

## GENERAL BODY MEETING MINUTES

Date: 02/17/13

Venue: BTCCGL, West Lafayette, IN 47906

Time: 2:15 pm

Present: About 35 to 40 IWA members were present for general body. See luncheon sign up sheet for details.

Powerpoint presentation was made by Rashmi Chaturvedi.

**1. HOLI 2013**– It was announced that the IWA board is in the process of planning and organizing a lively event for HOLI towards the end of March/beginning of April.

**2. 20<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration, video** – It was requested that members send pictures and video clips from the 1990s onwards to the IWA board. The IWA board and other IWA members working on this project will review the submissions, make select ions, and return the submitted materials to their owners.

**3. Recipe and Year Book** – IWA will be publishing these this year for fundraising. The IWA board members are still brainstorming and will make announcements requesting assistance and inputs from all members after project details have been finalized.

#### **4. Partnering with ASHA and ICRW–**

Partnering with ASHA. Possible ways by which IWA can partner with ASHA are to:

- Sponsor a Project
- Monitor the project in real time
- Participate in ASHA organized events such as 5k run.

For now, IWA members are participating in the variety entertainment show ‘Tamasha’ to be held on March 23, 2013 at Purdue. This show is a fundraiser for ASHA.

Partnering with ICRW. Possible ways of partnering with ICRW are:

- Support a specific component of an ongoing project/program that is not supported by other grants.
- Collaborate in joint workshops/meetings or advocacy consultations on an issue of highest priority and mutual interest to set the agenda for discourse.

Cooperative arrangements with these two organizations will be structured and formalized by the IWA board after further discussions with representatives of these organizations.

The Regional Director, Asia Regional Office of ICRW, Mr. Ravi Varma will be in Washington DC in March 2013 and will have a video or Skype conference with the IWA board. The date, time and venue will be announced and IWA members will be invited to participate.

**5. Amendments** – The following Amendment to the IWA constitution was discussed and voted upon:

**“Clarification on qualification and tenure of IWA Trustees**

**Qualifications:**

**Trustees considered for nomination must have at least 5 years of continuous membership in IWA and at least 5 years of community residency.”**

To provide perspective, attendees were reminded that the role of the trustees was the general oversight of functions of the IWA Board.

A majority of the members present felt that a five year requirement was unnecessarily long and would discourage or disqualify persons from volunteering for this position. No one supported the amendment in this form when it was put to vote.

After a lively discussion, there was a general agreement that 3 years of continuous membership in IWA would be necessary and sufficient to familiarize potential trustees to the dynamics of the community and the workings of the IWA board. **Therefore, it was agreed by a majority ‘Yea’ vote (23 of about 35 present), that the amendment should read:**

**‘Trustees considered for nomination must have at least 3 years of continuous membership in IWA.’**

**Tenure:**

In order to create stability and continuity of the organization, the three trustees will have staggered terms of three continuous years per person. However, because all of the current trustees took office together in 2013 they may choose to retire at the rate of one per year beginning January 2014, to be replaced by a qualified candidate.

**5. Sanskriti** –The next issue of Sanskriti will feature children of IWA members who are graduating from high school or college. Their photos and affiliations (current and future) were requested. Also requested for this upcoming issue Sanskriti were articles with a focus on personal relationships (eg., parent -child).

Meeting concluded at 2:40 pm. Minutes recorded by Meena Narsimhan.