

## **LANA 2020-2021.**

### **Term Report - Anil Sreenivasan, Secretary.**

(Executive Committee [EC] : Josen George|Jane Joseph |Anil S | George Nadavayal |KK Johnson)  
(President, Vice President, Secretary, Joint Secretary | Treasurer)

2020 First executive meeting was held on Jan 12.

Finance Report was evaluated. Treasurer Report has details.

Balance:\$ 945

On Jan 18, 2020 Dr.MST Namboothiri inaugurated the new EC working.

Even though EC agreed that Nashville could be a possible place for Regional convention, it was cancelled due to extreme Corona virus fears.

Website registered and started development.lanalit.org - Domain registered for 10 years. \$12/month AWS. Annual hosting fee \$96 godaddy . Communication Committee led the efforts Sankar mana, Jane Joseph, Bindu TG were key members along with Secretary and President.

6/14/ 2020 - Had an interactive session with Kerala Sahitya Academy president Sri Vaisakhan.

7/12/ 2020 - Kavyasamvadam & Kaviyarangu - Kavi Sebastian

9/12/2020 -Celebrated 'Karuthalode ONAM'. Due to some avoidable reasons, the chief guest Cultural Affairs minister AK Balan could not participate, instead we got an 'ashamsakal' video recorded. Dr MV Pillai and Suja Susan George (Malayalam Mission director) made special appearances. Web site was inaugurated. Among the Onam celebration programs, virtual presentation of 'Premalekhanam' by Vaikkam Muhammad basheer was performed by Haridas Thankappan, Bindu TG, and Anaswar Mampally.

A LIFE membership drive was organized from Jan 1 thru 31, 2021. 24 new members joined and another member joined afterwards. So we have a total of 75 + 25 = 100 members. (5 Honorary members).

Membership fee \$150 was collected by Zelle and PayPal. PayPal transaction includes applicable transaction fees (US/International).

In 2021 February, AN online survey was conducted among LANA members with the leadership of Vice President Jane Joseph for two weeks. The results were discussed and shared.

On March 20th (SAT) 9AM CST 7.30PM IST - Honored 'Ezhuthachan Puraskarajethavu Paul Zacharia'. Same day Lana member S. Anilal's short story collection Sabrina was released.

On April 24, 2021. 5PM-7PM, women's panel discussion was held on Zoom. The topic was 'avalude shabdathe niyanthrikkunnathu aaru?'

Since the beginning of the year 2021, covid situation was continuing indefinite and uncertain, EC decided to reevaluate the situation in the month of July. Based on the same EC decided to go ahead with Convention in Chicago. Due to the time constraints, the decision was to just have the convention and election this year and no LANA awards. It was decided to be in Chicago on Oct 1,2 and 3.

Decided to have a General Body on Aug 14, on Zoom virtual platform. Notified members the agenda on 7/22 with a time till Aug 6 for anyone to respond or comment.

#### **Decisions**

- Approved the recommendation to increase the number of executive office bearers number to 9. 4 new positions. Out of these newly added Joint Treasurer position will be filled by the regular election process. The remaining three positions are to be kept as nominated positions, which will be filled by the elected executive committee for a term.  
3 positions are  
Public Relations/Communications  
Programs  
Extra Executive position.  
An auditor may be chosen from outside the EC by the EC if needed.
- LANA has a category of 'Honorary Members'. Honorary Membership will only apply to pravasi writers of North America and Canada who are migrated from Kerala/Or of Kerala origin.

The membership should be approved by the executive committee.

- Increase of membership fees to \$200 from \$150 to maintain the membership value. Only a portion of membership money should be spent by the EC for a term. It was not decided how much to spend.
- General body approved the EC recommendation to correct the LOGO and update it to a contemporary design after considering multiple designs.
- Decided not to have a Women's forum as LANA takes its position as an organization with no gender differences.
- Due to Delta variant issues, the October convention will be a Closed function with a limited number of fully vaccinated attendees. Every participant was advised to follow COVID guidelines by the CDC .
- LANA Awards process needs to be revisited to ensure the dignity and value of LANA awards.
- J.Mathews was unanimously recommended as Bylaw updates committee chair. He was authorized to choose two other members.

12th Biennial Convention was conducted on OCT 1,2,3 in Chicago. ( Knanaya Community Center, 1800 E.Oakton St, Des Plaines). The venue was names 'Sugathakumari' Nagaar. Oct 3rd Sunday - General Body and Election.