

### MEMBERS PRESENT

1. Sujata Kohli	Hon. President
2. Sridevi Rao	Hon. Vice President
3. Rohit Marol	Past President
4. Nidhi Madan	Hon. Secretary
5. Jitendra Pawgi	Hon. Treasurer
6. Neelima Soni	Fellow Member
7. Prashanta Bhat	Fellow Member
8. Swati Sahasrabudhe	Fellow Member
9. Vineetha P.S.	Associate Member
10. Venkata Lakshmi	Associate Member
11. Shilpa Chandawarkar	Co-opted Member
12. Parisutha Rajan	Co-opted Member

### CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVES

13. Aditya Advani	Delhi NCR
14. Sandip Patil	Gujarat
15. Narasimham V.V.L.	Hyderabad
16. Vikas Bhosekar	Maharashtra
17. Devayani Deshmukh Upasani	Mumbai
18. Rohini Prasad	Kerala
19. Hemanshu Taneja	Rajasthan
20. Ravikumar Narayan	Tamil Nadu & Pondicherry

### SPECIAL INVITEES

21. Nikhil Dhar	EB Steering Committee
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### MEMBERS ABSENT

1. Asok Kumar	Associate Member
2. Preetanshi Singh	Co-opted Member
3. Prasad G.	Bangalore

Hon President Sujata Kohli presided over the meeting.

#### 1. FINANCIAL STATUS OF ISOLA

Budget for upcoming year was presented by Treasurer Jitendra Pawgi and reviewed in detail.

Given the lack of funding possible this year due to Covid-19, all chapters were requested to return the seed money given, as this will help cover GST bills. All chapters agreed.

A request has been forwarded to IFLA for the reduction in fees as well and the response is awaited.

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Treasurer suggested that ISOLA may have donor advertisements in the code of conduct publication as way of generating income. The EC opined that no logo shall be added on the code of conduct. EC agreed that we should explore opportunities for including donor logos on newsletters, social media posts etc. instead.

Devyani Deshmukh Upasani shared Mumbai chapter's funding model wherein donors pay a yearly fee of 1-2 lakhs. For this, all social media posts have the donor logos. This has allowed the chapter to fund smaller activities and initiatives without event specific donors. Central ISOLA can look into this to generate funds. This would be beneficial for research or educational initiatives for which funds are not easily available.

Budgeting for NASA award felicitation was discussed. Resend the draft MoU to NASA for further action.

Swati Sahasrabudhe and Prashanta Bhat clarified that the EB workshop budget would be more than 1 lakh. It can have a donor, institutions can contribute and workshop registrants can be made to pay a fee to offset costs. ISOLA should also factor in MoU costs such as legal fees. SSOAA has raised legal concerns regarding the MoU. We can get lawyer to check.

Short term and long term research projects to have a broader base of people to raise funds. This requires setting up a research structure and thereafter looking into CSR and government funding.

Regarding the expenses for a new website, Nidhi Madan suggested that it could be taken up by the next EC. It has been five years since the last website was designed. Since then, there has been much more activity at both the centre and also at the new and continuing chapters which requires a different format to make it more effective.

## **2. CONFERENCE BOOKS**

Conference books for the Bangalore, Goa and Kerala conferences are underway. Shilpa Chandawarkar suggested e-publications instead of printed books for all three conference books. Bangalore conference books have to be sent to all delegates, whereas only 15-20 delegates paid for the Goa and Kerala conference books (as this was excluded from the registration fees). It was agreed by all that monies can be refunded for those who paid separately. This way the e-publications can be made available to all and also reduce costs of printing, shipping, returns, storage etc. A few books can be printed for the office. It is also worthwhile investigating a viewable version, and not only a pdf version.

## **3. NEXT CONFERENCE**

Discussions took place on the date of the next conference and the alternative i.e. an online conference in the interim. Narasimham VVL informed that the Hyderabad chapter will work out a detailed plan for conducting an online ISOLA conference in 2021, if feasible, and will share with the EC in the coming weeks.

## **4. EDUCATION BOARD**

Swati Sahasrabudhe updated EC members on the first online interaction session with EB Working Group members and steering committee members, held in June 2020, thanks to the efforts of ISOLA President and EB SC members.



Nikhil Dhar shared details on the mentorship program proposed between ISOLA and recognized institutes. The EB had circulated a questionnaire among nine recognized institutes regarding the mentorship programme and out of which eight institutes have responded so far. This questionnaire survey helps to understand the strength of these institutes, their role & contributions and the need for mentorship.

Mentorship would be for 2-3 core faculty typically and also for visiting faculty. Sujata Kohli suggested a focus on landscape faculty first. Funding for the program, workshop or customized support, and also certification/ credit system was discussed.

## **5. STUDENT FORUM**

A student forum was initiated at Kerala conference. The students of Dr. M.G.R Educational and Research Institute University have now set it in motion, with guidance from faculty and ISOLA member Kumareswari Rajendran. They have been active on social media and held two discussions online, one with members of the EC and EB. They have also started a membership drive for other students. Social media oversight was discussed. Members suggested the need for a person to closely work with the student forum.

## **6. RESOURCE CENTRE**

Venkata Lakshmi presented the work done by the RC so far. Six sections have been identified including regional species list, open space data, student and research programmes in LA, events- ISOLA and others, resource people data base, material database for LA practice. Coordinators to lead and guide the entire data collection for each section has been identified. Sridevi Rao suggested institutes give data as well. ISOLA RC in connection with the EB will work to set up data base for student and research program in LA.

## **7. ISOLA AGM**

15th AGM to be held online on September 5th. Agenda was discussed. Most chapters have submitted their chapter reports and videos. Chapters were requested to submit their audited reports before September 9th, 2020 too. All EC members to attend the AGM.

## **8. CODE OF CONDUCT AND SCALE OF PROFESSIONAL CHARGES**

Code of Conduct and Professional Scale of Charges document has been circulated to all members for final comments so that it can be adopted at the 15<sup>th</sup> AGM.

## **9. TNPY newsletter**

Ravikumar Narayan launched the newsletter of ISOLA Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry chapter which was appreciated. TNPY chapter will also work on the next ISOLA workshop.

## **10. EIA Comments**

ISOLA submitted two documents to MoEF on the Draft EIA 2020. EC acknowledged the efforts of the team that worked on it, spearheaded by the Mumbai chapter.

## **11. Mumbai Chapter Career Clinic**

Mumbai chapter had proposed a Career Clinic as a pan-India initiative. It would have resource persons in each city, members could take an appointment to interact with them. Payment models, whether it was for only ISOLA members, skilling, etc. were discussed. It was agreed to share this initiative at the AGM.



## 12. Delhi NCR Chapter Central Vista Project

Aditya Advani pointed out that Delhi chapter has done a landscape assessment of the Central Vista. Comments received from ISOLA EC members on the study and the time spent on it and further course of action for this work was discussed. Discussions continued about the purpose of it, objections and directions suggested, focus as an advisory, critique or design recommendations, and also, how it would represent ISOLA. All EC members to send in their comments and suggestions on email.

## 13. IGBC

IGBC has set up an online certification course on Green Built Environment. They have requested ISOLA to nominate a speaker on the 'Design of Sustainable Landscapes in Green Built Environment'. Email of the same will be forwarded to all EC members to suggest speakers.

## 14. MISCELLANEOUS

President requested that members of EC should respond to all emails sent and recommended to make that as a rule.

## 15. NEXT EC MEETING

The next EC meeting will be held on Saturday, November 28th, 2020.

## 16. ANY OTHER ITEMS WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

*Minutes of the Meeting by:*

**Nidhi Madan**, Honorary Secretary, ISOLA

*Drafted by:*

**Vineetha P.S.**, Associate Member, ISOLA Executive Council