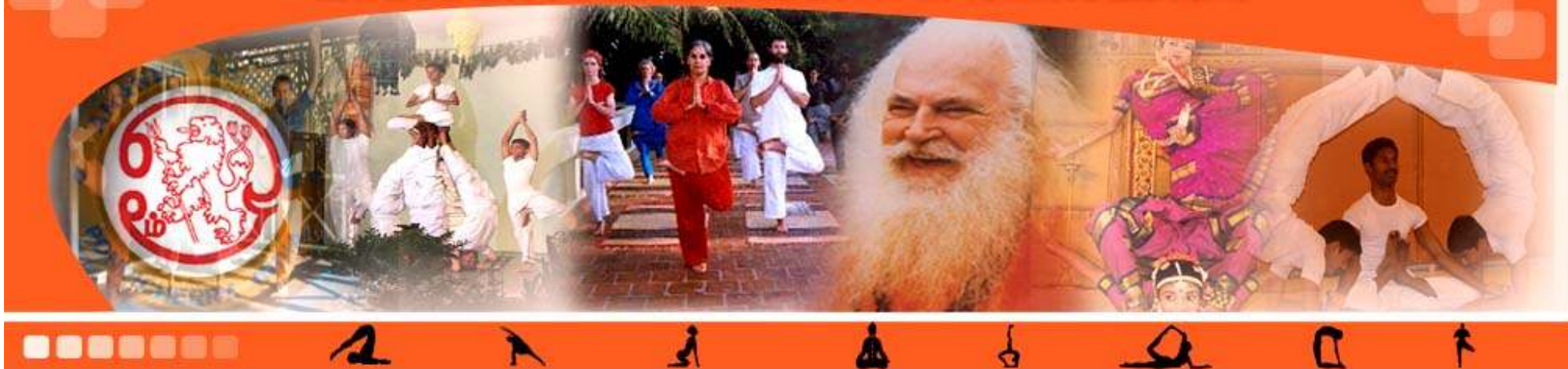




GITANANDA YOGA ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA INC



Annual General Meeting of Gitananda Association of Australia and New Zealand

Date: Saturday 17th November, 2012
Brisbane

Time: 5:00pm

Venue: Riverglenn Conference Centre,

Gitananda 2012 Committee Members Present

- Dr. Ananda Balayogi Bhavanani;
- 5 New Zealand members and
- 32 Australian members.

Apologies from:

Devidasan, Devaki Kerin, Lesleigh Camm and Kathy O'Sullivan

Agenda Item

Action to be taken/Outcome

Committee Member

		Responsible
1. Current committee members	<p>The only change to the committee will be that Gargi and Janani will share the role of secretary.</p> <p>As a mark of respect the late Sri Bala's name will remain on the website as Advisor.</p>	Website Host
2. Financials (Addendum)	<p>Australia: As of 8th December, 2012 the balance remaining after all expenses related to Ananda's Australian tour have been paid = \$5,441.40. The Association now has the initial funds necessary for deposits and airfare for the next visit.</p>	Devidasan
3. Gitananda Yoga Bank Account update	<p>New Zealand: To enable deposits for the 2012 Brisbane Retreat from our New Zealand members to be made without incurring unnecessary bank charges, Ann-Maree Bukholt opened a NZ bank account. Deposits: \$3000.30; Expenses: \$2985 = Balance \$26.40. This account will remain in place for similar purposes.</p>	Murali & Ann-Marie
4. Membership	<p>Fees will be due on the 1st April and will remain unchanged.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$30 for Associate members. • \$50 for Accredited Gitananda Trained Teachers (those who have done the 6 month intensive course). 	Murali, Janani & Gargi
5. Outstanding Costs	<p>Dr. Ananda was reimbursed \$521.00 for website and visa costs paid on behalf of the Australian Gitananda Association for 2012.</p>	Murali

6. **Newsletter** Canadian member Jennifer Dany Aubé designed and produced an outstanding quarterly, online, newsletter for the benefit of all Gitananda members internationally. Jennifer, Murali, Janani & Gargi
- Dr. Ananda praised Jennifer's work and commented on the superb quality of the newsletter and on the excellent articles including those submitted by Dr. Jonn Mumford (Australia), Yogacharya Rajudev (USA) and Dr. Alan Davis (UK), which featured in the recent edition. He urged those present to consider contributing items of interest to the next edition, to help bring the growing, global Gitananda community together.
- At a local level, it was decided that the secretaries should continue to send out a periodic one page newsletter to keep the Australian members informed about local news and events.
7. **Yoga Life Magazine** Dr. Ananda mentioned that the new PayPal system (Yognat 2001) is working well, and is making accounting purpose much easier when used for subscriptions to Yoga Life Murali
- <http://www.theyogatutor.com/icyer-books/yoga-life-international> Members may continue to send subscriptions or donations to Murali (payable to "Gitananda Yoga") if they prefer.
8. **Gitananda Yoga Retreat, Australia** It was proposed that Dr. Ananda be invited back in 2014; an offer he was delighted to accept on a proviso basis. Various venues were discussed and a New Zealand retreat was suggested and welcomed by those present. Murali and Ann-Marie
9. **Visit to Ananda Ashram, India** Dr. Ananda has confirmed suitable dates for a visit to ICYER as 6-16th September 2013; this is to coincide with Ammaji's 70th Birthday celebration on the 13th Murali

September. Expressions of interests for this tour will be requested from members early in 2013.

10. DVD's

Dr. Ananda would like all members who have purchased his DVD's to write a small review for the website to help promote them. He also encouraged members to view the YouTube video clips of the DVD's and "LIKE" them or write an online comment. All members

11. Website Host

- Committee Members list for 2013 to be updated website Website Host, India
- Website Host will direct Secretary Items to both Janani and Gargi.
- Website Host to update current "Accredited Members" addresses.
- Suggestion to include "AUM" chanting loop on entry to the website.

The meeting concluded: 6:05pm.

Minutes typed up by Gargi 27th November, 2012 –

Amended and addendum added by Murali & Margo 8th December, 2012.

Addendum: During Dr. Ananda's recent tour a total of \$587.00 was received in donations from our members. On Behalf of Amma and Dr. Ananda the committee thanks those members who contributed so generously. All money collected in donations is currently being directed towards the building of the New City Centre in Pondicherry. On behalf of members, we have asked Dr. Ananda whether it is possible for us to be given regular reports/photos/updates on the progress of the building and money required to finish construction. This would enable us all to set targets so that a concerted effort can be made to encourage fund-raising donations to achieve the final goal of completing the building by a certain date.



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