

AGM East of Scotland Iyengar Institute

Chairperson's Report 26th March 2011

2010 has been another hard working and productive year for the committee with many of you responding to our request for additional help. Rosella, Katie, Monica and Liz have all made very useful contributions to the work of the committee and without them we would have been really struggling.

This year Marianne is stepping down after 5 years on the ESIYI committee. Rosella will be stepping into the breach and taking over the Membership role. Rosella will give us a report later. Marianne has been a very hard working committee member, and has shown she has many talents including photography – most of the photos in the Newsletter were taken by her. She is extremely supportive and I particularly remember how she helped to smooth my path as the new Chair of ESIYI. We all miss her very much. Thank you to Katie Rutherford too who has organised our PD Day for teachers this year and of course is also teaching us today. A big thank you to Monica and Liz for organising the ESIYI Library at EIYC and for setting up a lending system. Liz recently ran a pilot, targeting Trainee Teachers and teachers doing higher grade assessments and has written a very comprehensive report for ESIYI on the future of the library and will refer to this later at the AGM. Thank you too to Lesley who I believe is doing her 2nd stint on the committee and as Minutes Secretary she always makes a thoughtful and valued contribution at our meetings. Morag is also a very committed and hard working committee member who has made an important contribution to our deliberations. Sadly she wishes to step down this year so we need to elect a replacement for her today. As the Treasurer she has prepared a Profit and Loss sheet, this will be followed by the more detailed accounts available on the website at the end of the financial year. I will be referring to the former later. Karen and Steve have worked hard to organise events and have somehow also fitted in new approaches by attracting a different audience to our norm. The target group has been less experienced yoga students and we are extremely grateful to teachers who have helped to push these events with their own classes. Again, more of this later.

Linda will be stepping down in 2012 after doing a grand job over 3 years as our IYA[UK]Rep – a copy of her report is circulated and also available in the February Newsletter [circulated and available on the website]. The IYA [UK] reports are on our ESIYI Website though we are awaiting approval for publishing one report. The good news is that we won't lose her altogether as she will be acting as Deputy Chair this year with a view to standing for Chair of ESIYI in 2012.

I have offered to stand for IYA[UK] Rep in 2012.

Before moving on to the Treasurer's Report, Remember the 2011 Convention – to book now.

Treasurer's Report

A Profit and Loss [PL] statement will be available on the EISIYI website. Copies of the PL statement are distributed, and the full statement of accounts will be available at the end of the financial year.

The account balance in the bank is £3,348.44 [as of 24th March 2011], but please note this is not the final figure for the year end as the AGM costs still need to be factored in. I would like to draw members attention to the loss of £627.52. The Institute operated at a small loss last year too so I propose that we focus on how to resolve this issue at the AGM today.

The main reason for the loss this year is:

- Events are not bringing in as much income as usual. This is partly due to increasing costs of hall lets and decreasing numbers at some events. Karen will explain this in more detail in a moment
- Increased administrative costs, these include publicity and the website which do not bring money back into the Institute
- A loss on the First Aid course due to the change in the event provider
- Increase in the IYA cost – not only subs but invoices for the magazine. Rossella will explain this in more detail in a moment.
- Loss on Liz Ballantyne's workshop

It seems to me we have 2 options because if things continue in their current state we will continue to make a loss. I believe that doing nothing is not a realistic option. So I propose we adopt one or a combination of the following. Either **Save More Or Pay More**. Save more may mean fewer events for example and pay more may mean paying more for membership and/or events. Anyway I would like to open up this discussion so that we can hear your views on how you want us to respond to the situation. Firstly can I ask Karen and Steve to explain in a little more detail why the events income is decreasing and also the results from the Events Questionnaire. Then I would like to ask Rosella to clarify for us how the IYA[UK]membership system works and finally Liz on the options for the future of the library [Report is circulated and will be available on the website soon. As time is short Karen and Rossella's Reports are available and circulated [also available on the website soon.]

I hope that this discussion will help provide us with a solution that we can all agree on – now I will hand over to Karen and Steve.