



**Date: 17/09/2011 Time: 11.20am Venue: Gitananda Australia registered office, SA**

## **Annual General Meeting of Gitananda Association of Australia and New Zealand**

### **Gitananda 2011 Committee Present**

**Yogacharya Murali Dharan – Trevor Fox**

**Chairperson and Vice-Treasurer**

**Yogacharya Devidasan Giri – Jean-Michel Ruffier**

**Public Officer and Treasurer**

**Apologies from 2011 Committee Members**

**Gitananda Members Present at 2011 AGM**

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Action to be taken/Outcome</b>	<b>Committee Member responsible</b>
<b>1. Current committee members</b>	<b>Motion passed that committee members are to remain in their positions. Also please note: Janani – Secretary; Devaki Kerin – Assistant Secretary; Jennifer – Assistant Editor</b>	<b>Devidasan &amp; Murali</b>

<p><b>2. Financials</b></p>	<p>Gitananda Yoga Association of Australia Inc bank account  Balance at 17/09/2010 \$14,482.21  Total Withdrawals between 17/09/10 and 19/09/11 \$18,833.16  (which includes payments for yearly Retreat venue, Dr Ananda's  airfare to come to Australia, website maintenance, books/CDs/DVDs  sales)  Total Deposits between 17/09/10 and 19/09/11 \$8,496.38 which  includes \$970.00 Membership fees  Balance at 19/09/2011 \$4,145.43  Money in the bank allows to pay deposits and air fares in advance so  that no member has to pay up front and be reimbursed later and  hence the importance of paying membership on time.</p>	<p><b>Devidasan</b></p>
<p><b>3. Membership</b></p>	<p>Renewable by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012. Membership fees are staying the  same: \$50 for Accredited Members and \$30 for Associate Members.  Advantage of Membership are the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quarterly Newsletter linking members in with updates and  enriching Satsang with the Gitananda community</li> <li>• Access to Yoga insurance rates</li> <li>• Access to attend Gitananda retreats in Australia</li> <li>• Reduced book and DVD rates</li> <li>• Option to visit and stay at Ananda Ashram in Tamil Nadu,  India at certain times of the year</li> <li>• Becoming a 'family member' of a living, intact Yogic lineage</li> </ul> <p>Plus for those who are Accredited meaning those who have  completed the Six-month Yoga Teacher course at Ananda Ashram  (ICYER) will have their information displayed on the Gitananda Yoga  website and also on the Newsletter.</p>	<p><b>Murali, Janini &amp; Dianna</b></p>

	<p>New Accredited Members can send their details and photo to Murali to add to the website. Dianna Timmins to be cc'd in to add to Newsletter and membership records.</p>	
<p>4. Gitananda Yoga Bank Account update</p>	<p>Australia has current bank account linked up with ICYER, Puducherry. Ann-Marie of New Zealand to investigate linking up with ANZ in New Zealand. As requested with New Zealand members to facilitate transfer of funds to reduce bank charges.</p>	<p>Murali &amp; Ann-Marie</p>
<p>5. Newsletter</p>	<p>Dianna Timmins is the Editor and Jennifer has offered to assist.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 Newsletters to be issue a year – March, June, September and December quarters.</li> <li>• Newsletters to be issued within two weeks after the end of the quarter (i.e. by 15<sup>th</sup> April, 15<sup>th</sup> July, 15<sup>th</sup> October and 15<sup>th</sup> January)</li> <li>• Newsletters to have a main theme for the quarter.</li> <li>• Newsletter to include Key ICYER dates, Parampara key dates (such as all night OM chanting, Swamiji's birthday etc...), Hindu Festival Calendar and key Gitananda Yoga Association of Australia key dates and events.</li> <li>• To make the Newsletter more interactive, have a page dedicated to what's new with the Association and its Members – Sadhana and Teaching revelations by Members, trips to India, getting married, new family additions etc... This should be a regular feature with the heading: 'The Gitananda Yoga Family Australia and New Zealand Wide'</li> <li>• Encourage Members to contribute throughout the quarter and</li> </ul>	<p>Dianna, Jennifer, Murali &amp; Devidasan</p>

	not at the last minute.	
6. Yoga Life Magazine	Yoga Life subscription renewal is 40 Euros and is separate (i.e. not included) in Membership. If you want to renew your subscription to Yoga Life please contact Murali.	Murali
7. Gitananda Yoga Retreat	Dr Ananda is returning to Australia in November 2012. He will first attend an IYTA Teacher Training function in Sydney. The Gitananda Yoga Retreat will be at Riverglenn from Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> to Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> November. The 2012 AGM will occur at this time. Please contact Murali for more information.	Murali
8. Visit to Ananda Ashram	February 2011 – Yantra Course ICYER August 2011 – 12 Members from Australia and New Zealand participated in a 10 day Sadhana intensive followed by a 3 day temple tour. February 2012 – Yantra Course ICYER – Please contact Murali if you are interested in attending.	Murali