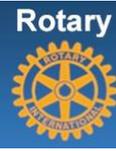




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Unusual Circumstances

Due to difficulties being encountered with the ITHF website, most members did not receive a copy of the July 2020 edition of Connections.

The website issues have also meant that the requests for articles for the October 2020 issue were not made as is normally the case. Nonetheless, it is important that ITHF remain in contact with its members. This edition of Connections is more of an update of the administrative matters that happen behind the scenes in ITHF.

The Connections editor has asked at the end of this issue for articles for the January 2021 issue and if you can contribute, please do so.

Taipei Convention

A lot of work is happening at the Rotary International level to ensure that the Taipei Convention goes ahead. Right now, ITHF does not know what decision Rotary will make nor whether the Taiwanese authorities will be willing to allow thousands of people to enter Taiwan given the health risks that might create.

Depending on what happens, ITHF will have a booth in the House of Friendship but this may be a virtual booth, a manned booth, or a hybrid of some sort.

The pre- and post-convention tours have been cancelled. The block booking of hotel accommodation in Taipei by ITHF has been cancelled. If the Taipei Convention goes ahead and you choose to attend, you will need to make your own arrangements in respect of accommodation and sightseeing tours.

There will be an AGM for ITHF in June 2021. If it is possible to hold the AGM in person in Taipei, details will be provided when known. Otherwise, a Zoom or similar arrangement will be made so that the AGM can be held.

Houston Convention

While it seems a long way away, planning is underway to have a pre- and post-convention tour in 2022 when Rotary meets in Houston.

ITHF Annual General Meeting Minutes held on 21st June on Zoom

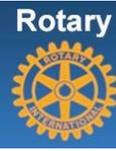
For the benefit of members who for whatever reason could not participate in one of the Zoom AGMs, the minutes of the meeting held on 21st June follow:

Members present

- Aswini Kar, President
- Bala Murthy, President Elect
- Rick Harned, Administrator
- Madu Bishnu, Secretary
- Bobbe Barnes, Treasurer
- Sheila Hart, Immediate Past President
- Ian Holyoake, VP New Zealand
- Pam Gregory, Board member
- Kimberly Carroll, Administrator
- Tony Trumble, Connections Editor
- Susan & James Dunlop, VP
- Vicki Douglas, VP
- Carolyn, Zambia, VP South Africa
- Barry Philips, Past President & VP
- Fay Kitto, VP, Australia
- Lesley Goode, VP, Australia
- Alistair & Margaret Marquis, VP, Scotland



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President Aswini welcomed all and mentioned that for the first time a virtual Board meeting is taking place due to COVID-19 which prevented all to travel to Honolulu

Minutes of Annual General Meeting was read out by Secretary Madu Bishnu. Alistair suggested that Minutes and Agenda be sent in advance prior to Annual General Meeting. Tony Trumble suggested it be distributed to all members. Bala Murthy suggested for uploading on the website. Approved by President Elect Bala Murthy, Seconded by VP Ian Holyoake.

Administrator's Report read by Administrator Rick Hared. Approved by Ian Holyoake Seconded by Vicki Douglas.

Treasurer's Report read out by Administrator Rick Hared. Approved by Rick Hared. Seconded by Barry Philips. Web Master's Report read out by Administrator Rick Hared. Approved by Rick Hared. Seconded by Tony Trumble

Connection Editor's Report read out by Tony Trumble. Approved by Barry Philips. Seconded by Bala Murthy

Facebook Editor's Report - Not received

Membership Director's Report read out by PE Bala Murthy. Alistair suggested a Presentation be available on the website or to all members. Administrator Rick said that the Presentation can be uploaded on the website. Approved by Ian Holyoake. Seconded by Alistair Marquis.

Bala Murthy suggested that all DG's be emailed to say that if an ITHF member could be invited as a Speaker in various

Club and District programs thus spreading the word on ITHF.

Tour Committee Report was read out by Administrator Rick Hared. President Aswini suggested to have Volunteers as Coordinators to promote ITHF. He mentioned about 3 vacancies on VP post. He asked for volunteers for those posts from those areas. Aswini appreciated the excellent work by Administrator Rick for ITHF. He appreciated the work of Treasurer Bobby. Aswini also mentioned that Kimberly Carroll is the new Administrator from 1st July 2020. Sarah from Kenya would like to be a Coordinator for District 9212 and Mahesh would like to be volunteer for District 3292.

Administrator Rick mentioned that ITHF has its own Zoom meeting account and ITHFers can use for their own area meeting.

PE Bala Murthy suggested that if Sarah & Mahesh can share their ideas how ITHF can be spread in their areas

PE Bala Murthy offered the formal vote of thanks to All

There being no other matter the meeting was adjourned.

ITHF Board Meeting Minutes held on 20th June on Zoom

Members present

- Aswini Kar, President
- Bala Murthy, President Elect
- Rick Hared, Administrator
- Madu Bishnu, Secretary
- Bobbe Barnes, Treasurer



- Sheila Hart, Immediate Past President
- Ian Holyoake, Board member
- Roberta Simonton, Board member
- Tess Navarro, Board member
- Pam Gregory, Board member
- Kimberly Carroll, Administrator

President Aswini welcomed all and mentioned that for the first time a virtual Board meeting is taking place due to COVID-19 which prevented all to travel to Honolulu.

Confirmation of last Meetings Minutes held in Hamburg in 2019 June was read and confirmed by all. Approved by Sheila Hart, Seconded by Rick Harned

Introduction of the new Administrator Reports by ITHF Officers - Administrator's Report - Rick Harned read out. Approved by Roberta, Seconded by Sheila Hart

President Aswini Kar praised Administrator Rick Harned for his excellent contribution towards the Fellowship. President Elect Bala Murthy appreciated all

Secretary's Report would be submitted in due course as reported by Madu Bishnu

Treasurer's Report - read out by Administrator Rick Harned. Approved by Bala Murthy, Seconded by Sheila Hart

Webmaster's Report - read out by Administrator Rick Harned. Approved by Bala Murthy, Seconded by Ian.

The honorarium to pay Roger Siddle would be decided on at a later date. President Aswini appreciated the excellent contribution by Roger Siddle.

Membership Report - read out by President Elect Bala Murthy. The report was an excellent one and all appreciated. Treasurer Bobbe Barnes suggested to have more Zoom meetings July onwards. Have ITHF members make presentations.

President Elect Bala appreciated the idea of monthly or bimonthly Zoom meeting.

Rick Harned suggested to have E Clubs or Passport Clubs to invite at the ITHF Zoom meeting.

President Aswini suggested if travel videos can be prepared and shared during the Zoom meeting.

Administrator Rick Harned mentioned that small videos are already there for Taiwan and on YouTube.

Membership report Approved by Pam, Seconded by Bobbe Barnes

Tour Committee Report - read out by Sheila Hart. Sheila Hart mentioned that there should be only Pre & Post Convention Tours only. She also mentioned that Steve Yoshida wants to step down but Aswini convinced him to stay until 2021 June. Approved by Bala Murthy, Seconded by Bobbe Barnes

Aswini spoke on more expansion as far as membership is concerned. He also mentioned about ITHF Coordinators in District level and ask Rotarians to volunteer to promote ITHF. He would like more volunteers in Zone Institute and Dist. Conferences. He mentioned about 3 VP vacant positions in West Canada, North East, Alaska.

Aswini spoke on President for 2023-25 and Bala Murthy said that Nominating Committee should decide which Aswini will preside. Rick suggested that July ITHF newsletter can have the announcement. Immediate Past Chair Sheila suggested to do it sometime before President Elect Bala takes over in 2021.

President Aswini spoke about amendment to Bylaws for increase in tenure of Secretary, Treasurer, Administrator. Sheila Hart proposes that if any change to Bylaws should be sent in advance.

There being no other matter the meeting was adjourned. President Aswini thanked All



Request from Editor

Connections relies on you as members of ITHF to provide the articles. I realise that most of us are not going to be able to travel whilst COVID-19 restrictions on movement apply throughout the world. Nonetheless, the restrictions will eventually end and many of us will wish to travel again and meet other members of ITHF and the wider Rotary family.

So as to encourage all of us to travel again when it is possible to do so, if you have travelled in the past year or so and not provided an article on that travel, now is a good time to share your experiences and encourage other members to travel and host when it becomes possible to do so. I hope to send out the next issue in late January 2021. If you are able to contribute an article, including photographs, please send it to me at ithf.trumble@gmail.com by 15 January 2021.

Thank you



Tony Trumble