

DRAFT MOM THE 105th ISOLA EC MEETING
Venue: Hotel Rezzaas

Date: 4th April 2026, Saturday
Time: 10:30-13:00
Elected and Co-opted members

Members Present:

S.no	Names	
1	Urmila Rajadhyaksha	Honorary President
2	Rohini Prasad	Honorary Vice President
3	Maithily Velangi	Honorary Secretary
4	Dhanashree Kulkarni	Honorary Treasurer
5	Dhara Shah	Fellow Member & Chapter Co-ordinator
6	Bhakti Thakoor	Fellow Member & EB Co-ordinator
7	Ankur Jajpuria	Fellow Member
8	Rashmi Paramesh	Associate Member
9	Dhileep Raja	Co-opted Member
10	Sanjana M	Co-opted Member
Members Absent:		
11	Deepak Rao	Co-opted Member
12	Dr. Sridevi Rao	Past Hon. President
13	Devyani Deshmukh	Past Hon. Secretary
14	Sadaf	Associate Member
15	Sanjana K	Associate Member
INVITEE		
16	Simran Malkhani	Office manager

Meeting was chaired by Hon. President Urmila Rajadhyaksha

1. Chapter Elections of 5 chapters and introduction of new committees

Software Issue -with Election Set up:

Maithily updated everyone about the issue that occurred during election process. A revision in the chapter election rules now allows members across categories- from Graduate to Fellow- to be nominated for any post. However, this change was not reflected in the election portal, leading to confusion, as the software continued to display category-wise nomination restrictions. The issue was clarified, and it was discussed that, going forward, rules will need to be configured within the software

each time an election is set up. This approach will not allow the use of pre-determined rules; instead, the election officer will define the rules afresh for every election.

TN-PY Chapter :

TN-PY chapter saw ZERO nominations, even after rescheduling elections. It was decided to give a week's time for the chapter to come back with the team, and by failing to do so, the chapter will be declared dormant until a new team takes up responsibility. Official communication will be done via email by adding all chapter members.

Delhi, Gujarat, and Rajasthan chapters completed the process of handover. Kerala Chapter hand over was pending.

Suggestion from Urmila Rajadhyaksha:

A suggestion was proposed for consideration in the longer term. Currently, the EC and chapter elections are conducted based on the number of posts defined in the rules, irrespective of which individual assumes a particular role. The allocation of specific posts is decided later by the elected team, after the election process is completed. It was suggested that, instead, nominations could be invited for specific posts from the outset, and elections could be conducted directly for each designated position rather than for the EC team as a whole.

This suggestion can be thought about and discussed if we can go ahead with this structural change in the coming years.

2. Charity Commissioners update

All documentation is done. Rashmi signed the document to be coordinated by Simran, making sure to deliver it to the lawyer for further submission.

3. Update on the Finance committee's proposal on NGP

The NGP is now renamed as the Financial Security Plan, and to take this further, a separate workshop will be held, tentatively in June, to deliberate on the budget strategies and categories through which ISOLA should channelise its expenses, based on which the Finance committee can plan finance building opportunities.

Budget can be planned for each vertical of ISOLA- Website, EB, Resource centre etc.

4. Education Board update

Bhakti Thakoor, along with EB has worked out ways to engage with the Institutions under the Education Board activities through workshops, joint studios etc., which were presented in detail to EC.

The finances required to facilitate these engagements will be added to the budget planning. (Draft presented is attached for reference)

It was also suggested to re-form the EB board to have associate members along with Fellow members. This will ensure better representation. As already in practice, 2 members to retire every 2 years, and others to continue to have overlaps.

EB to have to set up review system of the recognised courses and calendar for this, exp with new established courses.

EB can have calendar for mentoring, for newly recognised colleges and provide support and mentorship for the course, from provisional recognition upto the time of review.

5. Membership Committee update

Dhileep, Rashmi, Dhanashree & Sanjana K worked on the revision proposals. Dhileep presented their draft of the additional membership categories being proposed to make the system more inclusive. Several suggestions were given by EC members- The team will revise this further based on the inputs. (Draft presented is attached for reference)

6. Awards committee update + Awards cycle 2026

Change in Awards categories is being worked out by the team comprising of Hemanshu Taneja & Neha Shah. The idea was to re-look at categories based on other international awards, which are not typology-based but value-based. There was also a suggestion by Urmila Rajadhyaksha to separate the awards function from AGM and allow chapters to host it. Also, instead of a blind jury, the final round of the jury can happen as an offline presentation format where participants present their work. This can be a 1-day event, with a jury and awards announcement. This year's awards can be hosted in Jaipur, as an option, and we can work towards it. EC agreed to this suggestion. The Rajasthan chapter can be approached to work further on this.

7. Website update

Rashmi updated everyone about the progress and status of website. Most documents/ files are gathered, and information is being passed to the website consultant for further addition.

8. ISOLA's support to members to represent ISOLA at various platforms.

The draft worked by Maithily V was shared with everyone. (attached)
This point will also be taken up in the Finance workshop.
Comments from EC are added in the draft attached.
Further revision will be taken up on this, based on the comments.

9. ISOLA Conference 2027

The core EC is trying to form a team based out of Kolkata to see the possibilities of hosting a conference and make ISOLA visible in the eastern part of the country. As a second option, Pondicherry was discussed to activate and help the TN-PY chapter to revive itself.
Talks with Sujoy Das and Dwaipayan are scheduled to take this further.
The conference will be tentatively in Feb 2027.

10. New and previous MOU's , including NASA

Ankur Jajpuria has taken up the role as OPC of all MOU's to keep track of them, follow up for events or meetings for facilitating the MOU's.

MOU with MSA is underway- A competition on Nala development has been floated by the college. ISOLA will support as a knowledge partners.

NASA MOU is underway.

Following is the list of MOUs with status and ISOLA representatives.

ISOLA MOU'S					
Sr. no.	Organisation Name	Date of Initiation	Expiry Date	Events/ Activities Organised With ISOLA	co-ordinator from ISOLA for this MOU
1	IGBC	2021	2024		Sujata Kohli (resigned)
2	IIA	13.04.2025	13.04.2028		Urmila R
3	IRALE	18.11.2025	18.11.2030	28TH FEBRUARY 2025	Aparna B, Dhanashree K, Rashmi P
4	CEE	24.04.2025	24.04.2030		Prachi W
5	CEPT	09.08.2021	09.08.2023		
6	IES	05.06.2025	05.06.2028		Shilpa C
7	VESCOA	02.05.2025	02.05.2027	GLOBAL STUDIO IFLA APR 12-14TH NOV 2025	Urmila R

11. Chapter activities & calendar – Captured in MOM below - with CR's

12. Isola Research Grant Cycle

The IRG- cycle 02 co-ordinator is Vineetha PS for this cycle. She has worked out the dates, and the call for proposals will be out on 1st May. For the jury panel, senior ISOLA members will be approached to give their consent to be on the review committee.

Meanwhile, the clauses will be revised based on previous experience, with ISOLA having the right to terminate the grant based on the response of the awardee.

13. Isola Research Symposium

Dhara Shah will be taking this up as lead co-ordinator. This will be taken up post the WLAM activities are over. A brief was worked out and shared among the EC group for inputs. Detailed theme, speakers and process will be further worked out in detail .

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10	Sanjana M	Co-opted Member
11	Vina Varghese Biswas	Hon. Chairperson, Delhi Chapter
12	Rushika Khanna	Hon. Chairperson, Gujarat Chapter
13	Aparna Bhargava	Hon. Chairperson, Rajasthan Chapter
14	Atul Kataria	Hon. Chairperson, MH Chapter
15	Syed Zahid	Hon. Chairperson, Hyderabad Chapter
16	Swati	Hon. Treasurer, Mumbai Chapter
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22	No representation from Kerala , MP & TN-PY chapter	
23	Bangalore Chapter has nominated Rashmi P to represent Bangalore chapter	

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The meeting started with welcoming new Chapter representatives who has taken up the post of Hon. Chairpersons after the recently concluded Elections.

1. Update on proceedings of the morning meeting.

Maithily Velangi gave an overview of all the points discussed in the morning.

National Growth Plan:

Atul K has asked for IFLA funds breakup and what is planned for the funds. The NGP which was proposed earlier, couldn't be taken ahead & needs to be re-examined in different way, as a Finance security plan. It was informed to all CR's that the budget will be prepared by EC and given to Finance committee to plan for financing this budget.

Few questions to ponder upon were shared by Finance committee head- Hrishikesh Phadke:

EC to openly deliberate on a few key questions. The idea is not to arrive at perfect answers immediately, but to align our thinking.

For the upcoming workshop, it would be useful to reflect on:

- What do we want ISOLA to become in the next few years? Small and close-knit, or big and influential?
- Where should ISOLA earn money from? Memberships, events, sponsors, something new?
- What should ISOLA spend money on the most? Members fees, students scholarship, events, awareness, research or any other activity?
- Should everything be affordable for all, or is it okay to charge more for better value?
- How much money should ISOLA save for the future? What's the purpose of these savings? What's the expected use of these savings?
- Where should we invest more, even if it feels expensive today?
- What should we stop doing if it is not useful anymore?

1. Chapters presented their WLAM and Pan-India events.

Maharashtra:

- With intention is starting to Map of Nature for Nashik, Geeta Wahi is invited as speaker for WLAM event (online).
- Pan India- Annual ISOLA travels- Planning of – Himalayan Cultural Ecologies as option. The chapter will detail out further options in coming months.
- Open call for submission to display work at Pune Design Show.

Bangalore:

- WLAM- Draw Out and Seminar event planned.
- Pan-India- TOD will continue

Rajasthan:

- WLAM - Riparian Edge Walk
- Pan-India- continuing Water chronicles- Bundi as option is being looked at.

Delhi:

- WLAM – Walks planned
- Pan India- Will be discussed and informed later

Hyderabad:

- WLAM – Eco-Park visit
- Pan India – Nursery visit to Rajamundry

Gujarat:

- WLAM – Farm to plat type series
- Pan India- Book Club, Workshops for Handson nursery training etc were discussed.

Mumbai:

- WLAM - Prompt-based series- sketch/photo
- Pan-India - Career Clinic

Chapter Co-ordinator instructions to chapters by Dhara Shah:

- Chapters report for annual filing in given format by Mid July- format will be mailed to everyone to be followed.
- Calendar to be updated
- Account Audit to be shared by April End.

ISOLA RESOURCE CENTRE

This vertical needs to be activated. The Hyderabad chapter volunteered to activate this and follow up.

MOM prepared by:

Maithily Velangi, Hon. Secretary

With support from: **Rashmi P & Sanjana M, EC Members**

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