

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

INDIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION, SINGAPORE

Date: 28th March 2016

Time: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Location: Tower A Ballroom, Shangri-La Hotel, 22 Orange Grove Road, Singapore 258350

AGENDA

1) Registration

2) Call to Order

3) President's Welcome Address

4) Treasurer's Report

i) Audited Financial Statement

ii) Appointment of Auditors for next fiscal year

5) Media Report

6) Secretary's Report

i) Club Intro and activities and Community Services

iii) Nominations

7) Arrival of Guest of Honour and other VIP guests

8) Entertainment Segment

9) President's Address

i) Report

ii) Committee 2016-17

10) GOH Address

11) Any other business

12) Vote of Thanks, Lunch and Photos

13) Adjournment and Meeting closed

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Present:

Sukanya Pushkarna, Garima Lalwani, Sudeepta Dasgupta, Tejashree Datey, Chandan Lehal, Prerna Rajpal, Kavita Daga, Gowri Aiyar, Piu Lahiri, Seema Gupta, Gauri Savadi, Abhinika Mitra, Selme Singh, Chhaya Banga, Mehak Krishnamani, Anshoo Berry, Raji Viswanathan, Neeta Kapoor, Subina Khaneja, Nirupa Vasudev, Lakshmi Padmanabhan, Preeti Dubey, Shilpa Swaroop, Padmaja Balaji, Nimisha Kesarwani, Shilpa Thapliyal

INVITEES:

Present:

Dr. Uma Rajan (Aunty Uma) - Siglap South CC IAEC - Guest of Honour

Ms. Seema Jain - Siglap South CC

Mdm Sasikala Devi

Mr. Gerard Ee and Ms. Yik - Beyond Social Services

Mr. Jolovan Wham - HOME

Ms. Rafaella Tarassi and Ms. Cecilia Sava - President and Secretary, Italian Women Group

Ms. Patricia Pereira - SMU

Ms. Junie Pang and Ms. Ethel Tan - People's Association

Ms. Selina Gan and Ms. Malathi Rao - SCWO

Mr. Barathan, Mr. Devendran and associates - SINDA

Mr. Lawrence Joseph - Singapore Kindness Movement

Ms. Ann Bernal - SWAMI Home

Mr. Shanmugam - Tabla Newspaper

Ms. Sonal Aggarwal - Urbandesis

Ms. Bhavana Rao- Jamiyah

Mr. Puneet Pushkarna and Ms. Sidhi Dhir - TiE Singapore

MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting of the Members of Indian Women's Association, Singapore held on March 28, 2016 at the Shangri La Hotel, Singapore.

1. Opening of Meeting and Call to Order:

Chandan Lehal and Sudeepta Dasgupta introduced themselves as Secretary and Vice-President respectively and also as MC's for the morning.

They extended a warm welcome to all present to the 19th AGM on behalf of the President and the Committee of IWA. They mentioned that this AGM besides dealing with serious business would also use the opportunity to weld the community together through some laughter and entertainment.

In keeping with the Holi festival mood, Ritu Garg, member IWA Music Club was invited to open the meeting with a Radha Krishna Holi song.

Thereafter at 10:45am a quorum was confirmed and the meeting was called to order by Secretary, Chandan Lehal. She mentioned that The Notice and Agenda of meeting had been sent out as per the constitution, so the notice be taken as read.

2. President's Address:

Sukanya was invited on stage to address the meeting. She thanked everyone for being there that morning.

A brief verbal report was provided to ratify two mid-term appointments - that of Secretary and Treasurer. Manjula Bains stepped down in May 2015 due to personal reasons. As there were many important businesses to attend to at that time, an emergency Ex-co and advisory meeting was called for and Chandan Lehal was co-opted as Secretary.

In July 2015, Treasurer Vasanthi Ravi stepped down from her post and Tejashree Datey was inducted as a Treasurer at a full Committee meeting.

A show of hands was called for to support this motion. About 25 members put up hands and was carried forward unanimously.

With that she thanked the meeting and said she would be back with her detailed report later.

3. Treasurer's Report:

The link to the auditor's report had been sent to all by email as per the requirement of the Constitution. Tejashree Datey was called upon to present her report.

Tejashree thanked all Club heads for their support and cooperation. The state of treasury and sources of revenue including membership, ad sales, website, the two Bazaars run by the

Association were presented.

How disbursement of profits were made to various community projects supported by IWA was shown. Treasury Plans for Upcoming year:

- ❖ Appointment of Auditors - It was moved by Tejashree that Sasikala Devi and Associates be appointed as the auditors for 2016-17 as well. Seconded by Sukanya Pushkarna and carried forward unanimously.
- ❖ Streamline treasury, Membership, Media sales
- ❖ Rename SWAMI Home fund to General Community Fund
- ❖ Iconic Event to be planned in 2016

4. Media Report:

Kavita Daga, was called upon to present a media report. She presented a get-to-know-what-Media-does-at-IWA report. She explained member area on website and what to look out for in the newsletter. The shutting down of the old Facebook page was announced and reiterated that IWA has only one Facebook page. She said there was an opening / vacancy for newsletter and welcomed interested members to step up and volunteer.

5. Secretary's Report:

Secretary Chandan Lehal and Deputy Secretary Prerna Rajpal were called upon to present their report. A report on the activities and events of the 10 interest clubs, 4 I care programmes, the two bazaars, membership team and membership privileges and Dhvani was introduced and highlighted.

Nominations: Chandan Lehal outlined the process of nominations that was followed. She reported that at the last committee meeting of 2015 (8th December) Sukanya asked the committee if the team was willing to serve another term. The committee was willing and supportive of the idea and so nomination forms were sent out to every voting member, with a cover letter stating the committee's desire to serve another term while leaving room for the electorate to nominate a different candidate for president if they wished to do so.

The nomination period ran from 3rd January to 31st January 2016. We received 45 nomination forms and all supported the 2015 team for another term. Based on this, we take Sukanya's bid for a second term in office to be uncontested. The exco and team would be presented by Sukanya after her report.

6. Entertainment:

Membership team Gauri Savadi and Abhinika Mitra were invited to conduct a fun quiz. Our honored guests and partners also started arriving. IWA Music Club members put up some songs and dances to entertain our guests and members.

7. President's Report:

Sukanya Pushkarna applauded her team's dedication and hard work and then reported on the more than a dozen integration events that IWA participated in last year. She thanked all partners for a year packed with activities.

March - World Water Day with PUB (Public Utilities Board)

April - Sari - 6 yards of grace with the Italian Women Association

May - Summer Bazaar and in-house re-structuring

June - International Yoga Day with Siglap South CC

July - New treasurer was brought on board

September - One Community Fiesta with People's Association

- Festive Bazaar

October - Dosti Extended with Singapore Kindness Movement

- Diplomatic Bazaar India stall for High Commission India

November - Deepawali Sangam with Siglap South CC IAEC

December - light bulb art for Chingay Parade

- Sukanya also had an opportunity to address a group of new immigrants in Chinese. This connection was made with help of Mr. Gary Seah of MCCY

She thanked all our partners, government agencies and media partners for an opportunity to integrate in the community and with other organizations. She then invited Aunty Uma to say a few words.

8. Guest of Honour - Dr. Uma Rajan (Aunty Uma):

Aunty Uma complimented the IWA team for being empowered and doers.

This year we could not have the HOLI event due to unavailability of venue. Hence she said she would book the venue much in advance for next year. She also outlined the Siglap IAEC plans for 2016 and said she looks forward to collaborating with IWA on some of them.

9. Committee 2016-17:

Based on the nominations process outlined earlier in her report, Chandan announced that Sukanya's bid for a second term in office taken as uncontested. So now she will propose the names of the Exco for seconding and then introduce the rest of the 2016-17 team which remains essentially the same as 2015 with just a few changes.

President - Sukanya Pushkarna, seconded by Sudeepta Dasgupta and Neeta Kapoor and a show of hands from the floor

Vice President - Garima Lalwani, proposed by Sukanya, seconded by Preeti Dubey

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Secretary - Chandan Lehal, proposed by Sukanya and seconded by Piu Lahiri

Deputy Secretary - Prerna Rajpal, proposed by Sukanya and seconded by Chandan Lehal

Treasurer - Tejashree Datey, proposed by Sukanya and seconded by Lakshmi Padmanabhan

Asstt Treasurer - Anuradha Shroff, proposed by Sukanya and seconded by Vinisha Khemani

Media Director - Kavita Daga, proposed by Sukanya and seconded by Nimisha Kesarwani

Advisory -

Gowri Aiyar - seconded by Shradha Sahu

Piu Lahiri - seconded by Meenakshi Jain

Preeti Dubey - seconded by Abha Bajaj

Legal Affairs - Bhavani Banerjee seconded by Madhavi Kantamsetty

Integration Team - Garima Lalwani and Sudeepta Dasgupta

Events - Neeta Mirchandani

Membership - Gauri Savadi and Abhinika Mitra

Membership Privileges - Selme Singh and Pooja Narayanan

Media Team -

Ad sales - Seema Gupta

Website - Sudeepta Dasgupta

Newsletter - **VACANCY OPEN**

Dhwani - Piu Lahiri

Bazaar - Gowri Aiyar and Chhaya Banga

BSS - Mehak Krishnamani and Anshoo Berry

SWAMI Home - Raji Viswanathan

Migrant Workers - Neeta Kapoor and Raji Viswanathan (Treasurer)

SMU Vidya - Subina Khaneja

Adda - Nirupa Vasudev

Book Club - Lakshmi Padmanabhan

Entrepreneur Club - Sudeshna Chatterjee and Richa Joshi Kaul

Fitness - Padmaja Balaji

Go Green - Prerna Rajpal and Chhaya Banga

GGC - Latha Vinod and Pooja Narayanan

Music Club - Madhu Suri

Scrabble and Mahjong - Rajni Arora

WEC - Shilpa Thapliyal

Announcement of two new clubs was made

Movie Club - Selme Singh and Sukanya Pushkarna

Creative Hands - **VACANCY OPEN**, co-chair Anjali Tripathi

10. Vote of Thanks:

With all items in the Agenda being transacted , Garima Lalwani, Vice President IWA thanked the members for making it convenient to attend the AGM and also for actively participating in it.

She thanked Aunty Uma and our distinguished guests from BSS, Italian Women Group, HOME, People's Association, Sasikala Devi and Associates, SCWO, Siglap South CC, SINDA, SKM, SMU, SWAMI Home, Tabla Newspaper, TiE nd Urbandesis.

Thanks were also extended to

-Shangri La Hotel - Banquet staff and team

-Harvey for Audio and Sound support and

-Utkarsha Rakhade for Photography

- and All the performers

11. Meeting Adjourned:

At 1:15pm meeting was adjourned and opened for Lunch