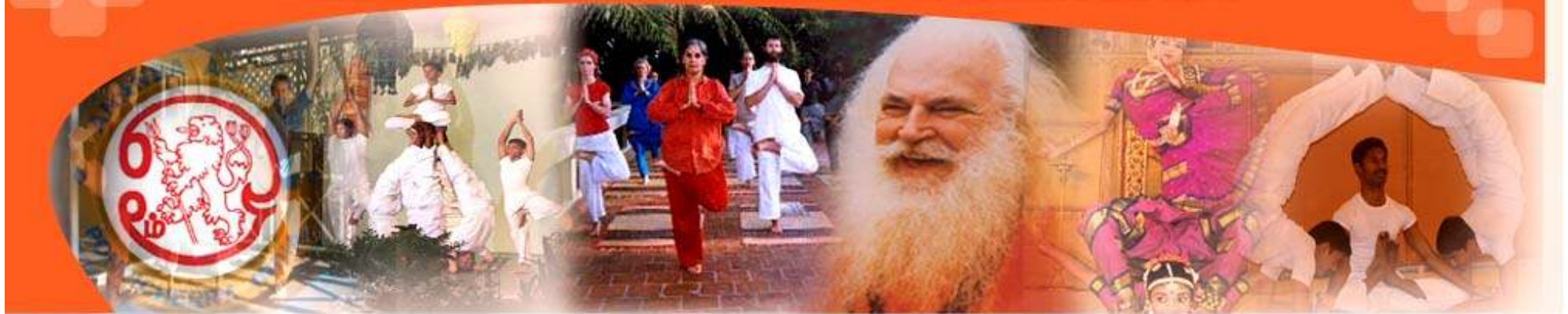


GITANANDA YOGA ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA INC



Annual General Meeting of Gitananda Association of Australia and New Zealand

Date: 25/09/2010 **Time:** 2-3.30pm **Venue:** Gitananda Brisbane Retreat, Riverglenn Conference Centre, Indooroopilly, QLD

Gitananda 2010 Committee Present

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| Yogacharya Dr. Ananda | President |
| Murali Trevor Fox | Chairperson |
| Shri Bala Ratnam | VBT Consultant |
| Margo Hutchison | Liaison and Event Coordinator |
| Janani Louise Healy | Joint Secretary |
| Devaki Kerin | Joint Secretary |
| Catherine Dornekamp | NZ Rep |
| Gargi Helen Dortje | NZ Rep |
| Dianna Timmins | Editor of Gitananda Quarterly Newsletter |

Apologies from 2010 Committee Members

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| Devidasan Giri (Jean-Michel Ruffier) | Treasurer and Public Officer |
| Dr. John Mumford | Yantra Consultant |
| Niraimathi (Nicole Rubio) | International Secretary |

Gitananda Members Present at 2010 AGM

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| Smt Devasena Bhavanani | Deanna Wittaker | Lila Ballinger | Phil Liney | Susanah Blair |
| Louise Sharman | June Henry | Selwyn Williams | Gita Anwar Joesoef | Zigi Georges |

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| Shanta Wynni Nguyen | Julia Ballinger | Kanchi Rao | Wendy Brabazon | Kathy O'Sullivan |
| Greg Wright | Suzanne Derok | Shivan Riley | Ann Baree Buckholz | Col Sharman |
| Bernadette Hearn | Lyn Moes | Anthony Britton | Anne Heinemann | Di Timmins |
| Jenny Lloyd | Alex MacLeod | Radika | Doris Thames | |
| Gowri Wendy Snape | Mirta Golic | Girish & Jaimini | | |

| Agenda item | Action to be taken/Outcome | Committee Member responsible |
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| 1. Greeting and welcome intro from President Dr. Ananda | Dr. Ananda commenced the AGM by welcoming all members present and explaining the purpose of the meeting. | n/a |
| 2. Current committee members | Motion proposed by Dr. Ananda for current members to remain in their roles for this next year to ensure stability along with new additions to the committee due to the growing number of members. No objections were raised at this proposal. Please see first page of minutes for list of 2010 Committee Members | n/a |
| 3. New Committee members added to 2010 Committee | Dr. Ananda introduced the following members to the 2010 Committee: Catherine Dornekamp-NZ Representative, Lotus Yoga Centre Yogacharini Gargi Helen Dortje-NZ Representative Yogacharini Margo Hutchison- Liaison and Events Coordinator Dianna Timmins- Editor of Newsletter Yogacharini Janani Louise Healy- Joint Secretary | |
| 4. Discussion regarding Newsletter | Dr. Ananda requested extra help for Newsletter production and article contribution. Newsletter to be sent out 3 or 4 times a year. Dianna Timmins volunteered to take over as newsletter Editor. Former editor Devaki Kerin to liaise with Dianna for next newsletter going out. Dr. Ananda encouraged members to contribute with regard to an effective class they gave or a practice they got results from or simply an insight from a teaching. Several members volunteered to submit more articles. Articles/short paragraphs to be emailed to: diana.timmins@gmail.com | Dianna Timmins Devaki Kerin |
| 5. Information regarding membership-the differences between 'Associate' and | Dr. Ananda explained the difference between Associate and Accredited member Associate= \$30 for Gitananda Membership. This includes; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly Newsletter linking members in with updates and enriching Satsang with the Gitananda community • Access to Yoga insurance rates • Access to attend Gitananda retreats in Australia | Muralidharan Devaki Kerin |

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| <p>'Accredited' for the Gitananda Yoga Assoc of Australia</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced book and DVD rates • Option to visit and stay at the Ashram at certain times of the year • Becoming a 'family member' of a living, intact Yogic lineage <p>Accredited = For those that have completed the 6month teacher training course at ICYER/Ananda Ashram. Accredited members will have their information displayed on the website and on the newsletter. New Accredited members to send in their details and a photo to Murali to add to website. Dianna Timmins and Devaki Kerin to be cc'd in to add to newsletter and membership records.</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE: ALL MEMBERSHIP RUNS FROM 1ST APRIL EVERY YEAR.</p> <p>Next time to renew membership will be 1st April 2011. Secretaries Devaki and Janini to email out reminder to all current members in March 2011.</p> | <p>Devaki Kerin Janini</p> |
| <p>6. YOGA LIFE MAGAZINE</p> | <p>YOGA LIFE MEMBERSHIP=\$60 to receive the YOGA LIFE monthly magazine sent out from the Ananda Ashram in India.</p> <p>This is a separate cost to the Gitananda Yoga Assoc of Australia and needs to be paid separately to the ashram by international bank draft.</p> <p>Payment for subscriptions are taken in cash at Retreats but money must be sent directly to the Ashram if wanting subscription outside of Retreat times.</p> | <p>All members to note re renewal fees for Yoga Life</p> |
| <p>7. Gitananda Bank Account update</p> | <p>For practical purposes Chairperson Muralidharan Giri has become joint signatory for the Gitananda Yoga Assoc of Australia inc ANZ Bank account.</p> <p>BSB:015-025 Acc No: 4985-69383.</p> <p>To action: Muralidharan to approach ANZ Sydney branch with the minutes of this meeting to receive a Signature card. Sydney branch will send the Signature card to the Gouger Street branch in Adelaide for their record before sending it back to Sydney. Please note: It must be stipulated "ANY ONE TO SIGN" and not 'any two to sign'</p> | <p>Muralidharan Giri</p> |
| <p>8. Treasurer seeks committee approval to open high interest savings account</p> | <p>Treasurer Devidasan outlined that at present the Gitananda Yoga Assoc of Australia Inc has a Business Cash Management ANZ bank account. This earns only 0.50% interest. Online Saver Accounts can earn 4.50% interest. Devidasan seeking approval from the Committee to open an Online Saving Account to access higher interest on savings. Dr. Ananda and committee gave their approval for this to occur.</p> <p>To action: Devidasan to identify best Online Savings account at present and email committee members which one savings will be transferred into and at what interest rate.</p> | <p>Devidasan</p> |
| <p>9. Dr. Ananda invites Sri Bala Ratnam to address new members</p> | <p>Sri Bala read out an overview of the Vibrational Breath Therapy (VBT) approach and testimonies from clients experiencing the benefits from the program. Dr. Ananda praised Sri Bala and the work he has done in this field as well continuing to acknowledge the source of this practice from Dr. Swami Gitananda.</p> | <p>n/a</p> |

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| regarding VBT | | |
| 10. Future Gitananda Yoga Retreats | Dr. Ananda indicated that there might be an opportunity for a Gitananda Yoga Retreat possibly in Melbourne next year as another large Yoga organisation are looking at inviting him over to address their Yoga Conference. Murali invited members to let him know what dates/months would suit people for Dr. Ananda's next Retreat to Brisbane. More information to be sent out once details and dates have been confirmed. | Dr. Ananda Murali |
| 11. An opportunity for Gitananda members to visit the Ananda Ashram in India. | Dr Ananda mentioned an opportunity for members to visit Ananda Ashram for the Yantra Course in February 2011(dates to be advised) and also in August. More information to be sent out once details and dates have been confirmed. | Dr. Ananda Murali |



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