

IWA Board Meeting Minutes

Date & Venue: Jan 18th 2009 at Sujatha's house

Time: 7PM

Members Present: Renu Bajaj, Deepa Divakaran, Medha Gore, Sangita Handa, Sangeetha Kolla, Monal Patel, Sujatha Ramani .

Agenda#1: Membership drive.

We discussed and finalized these policies regarding annual membership fees. It will be \$25 for existing members and \$15 for new members after July 1st. The preferred method of accepting payment is through PayPal so as to facilitate accounting in spite of the minor fee. However, members who wish to pay by check can do so. The board decided to send out an email regarding the annual membership fee, as soon as the web site is finalized and the PayPal option has been checked out.

Agenda#2: Membership directory

Another edition of the membership directory will be published this year. It will be given to all members who are present during the Holi function. The rest of the members would receive it by mail. In addition to the regular directory, there will be a small pull out sheet giving the names, phone numbers and addresses of all the members. The deadline for inclusion of member details in to the directory and for updates/corrections will be Feb 15th. We also decided on the advertisement rates for the directory. These rates will be provided to potential advertisers.

Agenda#3: Event planning for Valentine's party, Holi, Garba, Picnic and Diwali.

Our first get together will be a Valentine Day's lunch party. The date is Feb 14th, and the party will be from 12 PM to 3 PM at the Purdue Village Center. There will be lunch, a general body meeting and some games.

We decided on two potential dates for the Holi celebration (April 3 and 10). Medha Gore is getting in touch with different schools for an auditorium.

The annual IWA summer picnic is tentatively scheduled for the 3rd week of August after the local school reopens. This is to ensure that most of the members will be back and would be able to attend the picnic.

The dates for the Garba and Diwali celebrations are yet to be determined. There was also a discussion regarding having another Celebration of India event. However, no decision was made during the board meeting.

Agenda#4: Treasurer for FY 2010

Renu Bajaj and Monal Patel have agreed to take responsibility for all accounting and legal matters regarding IWA. Renu will also be the treasurer of IWA.

Agenda#5: Email Forwarding Policies

The board adopted the following policies regarding email advertisements directed to the entire IWA membership. These policies will be in effect for FY 2010.

- 1. IWA will not forward emails that have a political theme. The content of the message should be inclusive and not targeted to any particular group or individual within the IWA community.*
- 2. IWA members will be allowed to send unlimited number of emails as long as the content is informative and useful to the community. However, the final decision rests with the co-presidents.*

Agenda#6: Charity Donation

Sangeetha Kolla was confirmed as the Charity Donations coordinator. The board decided to collect donations for Haiti and send it to the Red Cross. We also decided to support an Indian charity and collect funds for it throughout the year.

Agenda#7: Talk Series

We are planning to have a series of talks throughout the year (about 3-4) on different topics. Monal Patel has agreed to organize these talks.

Agenda#8: Sanskriti

Sangita Handa will be the editor of an online version of Sanskriti. There will be 4 issues published this year.

Agenda#9: Youth Council

Aparna Puri and Tanuja Seth have agreed to coordinate the activities of the youth council.

Agenda#10: Budget 2010

The board approved the budget presented by the co-presidents.

The IWA Board Meeting was adjourned at 9.30PM