

INDIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (IWA) SINGAPORE
25TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022
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Date: 14th February,2022
Time: 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
Location: Zoom

AGENDA

- Members' welcome on Zoom at 10:30 am
- Call to Order 11:00 a.m.
- President's Welcome & Report
- Address by Vice-President1
- Address by Vice-President2
- Treasurer's Report
 - Audited Financial Statement
 - Appointment of Auditors for the next fiscal year
 - Approval to use General Reserve up to SGD 25,000 in case of Contingency
- Secretary's Report
 - IWA Report for the year
 - Co-opting of members into the committee according to ROS guidelines.
- Any other business as may be properly brought before the meeting.
- Launching of IWA 25th Anniversary Saree by Ms Indranee Rajah, Minister in the Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister for Finance and National Development

IWA Committee Members Present:

Selme' Singh, Seema Gupta, Madhu Suri, Jagariti Mathur, Preety Agarwal, Padmaja Balaji, Saraswathi Balakrishnan, Sarita Prasad, Sharada Sahoo, Shobha Singla, Vidhya Nair,

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OPENING OF THE MEETING

Ms. Jagariti Mathur introduced herself as the Secretary of IWA 2021-2022 and welcomed the Executive Committee, Committee, Team and members, to the 25th Annual General Meeting of IWA.

She congratulated all the members who joined the meeting on this momentous occasion and was deeply grateful to the members and requested their continuous support.

The Secretary called the AGM 2022 to order at 11 am as the quorum was met.

PRESIDENT WELCOME REPORT

- President, Ms. Selme Singh welcomed all the Members, Partners and Past Presidents to the 25th Annual General meeting of Indian Women's Association.
- She reiterated that this year is a celebration of coming together, staying and growing together and she is honored to be leading IWA into this milestone year and are grateful to have your support.
- Ms. Selme Singh presented a recollection of IWA's Journey for past 25 years, from 1997 – 2022. She shared the picture of founder patron, Mrs Veena Prakash lighting the diya on launch of IWA on 20th Sept 1997

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- She also extended her special welcome to Mrs Julie Mehta, first President of IWA and then a journalist with Singapore Press Holding, and also mentioned about writer Mrs Meira Chand the Benefactor.
- She also mentioned that though originally launched as an expats group, under the patronage of the High Commission of India, the charter of IWA was subsequently changed and the name was changed to Indian Women's Association in 1998.
- She thanked the Past Presidents for their vision and previous teams for their hard work.
- She ended her welcome speech with a beautiful thought that the road ahead will be challenging, unpredictable as the recent years have shown us, but let's continue to motivate each other. Let's build up our reservoir of energy for the coming years. We look forward to many more anniversaries, many more success stories and many more achievements, which are yet to be ours.

PRESIDENT UPDATES

President Ms Selme Singh, updated about the Integration efforts of Team IWA for the year 2021-2022.

- Ms Selme Singh updated that after a very successful meeting with The High Commissioner of India to Singapore, we took up the responsibility of delivering two important projects, first was compiling a Booklet on Social norms, a guide for new and old immigrants while making Singapore their home. The project was led by our Past President Ms. Chandan Lehal and a very competent and talented team of IWA members.
- She updated that within two months of taking up the commitment we had delivered the Booklet, we hope this goes into publication this year and the only delay is because the Consulate wants to put in some more counsellor related content. This Booklet would be a huge feather in IWA's cap.
- She further updated about the second Project With HCI, we have to present a Cultural Event for celebrating 75 years of India's Independence, Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. The Team has been involved in several meetings with the HCI and we hope to start work on this soon. The cultural project will be led by Ms. Sudeepta Dasgupta.
- IWA was delighted to receive Rakhis from The High Commission of India. We were requested to make a video and talk on a few topics suggested by the Consulate, which we delivered, and it was posted on the High Commissions social media platform.
- Ms Selme Singh, on behalf of IWA shared a message on India turning 75 which was played during the flag hoisting ceremony at the Indian High Commission, Singapore.
- She updated about webinar hosted by IWA in September 2021 on Diversity and Inclusion in Social Integration, it was in partnership with National Integration Council and SNEF. (Singapore National Employers Federation) Our members Ms. Sukanya Pushkarna and Ms. Gauri Savadi were amongst the speakers.
- IWA is also working on second project with NIC on the Action for Alliance (AfA) which involves the making of three micro videos. These videos be based on stories of common challenges of the local and foreign-born residents, we will document narratives on common aspirations and shared challenges. These videos will be shared on various National social media platforms and this project is being taken forward by Ms. Ayana Chatterjee, Ms. Neeraja Rao and Ms. Anindita Ghosh.

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- She further updated that IWA, continue to work on a few more projects with MCCY (Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth) and taking part in important deliberations throughout the year.
- She updated that our connect with PA (Peoples Association) is going strong. We took part in Chingay 50 and two of our members Ms. Gauri Savadi and Ms. Jagariti Mathur represented India on this National platform, and it was a spectacular event. We were also part of the Heartland Orientation Trail Project
- IWA was invited to be important contributors for the COP (Community Orientation Project) which NIC is piloting, COP enables PMET's (Professionals, Managers, Executives and Technicians) to form new connect and a sense of inclusion and belonging in the country they are arriving in. We have been asked to be the lead facilitators in this Project and we must take it on and make it a dedicated part of our Integration journey.
- Our Team has been attending various sessions with SINDA. (Social services organization in Singapore) on Racial Harmony and various dialogues on community integration.
- IWA continue to be an important partner on various discussions and forums with the IPS (Institute of Policy Studies) some recent discussions have been on Gender Equality in Singapore and a forum on Race and Racism in Singapore.
- She updated that partnering with SFCCA has got us many opportunities this year, like the National Day Sing along where a couple of IWA members participated and sang National songs in 4 different languages. Our editor and Past President Ms. Sukanya Pushkarna have been writing articles for the Oneness magazine, it is an ongoing commitment and IWA member Ms. Gauri Savadi was featured in the magazine. We continue to partner on various platforms with SFCCA.
- IWA was invited to participate in a closed-door dialogue with Minister of Law and Home Affairs Minister K Shanmugam, MOS (Minister of State) Sun Xueling and GRA Carrie Tan. We deliberated on the White paper being released on Women's Development to be tabled soon.
- IWA's support during the Covid times was recognised and we were presented with a plaque for our contribution towards the Community Isolation Facility in Kranji, our work exemplified the spirit of total defense and would go a long way in emphasizing that everyone has a part to play in the fight against Covid.
- She updated that IWA continue to work under the umbrella of SCWO (Singapore Council of Women's Organization) and foster new connects and are invited to represent the community at various forums.
- IWA is happy to establish a connect with Singapore Telugu Samajam this year and we hope to contribute and grow this partnership.

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ADDRESS BY VICE PRESIDENT 1

Vice president 1 Ms. Madhu Suri addressed the members on the occasion of 25th AGM of IWA.

- Ms. Madhu Suri started her address by reiterating that she has been overseeing the affairs of IWA's interest groups. She said that it is heartening to see that the club chairs have been doing their best in engaging our members with various activities that are entertaining and educational.
- She mentioned that it is the 25th Anniversary of IWA's existence. To commemorate this milestone year, a specially designed sari will be launched in the AGM. She stated that the details were to be revealed to the members at the latter half of the meeting.
- She further stated that IWA has grown leaps and bounds under various leaderships in the last 25 years and it is important that their work is well documented for our future generations. A book will be launched later this year with write-ups and photos from our members and past leaders. Ms. Sukanya Pushkarna, IWA's editor-in-chief is leading this initiative. She thanked Ms. Sukanya for overseeing this important project.
- She ended her address with an appeal to all the Club Chairs to continue the excellent work and plan at least one special event to celebrate this milestone year. She wished all the members a great year ahead.

ADDRESS BY VICE PRESIDENT 2

Vice President 2 Ms. Seema Gupta

- Ms Seema Gupta reiterated that it has been a challenging year with our Icare partner because of which IWA was not able to hold physical meeting or in person support. But still IWA supported them wherever possible. IWA delivered medicines to groceries to Biryani meal boxes and beautiful dresses tops and bags and tried to make it special for the girls at HOME SHELTER.
- She further mentioned that details of our outreach will be shared by the Secretary at the end of the meeting.

TREASURER'S UPDATE

Treasurer Ms. Preety Agarwal presented her updates for the year 2021.

- Ms. Preety Agarwal presented the financials of Indian Women's Association for the financial year 2021. The agenda of her presentation were, highlights of Financials of 2021, Total Income Details, Total Expenses Details, Membership Trend for last 4 years, Reappointment of Auditors, usage of General Reserve for Contingency.
- She updated the members about the effect of pandemic to most organizations including IWA. There was a huge reduction in the number of members and the reason was cited as no Bazaar plus zoom fatigue. This has resulted in considerable amount of income drop.
- The Treasurer shared the net incoming and outgoing status with the members. She informed the members that total income in FY 2021 was SGD 31,337 and the total expenses were SGD 35,436. This has resulted in net deficit of SGD 4,099. The Treasurer

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also said that the audited financials were shared with all members with the Notice of AGM by IWA Secretary.

- She further presented updates about the Total income of IWA. She highlighted that pre-covid time, bazaar was one of the largest contributors to IWA revenue. For FY 2021, IWA total income for FY 2021 was SGD 31,337 and the sources were
 1. Majority of income, i.e., 75%, came from the Membership Fees (Total members for FY 2021 was 197).
 2. 22% of the income came from Advertising and Media.
 3. Remaining 3% our income came from other sources like FD interest income, People Association etc.
 - 4. She further shared details about expenses. Totals spend was SGD 35,436 which was very similar to last year- last year (FY 2020) it was SGD 35,487.
 - 5. Majority of the expense were towards IWA's yearly commitment as Donations to various organization viz. Beyond Social Services, H.O.M.E, SMU - Vidya Scholarship, Jyoti Study Award (SUTD), Home Annual Donation, Transient Workers Count TOO (TWC2)- SGD 24,000 (68%).
 - 6. No change in Auditing and Accounting charges from last year- SGD 3,154 (9%).
 - 7. IT expenses of SGD 2,924 (8%) consists of Domain charges, website maintenance, etc.
 - 8. Other expenses of SGD 5,359 (15%) included SCWO membership fees, printing, etc.
- She further explained the membership trends over the last 4 years. There was a huge drop in number of members from 2020 to 2021 due to the reasons mentioned above. She specified that around 90-100 members are IWA Bazar vendors and as there were no bazaar held, because of pandemic the members never renewed. As on 14th Feb 2022, our membership stands at 118.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR

It was proposed that Shashi kala Devi and Associates be appointed as auditors for 2022. This was proposed by Ms. Preety Agarwal and seconded by Ms. Jagariti Mathur and then carried forward unanimously.

APPROVAL TO USE GENERAL RESERVE UP TO SGD 25,000 IN CASE OF CONTINGENCY

It was proposed to seek approval from the members to draw SGD 25000 from the Contingency Reserve if the need arises. It was proposed by Ms. Preety Agarwal and was seconded by Ms. MadhuSuri and then carried forward by majority of members through show of hand.

SECRETARY UPDATES

Secretary, Ms, Jagariti Mathur presented her report on the events and activities conducted by our Team for the year 2021-2022.

- Ms Jagariti Mathur reiterated the IWA belief in the motto of care, connect and celebrate. She mentioned that IWA is a platform where we empower Indian women and strive to bring them together by providing them a common platform to connect better with the society and showcase their talent.

The Secretary updates for the Team are as follows.

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- Due to Covid restrictions we could not hold bazaar last year. Hoping to get our fun filled bazaars in 2022.
- Our Bazaar team helped IWA membership team and privilege team in the member outreach program for Holi and getting discount vouchers for members for Diwali.
- The editors and the editorial team have begun working on the 25th Anniversary book, which is set to be released in September 2022, along with managing the weekly edits of our newsletter and other media posts.
- Our editorial team has written articles in Mandarin for the Oneness magazine, the recent one being on birthing rituals in Indian community, and this is an ongoing commitment on IWA writing articles for the Oneness magazine which is published by the National Integration Council (NIC).
- Membership team worked on the vision of IWA to connect with the members and along with the support of exco and other members of the team created successful membership
- As part of membership outreach, drives like Holi Outreach program, Buddy Exercise, Wellness talk by Luke Coutinho and Diwali discount vouchers in collaboration with IWA Bazaar team.
- During the year the media sales got us privilege partners and advertisements in our Facebook post. We have partners like Wild Seed, Global Power Source, SL Aesthetic Clinic, Ajay ji, Rumani Ent, Deideaz, HemaHues, Osler health, HC education, Om Vedic and Swiflearn.
- We currently have 1679 subscribers for our newsletter. The newsletter has been going out on weekly basis every Wednesday.
- IWA's FB outreach has increased by 189% and post reach has increased 3.6k, our post engagement has increased 1.3k. Our Holi video, Yoga video, Jerusalem video, Poetry voice over videos had a great outreach and our Rakshabhandhan video was very well appreciated by the High Commission of India.
- We are also getting noticed on LinkedIn and have relevant connects coming our way.
- Our website is up to date and provides information about IWA, the IWA Team, recent and upcoming events and allows the public to subscribe to the IWA newsletters inc. registration and renewal.

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ICARE UPDATES

- The IWA Vidya Scholarship at SMU (Singapore Management University) has been facilitated by IWA for 9 years. The scholarship program was started by IWA to help young deserving student to pursue quality higher education at SMU. The merit of deserving students follows MOE and SMU guidelines. Thanks to our members for their support.
- The IWA -SUTD Gyan Jyoti Study Award was facilitated in 2018 and our members support enables us to honor this commitment annually.
- IWA also facilitated another donation through Dr Uma Rajan of the Siglap South Community Centre to two organizations UIMA & Spore Children's Society.
- Beyond Social Service (BSS) is a charity dedicated to helping children and youths from less privileged backgrounds break away from the poverty circle. Apart from the monthly cake sponsorship, IWA facilitated a donation of over 50 sets of brand-new clothes for children aged 6 months to 6 years. In coordination with BSS, these clothes were handed over to the North Bridge neighborhood leader who will distribute these amongst the low-income families at the Jalan Besar and North Bridge CC. The clothes were sponsored by Mr. Shankar Ramesh IWA's cause.
- IWA supports the Humanitarian Organization for Migration Economics, the migrant workers who experience abuse and exploitation in Singapore. We have always fulfilled the request from HOME for groceries, medicines or enabling skills to enhance the well-being of migrant workers, For Diwali we delivered 100 Biryani boxes, equal number of handbags leggings and 100 fancy dresses. We are grateful for the abundant spirit of giving and sharing amongst our members who make this service more meaningful.
- IWA supports community engagement with Sunshine Welfare Action Mission, and it is in providing holistic quality care for the elderly at SWAMI Home. We conducted drives like Birthday and Christmas celebrations at SWAMI home.
- IWA supported Transient Workers Counts Too's (TWC2) vision of promoting fair treatment for migrant workers. This year we filled their libraries with books, donated 75 back packs and shared the Holi colors with the workers.
- IWA Volunteered at the Paya-Lebar- Aljunied MAEC Porridge Distribution service, under the "Happy Project" Community Service Initiative.

UPDATES ABOUT INTEREST CLUBS

Act of kindness Club

- Our act of kindness club planned activities like beach clean-up, POP string project and newspaper drive for animal shelters and other, Book collection

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drive and Meals on Wheels. All these drives were very well appreciated by the members and were carefully planned to keep govt restrictions in mind.

Adda Updates

- The Adda club has seen in-depth discussions on a variety of topics ranging from sustainability to childhood stories, health and wellness to revisiting our 18-year-old selves.
- In the next few sessions there would be discussion on topics like "life lessons", "God", and "being a woman."
- Adda club has given the members a non-judgmental safe space to bring out their innermost thoughts and feelings, their unspoken and sometimes unthought out biases and opinions.

Book Club

- In book club we read books from varied genres, ranging from deeply philosophical books as 'The Autobiography of a Yogi' by Paramahansa Yogananda and "Abundance of Less" by Andy Couturier 'All the light we can see' by Anthony Doerr, Sea of poppies by Amitava Ghosh and Burnt Sugar by Avni Doshi. There were old classics like 'Anna Karenina' by Leo Tolstoy and 'Rebecca' by Daphne de Murier. 'The World: A brief introduction' by Richard Haas. The Gentle Gentleman from Moscow by Amor Towles and The Elephant Whisperer.
- The highlight of the year was the drama 'An Inspector calls' by J.B. Priestly. The members of the book club got together to do a presentation of the drama on zoom which was very well received by all the members, and we hope to make it an annual feature of the book club.
- The Secretary requested the members to join the book club to know the list of books for 2022 and continue their reading journeys.

Creative hands club

- CHC activities organised all the activities on Zoom. The activities were conducted by our talented members for our super supportive & enthusiastic members & their families.
- Activities included playing with paints like tie-dye, paint a galaxy, Warli painting, Murals painting with chalk, Decoupage, creating beautiful pieces with Macrame cord, Crochet thread & Clay, for Diwali spl activities relating to recycling like Toran & candle making were conducted.
- Many hands-on fun activities are planned for the coming year like stain glass painting etc.

Dance Club

- Our dance club kept all our members dancing to the tunes of eternal dancing diva Sridevi, birthday tribute to Arijit Singh and the ultimate dance number Jerusalem.

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Games Club

- Games club conducted games event on zoom once a month regularly where they played variety of games on zoom like trivia, Cluedo, dumb charades etc. Keeping govt restrictions in mind games club has started with physical events for this year.

Gourmet Goddess

- GGC club took cooking to the next level with the exciting events like: Holi kerang sharbaton ke sang, South Indian cuisines, Mexican food fiesta, Modak pe charcha and also ensured to keep us healthy with events like, healthy food habits, Healthy and innovative appetizers and a talk on vegan food.
- The club also taught us a unique way of expressing patriotism by making tri colored food to celebrate 75th Independence Day for India.

Health and Fitness Club

- Our health and fitness club ensured to keep all our members healthy amidst Stay at home restrictions. And planned activities like walk in the Bukit Batok Nature Reserve, Rail Corridor walk, Healing Yoga,
- Introduced us to Gut friendly lifestyle, face yoga and educated us about diet and lifestyle for smooth menopause.

Movie Club

- Our Movie club this year introduced our members to the world of Glitz and glamour by directing and showcasing IWA clubs in the Choose to Challenge videos. IWA movie club did special interview with Actress Ritupurna Sen Gupta on Mother's Day and with director of "ebb alley of"- Prateek Vats and MR AL Vijay director of movie Thailavi starring Kangana Ranaut.
- The movie club entertained us with screening of movies like Crazy rich Asians, I care a lot, Mimi, Sang paneri etc.
- Movie club in partnership with Music club organized a fantastic show for IWA Gala 2021, which was super appreciated by the members.
- In the year 2022, IWA Movie will partner with other clubs to bring in workshops, and conversations with various personalities from the field of arts and films.

Music Club

- Music club made our lives musical and colorful with events like Farewell and welcome for the team, rang birangi Holi ki geetmala, Kapoor and sons, kachche dhage ki paavan dor – rakshabandhan, mingle jingle twinkle with a friend, Radio edge – songs of 70's, 80's and 90's, bewitching Bachchan's and special thanks and accolades for IWA Gala 2021- umeed.
Members thoroughly enjoyed Umeed and also enjoyed the impromptu antakshri sessions organized by Music Club.

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P & E club

- P&E conducted events for our privilege partners which were well received by the members.
- P& E club in collaboration with media sales got us privilege partners and advertisements inc our Facebook post. We have partners like Wild Seed, Global Power Source,
- SL Aesthetic Clinic, Ajay ji, Rumani Ent, Deideaz, Hema Hues, Osler health, HC education, Om Vedic and Swiflearn.

Travel Club

- Despite travel restrictions, our Travel club managed to take us through Singapore and around the world with their engaging talk sessions over zoomlike, where are you in Singapore, Pilgrimages and Dreams, unknown, unusual and unique India travels.
- Travel club also organized a walking Tour for Special exhibition – Sikhs in Singapore- A story untold.

Writing Enthusiast Club

- WEC club Played a dual role in growth of our members, at one hand where our members were trained to be better writers through workshops conducted by the club chair as well as some celebrated authors on topics like Prompt writing, 'Ekphrastic Writing', 'Subtleties of Writing' and 'Art of Humor' on the other hand they were also given different opportunities to showcase their talents on platforms like 'Poetry Festival Singapore'. Our members also recited poetry by Rabindra Nath Tagore in one of the club meets on the occasion of Independence Day.

Updates were received regarding the occasions we celebrated in IWA.

Ms. Jagariti iterated that most important part of who we are is celebrating ourselves. She gave us a glimpse of IWA celebrate.

- Ms Jagariti Updated that our term started with Celebration of the International Women's Day! We built up on the 2021 slogan of "Choose to Challenge" for IWD and showcased all our Clubs and Team members by filming a narrative around IWD. The videos are on our Fb and fond reminder of the hard work and conceptualization that our Movie Club Chair Ms. Neeraja Rao had put in very well supported by the Club Chairs and members.
- For Holi outreach, IWA made Holi colors for our members. The colors were handmade by the Team and delivered to the members.
- As part of Diwali outreach, few special offers for our members were arranged by IWA partners, Members and friends. It was an enterprising collaboration between our members vendors and team
- Updates were received regarding meeting with Renuka from Radio Masti, for future collaborations.

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- It was updated that, on The International Yoga Day, the Team got together and did various Sun Salutations, the video as always brilliantly shot and compiled by Ms. Padmaja Balaji and Ms. Ayana Chatterjee, Ms. Raji Viswanathan and Ms. Vidya Dasgupta.
- Update were received regarding the Mother's Day celebration where, the very talented actress, and National Award winner **Ms. Rituparna Sengupta** wished our members on Mother's Day.
- Ms. Jagariti reported that the most awaited event of the year, IWA Gala - Umeed had an overwhelming number of participants and attendees. Neeraja Rao (Movie Club Chair) and Sara Bee (Music Club Chair) anchored the programmed with a lot of enthusiasm. The performances ranged from dances, songs, Dub smashes and Tiktok videos to makeup tutorials, poem recitals, movie capsule and quizzes! Team IWA is grateful to all the members and their families for their appreciation and support.
- It was updated that IWA thanked and celebrated the spirit of Singapore by sending in volunteers to Chingay parade and uphold the spirit of integration.

At the end of her updates, the secretary thanked the Team for their efforts.

RATIFICATION OF RESOLUTION PASSED IN COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR CO-OPTING TWO MEMBERS IN THE COMMITTEE.

A ratification was sought in the AGM for the resolution passed by majority of committee members to add 2 new members to the Committee. Ms. Vidya Dasgupta and Ms. Gauri Savadi. The ratification was proposed by Ms. Jagariti Mathur and was seconded by Ms. Sharada Sahoo. The ratification was carried forward by majority of members by show of hands.

TEAM INTRODUCTION

The Secretary requested the President Ms. Selme Singh to introduce the Team 2022-2023. Ms. Selme Singh thanked the Team members who are resigning from the portfolio and welcomed the new members who joined our Team and Committee. Furthermore, she announced a new club for textile enthusiast called IWA Textile Club which would be led by Ms. Kumuda Krovvidi and updated that Dance Club had been renamed to Performing Arts club which would now be led by Ms. Anindita Ghosh. The President thanked the committee for their approvals.

Team 2022-2023

President – Ms. Selme Singh
Vice president 1 – Ms Madhu Suri
Vice president 2 – Ms. Seema Gupta
Treasurer- Ms Preety Agarwal
Secretary – Ms. Jagariti Mathur
Assistant Secretary – Ms. Girija Vishwanathan

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Immediate Past President – Ms. Anuradha Shroff
Bazaar chair – Ms. Sudeepta Das Gupta/Ms.Chhaya Banga
Senior Editor- Ms. Sukanya Pushkarna
Sub Editor – Need to be Filled
Membership – Ms. Chandan Lehal/Ms.Abhinika Mitra
Media Sales – Ms Sharada Sahoo
Newsletter – Ms. Sarita Prasad Social
Media – Ms. Ayana ChatterjeeWebsite
– Ms Rakhi Shankar
BSS –Ms Nayani Sharma HOME –
Ms Raji VishRajashree
Swami Home – Ms. Savitha Gunthury
AOK Club - Ms Gauri Savadi
Adda Club – Ms Sukanya Pushkarna
Book Club – Ms Sudeepta Das Gupta
Creative Hands Club – Ms Jolly Vatsa
Performing Arts club – Ms. Anindita Ghosh
Games Club– Ms. Vinnie Moerman
Gourmet Goddess Club – Ms. Shobha Singhla
Fitness Club – Ms Padmaja Balaji
Movie Club – Ms Neeraja Rao
Music Club – Ms. Saraswathi Balakrishnan
P&E Club – Ms Vidya Das Gupta
Travel Club – Ms Vidhya Nair
Writing Enthusiast Club- Need to be filled
Textile Club – Kumuda Krovvidi

**LAUNCH OF IWA 25th ANNIVERSARY SAREE BY Ms INDRANEE RAJAH,
(Minister in the Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister for Finance and National
Development)**

- President, Ms Selme Singh launched the IWA limited addition on the momentous occasion of 25th Anniversary of IWA. She also presented the information about the saree.
- She informed that the saree is handwoven with Maheshwari cotton-silk by the weavers at Maheshwar (Madhya Pradesh, India) and hand-painted by women artists in Mahbubani (Bihar, India).
- The saree was designed by Ms. Kumuda Krovvidi, a well-known Madhubani artist, and Ms Supriti Das, our connection with the weavers and artisans in India, while member Ms Sudeepta Dasgupta and Ms. Selme Singh worked on the finer details. Our sari pays homage to the ethos of IWA while the artwork on the pallu (border) depicts Care, Connect, Celebrate - the values of our Association.
- Minister Indranee Rajah, Minister in the Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister for Finance and National Development launched the IWA saree. IWA also presented the saree to Mrs Kumaran wife of the High Commissioner of India to Singapore.
- A short video prepared for by Ms Ayana Chatterjee showcasing the saree was very well appreciated by all the members.
- Ms. Selme Singh informed the members to connect with Membership team to book their sarees.

President concluded the Saree launch with a wonderful thought That Team IWA look forward to the threads we will add to our tapestry in the next 25 years, celebrating and continuing this journey.

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She wished everybody a great Valentine's Day and welcomed them to another year at IWA. The floor was opened for discussion and questions from the members for Executive Committee, which were duly and satisfactorily answered by the EXCO.

VOTE OF THANKS

The Secretary thanked the Members for their support and cooperation.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The Secretary, Jagariti Mathur, adjourned the meeting at 11:59 am.

Minutes prepared by Secretary Jagariti Mathur and Approved by President Selme' Singh

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