**MINUTES OF THE SECOND (SPECIAL) MEETING OF THE GENERAL BODY OF**

**THE INDIAN YOGA ASSOCIATION HELD ON 8TH MARCH, 2017**

The Second (Special) meeting of the General Body of Indian Yoga Association was held on 8th March, 2017 at 6.30 pm in the premises of Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga, 68, Ashoka Road, New Delhi. The following were present:

1. **Dr. H. R. Nagendra**  Senior Vice President

Chancellor, (Presided over the meeting)

SVYASA , Bengaluru

2. **Yog Rishi Swami Ram Dev,** Chairperson, GC

President,

Patanjal Yogpeeth, Haridwar

3. **Swami Chidananda Saraswati** Member, GC

President,

Parmarth Niketan, Rishikesh

4. **Smt. Hamsa Jayadeva Yogendra** Vice President

Director,

The Yoga Institute, Mumbai

5. **Dr. S. P. Mishra** Vice President

95, Loni Road, Near Hindon Air Force Station

Mohan Nagar, Ghaziabad

6. **Swami Bharat Bhushan** Treasurer

President,

MokshayatanYogashram, Saharanpur

7**. Shri S. Sridharan** Member

Trustee,

Krishnamacharya Yoga Mandiram, Chennai

8**. Swami Ritawan Bharati,** Member

Ashram Pramukh & Spiritual Guide,

Swami Rama Sadhama Grama, Rishikesh.

9. **Dr. M. V. Bhole** Member

16, Badrivishal Society,

Lonavla, Pune

10. **Dr. Ananda Balayogi Bhavanani** Member

Chairman,

ICYER, Puduchery.

11. **Shri Subodh Tiwari,** Member

CEO,

Kaivalyadhama Yoga Institute, Lonavla

11. **Dr. Ishwar Bhardwaj** Member

Professor & Head (HC & Yoga Science),

Gurukul Kangri University, Haridwar.

13. **Dr. S. D. Patil**,  Member

Head, Dept. of Yogic Sciences,

H.V.P. Mandal, Amravati

14. **Ms. Kamlesh Barwal**  Member

Art of Living Foundation, Bengaluru

15. **Swami Gyaneshwar Puri** Member

Yoga in Daily Life Foundation, Jaipur.

16. **Dr. Rajendra Joshi**, Member

General Secretary,

Representative, Yoga Vidya Niketan, Mumbai

17. **Dr. Kaustubh Desikachar**, Member

C.E.O., Krishnamacharya Healing and

Yoga Foundation, Chennai.

18. **Shri Des Raj Gupta**, Member

General Secretary

Bharatiya Yoga Sansthan, New Delhi.

19. **Shri P.C. Kapur**  Member

Representative, Sivananda Yoga Vedanta

Dhanwatari Ashram, Thiruvananthapuram.

20. **Shri Dheeraj Saraswat `** Member

Representative, Mokshayatan Yogashram

Saharanpur.

21. **Dr. Ulka Natu**  Member

Representative, Ghantali Mitra Mandal,

Sahayog Mandir Thane

22. **Ms. Nandini Tripathi** Member

Representative, Parmarth Niketan,

Rishikesh.

23. **Swami Maheshwarananda**, Special Invitee

Yoga in Daily Life Foundation,

Mehrauli

24. **Acharya Lokesh Muni,** Special Invitee

Ahimsa Vishwa Bharti,

Rajendra Nagar, New Delhi.

25. **Shri Jaideep Arya**, Special Invitee

Patanjal Yogapeeth,

Haridwar

26. **Dr. Ishwar V. Basavaraddi** Member-Secretary

Director,

MDNIY, New Delhi-110001

**Leave of absence**:

1. **Shri O.P. Tiwari** President

Secretary,

Kaivalyadhama Yoga Institute, Lonavla

2. **Dr. Pranav Pandya**, Member, GC

Chancellor, D.S.V.V.,

Shanti Kunj, Haridwar.

3. **Sri Sri Ravi Shankar** Member, GC

Founder, Art of Living Foundation,

Bengaluru.

4. **Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudeva** Member, GC

Founder, Isha Foundation,

Coimbatore.

5. **Dr. Rajvi H. Mehta** Joint Secretary

Chief Scientist,

Iyengar Yogashray, Mumbai

6. **Swami Atmapriyananda,** Member

Vice-Chancellor,

R.K. Mission Vivekananda University, Howrah

7. **Dr. Swami Anant Bharati** Member

Director,

Keshwananda Yoga Sansthan, Nw Delhi

8. **Dr.  Geeta Iyengar** Member

Director,

Ramamani Iyengar Memorial Yoga Institute, Pune

9. **Dr. W.Selvamurthy,** Member

President,

Amity Science Technology, NOIDA.

10. **Prof. M. Venkata Reddy** Member

Former Secretary,

A.P. Yoga Dhyan Parishad, Secunderabad

11. **Dr. K. Krishna Bhatt** Member

Former Professor & Chairman (Yoga Science),

Mangalore University, Mangalgangotri

12. **Dr.R. Nagarathna**  Member

Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences,

SVYASA, Bengaluru

13. **Dr. Chinmay Pandya** Member

Pro Vice-Chancellor,

Dev Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya, Haridwar

14. **Swami Mangalteertham,** Member

Director,

Nutan Sanjeevani Sansthan, Jharkhand

15. **Dr. R.L.Bijlani,** Member

Sri Aurobindo Ashram, New Delhi.

16. **Shri Vishwas Mandalik,** Member

Bharatiya Yoga Vidya Dham, Nasik.

17. **Dr. Raghavendra Shenoy**, Member

NirmayaYogakuteeram, Basavangudi, Bangaluru.

18. **Dr. Shirley Telles**, Member

Director of Research, Patanjal Yoga Peeth, Haridwar

19. **Dr. C.G.Deshpande**, Member

Psychologist, Kothrud, Pune.

20. **Dr. B.R. Sharma** Member

Principal,

GS College of Yoga and Cultural Synthesis, Lonavla

21. **Dr. R. Elangovan,** Member

Prof. & Head, Deptt. Of Yoga,

T.N. Physical Education & Sports University, Chennai

22. **Dr. U. S. Ray,** Member

Former Scientist, DIPAS, Kolkata

23. **Dr. Samprasad Vinod,** Member

Director,

Maharishi Vinod Research Foundation, Pune

24. **Dr. Sampadananda Mishra,** Member

Representative of Sri Aurobindo Ashram,

Puduchery.

At the outset, Dr. I.V. Basavaraddi, Member-Secretary informed that due to some emergent work and unavoidable circumstances, Shri O.P. Tiwari, President of IYA was not attending the meeting. Therefore, as per Rule 3.6(vii) of Rules and Regulations of IYA, Dr. H.R. Nagendra, Senior Vice President of IYA was requested to preside over the meeting, which the office bearers and members of GB and GC consented.

The Member-Secretary then welcomed the President of this meeting, Chairman GC, office bearers and members present in the meeting. Thereafter the self-introduction was given by all the members. He further apprised all the participants about the establishment and functioning of the IYA.

Then Dr. H.R. Nagendra, President also gave brief introduction for the constitution of IYA and its activities and also about the necessity of convening the present meeting. Thereafter, with the permission of the Chair, the agenda items were taken up for discussion.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE GENERAL BODY OF IYA HELD ON 20TH APRIL, 2016.**

Member-Secretary informed that the minutes of the first meeting of General Body of IYA held on 20th April, 2016 were circulated to all the members. No comments have been received and thus the minutes need to be confirmed. The General Body confirmed the minutes of the first meeting of General Body of IYA held on 20th April, 2016.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.2 TO REPORT ACTION TAKEN ON THE MINUTES OF THE 1ST MEETING OF THE4 GENERAL BODY OF IYA HELD ON 20TH APRIL, 2016**

The action taken report on the minutes of the first meeting of General Body of IYA held on 20th April, 2016 were noted and approved by the General Body.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.3 RE-FORMATION OF THE DIFFEENT BODIES OF THE IYA AS DECIDED DURING THE MEETINGS OF ADVISORY BOARD AND THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON 7TH FEBRUARY, 2017 AND 22ND FEBRUARY, 2017 RESPECTIVELY.**

The matter regarding re-formation of various Bodies and Committees of IYA was discussed at length. The Member-Secretary informed that the Advisory Board was constituted in the 9th meeting of the Executive Council held in April, 2016 consisting of the following Yoga Gurus:

1. Yog Rishi Swami Ramdev
2. Sri Sri Ravishankar
3. Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudeva
4. Swami Chidananda Muni
5. Dr. Pranav Pandya

It was further informed that a meeting of the Advisory Board of IYA along with the office bearers of IYA was held on 7th February, 2017 at Shanti Kunj, Haridwar, wherein decision was taken to re-name the Advisory Board as the Governing Council of IYA and it should include more number of heads of the leading Institutions. Yog Rishi Swami Ramdev had been unanimously nominated as the Chairperson of the proposed Governing Council. The Executive Council in its 12th meeting held on 22nd February, 2017 also gave its consent to the re-naming of the Advisory Board as Governing Council. Accordingly, the following Bodies and Committees and their re-structuring as proposed have been approved by the General Body, as under:

1. General Body
2. Governing Council
3. Executive Council
4. Finance Committee
5. Personnel Certification Body
6. Standing Committees (05): - Standing Academic Committee

* Standing Accreditation Commiteee
* Standing Research Committee
* Standing Publication Committee
* Standing Public Relation and Publicity Committee

The re-structuring of these Committees shall be as under:

**General Body**:

The General Body may be presided over by the President of IYA and include all the heads of the leading Yoga Institutions and representatives from each State/UT Association as President or his nominee. Secretary General may be the Member-Secretary of the General Body. The meeting of the General Body shall be convened at least once in a year. These can be more also. The notice for the General Body meeting shall be served to all the members 15 days before the date of the meeting and for   
Special Meeting it shall be 7 days. The structure of the General Body may be :

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| **Sl.No** | **Office bearers & Members** | **No.** |
| 1. | President | 01 |
| 2. | Chairperson, GC | 01 |
| 3. | Senior Vice President | 01 |
| 4. | Vice Presidents | 02 |
| 5. | Secretary General | 01 |
| 6. | Treasurer | 01 |
| 7. | Joint Secretaries | 02 |
| 8 | Heads of each of the founder Eminent Yoga Institutions as per ANNEXURE-A or one of their nominee approved by the GC; and The eminent Yoga Institute being included subsequently as in Annexure-B or one of their nominees approved by the GC. | 15  30 |
| 09 | Vice Chancellors of Universities having Department of Yoga or their nominees by rotation, for a period of three years. | 05 |
| 10 | Eminent Professionals/Experts in the field of Yoga and allied sciences who have specified qualification(s), experience and fulfill the code of conduct set by the Association, duly recommended by 2 Heads of Eminent Yoga Institutions as in ANNEXUREs-A & B and approved by the GC, for three years,. | 30 |
| 11 | One representative from each State/UT Association as President or his nominee | 36 |
|  | **TOTAL** | **125** |

**Governing Council:**

The Governing Council will be a Supreme Body for policy and decision making. The Governing Council may be chaired by Chairperson and may be included the eminent Yoga Gurus and leading heads of Yoga Institutes numbering 13. Shri O.P. Tiwari, President of the IYA shall be the Special Invitee in its meetings. The Secretary General may be the Member-Secretary of the Governing council. The Governing Council shall meet twice a year. The G.B. constituted the Governing Council as under:

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| **Sl.No** | **Office bearers & Members** | **No.** |
| 1. | Chairperson | **01** |
| 2-14 | \*Eminent Yoga Gurus including heads of eminent Yoga Institutions having yoga lineage or parampara   1. Sri Sri Ravi Shankar 2. Dr. Pranav Pandya 3. Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudeva 4. Swami Niranjananda Saraswati 5. Swami Chidananda Saraswati 6. Shri O.P.Tiwari 7. Dr.H.R.Nagendra 8. Swami Maheshwarananda 9. Swami Atmapriyananda 10. Dr. Geeta Iyengar 11. Smt. Hamsa Jayadeva 12. Smt.Meenakshi Devi Bhavnani 13. Swami Bharat Bhushan 14. Shri S.Sridharan 15. Swami Vimlananda | **13** |
|  | **Office bearers** | **07** |
| 15 | Senior Vice President, IYA | 01 |
| 16-17 | Vice Presidents, IYA | 02 |
| 18-19 | Joint Secretaries, IYA | 02 |
| 20 | Treasurer | 01 |
| 21 | Secretary General - Member-Secretary | 01 |
|  | **TOTAL** | **21** |

\*Out of above 15 Yoga Gurus including heads of leading Yoga Institutions, 13 members will be taken. The office bearers of IYA included in the said list shall be treated as Head of the leading Yoga Institutions.

**Executive Council:**

The Executive Council may be chaired by the Senior Vice-President as Director of the Executive Council. It may be responsible for the execution of the decisions taken by the G.B. and G.C. One of the Joint Secretaries may be the Member-Secretary of Executive Council. It shall meet once in every quarter.

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| **S. No** | **Office bearers & Members** | **No.** |
| 1. | Sr. Vice President – Director | 01 |
| 2. | Vice-President (1) | 01 |
| 3. | C.E.O., PrCB | 01 |
| 4. | Treasurer | 01 |
| 5. | Joint Secretary (1) | 01 |
| 6. | Directors of Standing Committees | 05 |
| 7. | G.B. Members (Nominated by GC) | 02 |
|  | **Total** | **12** |

**Finance Committee:**

The Finance Committeemay be chaired by one of the Vice-Presidents as Director of the Finance Committee. The Treasurer may be the Member-Secretary of the Finance Committee.

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| **S. No** | **Office bearers & Members** | **No.** |
| 1. | Vice-President (2) – Director | 01 |
| 2. | Joint Secretary (2) | 01 |
| 3. | Treasurer | 01 |
| 4. | G.B. Members (Nominated by GC) | 02 |
|  | **Total** | **05** |

**Pr.C.B.:**

The Personnel Certification Body may be headed by the Chief Executive Officer of PrCB as Director of the Body with Chief Operational Officer as Member-Secretary.

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| **S. No** | **Office bearers & Members** | **No.** |
| 1. | Chief Executive Officer | 01 |
| 2. | Yoga Experts | 03 |
| 3. | Quality Assurance Expert | 01 |
| 4. | Administration Expert | 01 |
| 5. | GB members (nominated by GC) | 02 |
| 6. | Chief Operational Officer | 01 |
|  | **Total** | **09** |

**Standing Committees**:

The Standing Academic Committee, Standing Accreditation Committee, Standing Research Committee, Standing Publication Committee and Standing Public Relation & Publicity Committee, each may be headed by a Director of the Committee unanimously selected (failing which to be elected) by the Governing Council, out of the members of GB with the following structure :

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| **S. No** | **Office bearers & Members** | **No.** |
| 1. | **Director**: To be unanimously selected (failing thereby to be elected) by the GC amongst Members of the General Body. | 01 |
| 2. | **Nominated Members** : Nominated by the Governing Council amongst the Members of the General Body. | 02 |
| 3. | **Co-opted Members**: The Director of the Committee may co-opt ***one*** expert, if necessary, and it has to be ratified by the Governing Council. | 01 |
| 4. | **Joint Secretary**(2) of IYA may be the **Convener** of the meetings of the Standing Committees | 01 |
|  | **Total** | **05** |

The General Body constituted a sub-committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. I.V. Basavaraddi, Secretary General of IYA consisting of the following:

1. Dr.I.V. Basavaraddi
2. Shri Subodh Tiwari
3. Ms. Kamlesh Barwal
4. Shri Jaideep Arya
5. Swami Ullas

The sub-committee shall redefine the details of Rules & Regulations, functions, proceedings, powers and responsibilities etc of each Body/Council/Committee. It shall also prepare the brief bye-laws clarifying the duties and responsibilities of each of the office bearers of IYA in addition to proposing the names of members for these bodies/committees. The committee can also take legal advice from competent legal experts for preparing these documents, who shall be suitably paid for the same. The sub-committee has to submit its report within one month which shall be placed before the Governing Council / General Body. All these formalities shall be completed before 30th April, 2017.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.4 ANY OTHER ITEM WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR**

**With the permission of the Chair, the following issues were also discussed**:

1. The Member-Secretary raised the issue of increasing the general membership and also the funds for the rapid growth of IYA. He proposed to develop an App where the people can register themselves as General Members of IYA, who shall be issued unique ID.

The matter was discussed at length and it was agreed to develop an App. The already constituted sub-committee shall look into the matter. It was further decided that every member Institution of IYA shall arrange to register minimum 25000 general members in a year i.e. by March, 2018. Every GB member shall arrange to register minimum 10000 general members by the end of March, 2018. Various other Yoga Institutions, colleges and Universities shall also be approached in this regard. For developing the App, the committee can hire the services of an I.T. Expert.

It was also decided that the General Membership shall be valid for 10 years on calendar year basis. The General Members will get the following facilities from IYA and its member Institutions:

- The member will get a Unique ID with Registration No. as an acknowledged IYA general member.

- The general member will get 10% discount in the registration in the events organized by the member institutions e.g. seminar, conference, workshops etc. and also their publications.

- The general member will get 2 newsletters annually published by the association electronically.

- The general member can get updated with the activities of IYA and its member institutions through IYA website/e.mail and other forms of social media.

It was further resolved that a separate bank account in any bank may be opened in the name of Indian Yoga Association. The Treasurer (Swami Bharat Bhushan) and the Secretary General (Dr.I.V.Basavaraddi) of IYA shall be the authorized signatories to operate the said bank account from time to time. The account will be linked with the App being developed.

2. The General Body applauded the offers of generous contribution by Rs.1.00 crore by the Chairman, GC and also Rs.1.00 lakh by the Secretary-General of IYA.

3. The President raised the issue of accommodation for the IYA. The Member-Secretary desired to discuss the issue with NDMC for allotting some suitable accommodation to accommodate the IYA. However, Swami Maheshwarananda offered the accommodation for the office of IYA in his Institute at Mehrauli, which was accepted and it was desired that the Secretary General, IYA; C.E.O., PrCB and the Administrative Manager may visit the site and take a decision to shift the day-today activities of IYA to the Mehrauli Centre.

4. It was informed that there were many members who have not consented to be members of IYA and also not paid the requisite membership fee of Rs.10,000/- for the corpus funds. Therefore, the G.B. desired to write letter to all the members of GB who have not deposited the requisite membership fee for their willingness and also to pay the fees.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.