



MINUTES OF MEETING FOR 87th EC MEETING

Date: 13th February 2021

Time: 2.00pm

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. Shilpa Chandawarkar	Co-opted Member
10. Venkata Lakshmi	Associate Member
11. Vineetha P.S.	Associate Member
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CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVES

13. Aditya Advani	Delhi NCR
14. Tapan Modi	Gujarat
15. Savita Raje	Madhya Pradesh
16. Shruti Humane	Maharashtra
17. Hrishikesh Phadke	Mumbai
18. Rohini Prasad	Kerala
19. Hemanshu Taneja	Rajasthan
20. R. Kumareswari	Tamil Nadu & Pondicherry

MEMBERS ABSENT

1. Asok Kumar	Associate Member
2. Parisutha Rajan	Co-opted Member
3. Preetanshi Singh	Co-opted Member
4. Sachin Ubaradda	Bangalore Chapter
5. Narasimham V.V.L.	Hyderabad Chapter

Hon President Sujata Kohli presided over the meeting.

1. CHARITY COMMISSIONER UPDATE

During the process of setting up bank accounts for the newly formed chapters we found that the bank requires documentation stamped by Charity Commissioner to process applications, based on revised regulations. On investigation, it was found that no documents had been submitted by our previous lawyer.

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As per the Public Trust Report (PTR) accessed with the assistance of new lawyer Adv. Vijay Kodwani, documents filing to the Charity Commissioner are incomplete and ISOLA needs to submit affidavits for all Executive Councils, past and present, along with other documentation to maintain the status.

A draft affidavit in this regard was sent on February 5, 2021 to all past and present EC members, for filling up with their details. Out of 40, six to seven people are yet to respond. Jitendra Pawgi will get the affidavits printed on stamp paper and sent to EC members for their signature. This along with the other documents- byelaws, MoMs etc. will be submitted to update our records with the Charity Commissioner over the next few weeks.

Jitendra Pawgi mentioned that the audit report has been already submitted and tax notice was received for the first time.

2. ELECTIONS

The chapter election process has started for Bangalore, Hyderabad, Maharashtra and Mumbai, with nominations open now. Voting will be completed by mid- March. Tentative schedule of the Executive Council election was shared for April- May. It was decided to announce EC election results one week before the next EC meeting and the EC handover meeting scheduled over two days to ensure a comprehensive transition and week of overlap between the two committees.

3. EDUCATION BOARD

Guidelines of EB and Mentorship Program were discussed. Prashanta Bhat & Swati Sahasrabudhe recapped the discussion from the EC-EB meeting held on Feb 5th, 2021. Key points of these discussions were a focus on mentorship, making the working groups active and connecting with the IFLA EB. Members also suggested keeping the vision of the Education Board broader and guidelines open ended.

Three institutes have already expressed their interest in a mentorship workshop, possibly before the end of the EC term.

BIHER Institute in Chennai have started an LA course and sent in documents for recognition. Since requirements have not been fulfilled, the Education Board cannot consider ISOLA recognition yet.

IGBC has expressed interest to reach out to Landscape Architects. They have started an online learning programme. ISOLA mentorship programs can include resource persons from IGBC. It was decided to include Sridevi Rao, Jitendra Pawgi and Swati Sahasrabudhe as coordinators in the IGBC working group.

4. ISOLA AWARDS

Student Awards for graduating students will be held in March -April, to coincide with WLAM. Shilpa Chandawarker will share the schedule and set up the awards.

Both student and professional awards to be organized towards the end of 2021, with the Awards Ceremony at the next conference tentatively scheduled for early 2022.

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5. LAJ MONOGRAPHS

Donations have been received for the monographs of Kishore Pradhan & Satish Khanna. ISOLA will contribute 2.5 lakhs. Four logos will be added on both the books.

6. CONFERENCE

Members expressed concern over the lack of decisiveness by the Hyderabad Chapter towards the conference and decided to give them direction. It was decided the content committee would spearhead this process.

Regarding the conference publications, Rohini Prasad & Shilpa Chandawarker confirmed that Goa and Kerala book drafts will be ready by April. Rohit Marol informed that Bangalore will be done as well and WLAM is the target for the same.

7. NASA

95 entries have been received for the Mohammed Shaheer ISOLA Trophy at NASA. The three jury members are Hemanshu Taneja, Priti John and Isha Umrani with Shilpa Chandawarker as the moderator. The entire process is underway through online reviews.

8. STATUS OF COMMITTEES

Resource Centre

Venkata Lakshmi requested help from different regions. Out of the six sections initiated, two sections - events & resource people database are complete. Basic information for material palettes is in place. Student committees can be involved in collecting data. A suggestion was made to start web uploading of the resources.

Student Forum

Kumareswari gave an update of Student Forum activities. Student meetings have been conducted with CEPT and MGR to encourage student membership. Meetings with SPA Bhopal and BNCA will be held soon. As students expressed their interest to make the team bigger, they are meeting with other institutions. EC members expressed the need to have a leader for the student group.

9. IFLA Fees

Compared to earlier years the amount has been reduced from 2600 Euros to 1200 Euros. The present rate is based on a revised calculation with number of members as one component, GDP another, etc. It will be paid this month.

10. APRIL- WLAM Activities

Chapter plans for WLAM were discussed. Planned activities for chapters were briefed by representatives as follows.

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Rajasthan Chapter

Hemanshu Taneja confirmed that three events are planned – 1) Memo-logue – picture documentation (memories attached to landscapes) on April 3rd- 24th, 2) a workshop on Wisdom, Value and Landscape Architecture in Jaipur hosted by Manipal Technology University on April 16th. Local government officials will be invited for the panel discussion. And 3) Landscape Imprints, a social media initiative

Delhi Chapter

Aditya Advani shared chapter plans to redo Kalka-ji street along with local MLA to showcase the power of landscape architecture. A model street will be designed towards this end.

Another event on Eco restoration talk series starting from February 17th with 6 events held across three weeks.

Kerala Chapter

Rohini Prasad discussed two events scheduled – 1) Breathing spaces- General hospital or school play areas will be identified and will be working out landscape schemes and 2) planting trees with social clubs.

Madhya Pradesh Chapter

Savita Raje gave an overview of events planned to include a talk show, panel discussions, live performances and a landscape design competition. Details and schedule have been shared previously.

Maharashtra Chapter

Shruti Humane highlighted chapter events planned at 3 levels 1) where citizens will be involved, 2) walks by experts, and 3) with artists.

Gujarat Chapter

Tapan Modi reiterated plans shared earlier that include LA presentations to students a competition on public spaces for non-LAs.

Tamil Nadu Chapter

Kumareshwari confirmed the plans to host a talk and walk event across four cities across the state over four weekends.

Mumbai Chapter

Hrishikesh shared plans for three events on the theme- Landscapes and Well Being- 1) SD Vaidya Memorial Lecture Series (22nd March- 28th March 2021), 2) Under my Wise Tree (Haiku/ Charoli) (Date- 2nd April- 15th April 2021) and 3) Silence, Nature Speaking (One-minute Videos) (16th April - 30th April 2021).

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An EC focus on press/ media outreach should align with WLAM with common talking points, a flyer/ poster about landscape architecture and ISOLA and the events planned.



ISOLA Calendar

Neelima Soni and Vineetha to coordinate and update the ISOLA Calendar with WLAM activities along with a flyer. Documenting and updating past activities needs to be done as well.

Studio Showcase

Gujarat chapter will carry out the design and incorporation of Studio Showcase on the ISOLA website with the website vendor. A separate invoice from the website vendor has been received to set it up on the website, which was approved.

Central Vista

The ISOLA stand on the landscape presentation made by HCP was mailed to them and CPWD on 29th January in response to a call for comments. This was a compilation of issues raised by ISOLA members. The information was also sent to media outlets. However, they communicated that as they were collecting responses from other organizations as well, then they will compile and publish all responses into one article.

11. NEXT EC MEETING

The next EC meeting (the last of the current EC) will be held on 14th and 15th of May 2021, Friday, and Saturday. Day 1 will be for the current and newly formed Executive Council and day 2 for both current and past EC members and Chapter Representatives to ensure a smooth transition.

12. ANY OTHER ITEMS WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

Minutes of the Meeting by:

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Drafted by:

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