



## **Asia Pacific Writers & Translators - AGM Minutes - Singaraja, Bali, 23/10/17**

**Nuri Vittachi, Chair of APWT declared the meeting open at 2.26pm.**

**Members in Attendance:** Nury Vittachi, Sanaz Fotouhi, Sally Breen, William L. Gibson, Ingrid Woodrow, Jennifer Mackenzie, Qaisra Sharaz, Bhavna Khelmani, Liz Packer, Neville Sarony, Aygun Ozkan, Eliza Vitri Handayani, Jose Dalisay, June P. Dalisay, Luna Sicat Cle to, David Carlin, Robin Hemley, Kadek Sonia Piscayanti, Randy Bustamante, Ravi Shankar, Julia Prendergast, Antony Dapiran, Kevin Maher, Irawan Gani, Huzaifa H, John McGlynn, Gabor Holch, Sahib Nazari, Dipika Mukherjee, Devi Arumugam, Sreedhevi Iyer, Chris Clark, Sujata Parashar, Rochelle Potkar

**Apologies** noted for Jane Camens, Ian Smith and Mridula Chakraborty.

1. Sanaz Fotouhi director welcomed participants and explained the agenda.
2. A copy of Last year's minutes was circulated and no objections noted.
3. Participants signed a list of attendance.
4. Minutes taken by Qaisra Shahraz

### **5. Resignation of current management committee**

Nuri Vittachi gave a brief update about APWT history. He explained how it was launched in Hong Kong and how connection with Australia has always remained strong. To ensure funding to sustain its work, its base was moved to Australia.

Nuri announced that the current management committee had resigned and a new committee of individuals could stand for elections.

6. Sally Breen as deputy chair explained about funding for Sanaz's post as director. APWT management meetings are held approximately every 2 months and it was an official requirement to attend. Sally explained the importance of developing an active and committed management committee moving forward especially regarding the contribution of funding sources

### **6. Advisory Board**

With members attending the meeting- Jose Dalisay, Tim Tomlinson, Robin Hemley and Qaisra Shahraz, Sally Breen explained the difference between the roles of the advisory board and the management committee. She said that Advisory board are only consulted when needed.

## **7. New Management committee**

Chair - Sally Breen nominated as new chair by, Nuri who formally resigned from his Chair role. Neville seconded it.

Ingrid Woodrow nominated as secretary, Jane Camens had resigned

Sahib Nazari nominated as treasurer, Ian Smith as resigned

Other new management committee members nominated - Kevin Mayer, Gabor Holch, Julia Prendergast, Ravi Shankar, Johnathon Morley, Bhavna Khelmani, William Gibson

## **8. Future conferences**

Sally Breen shared the details of future APWT conferences

2018 – Gold Coast, Australia. Griffith University hosting it.

2019- Macau

2020 - India

Sally Breen and Nuri Vittachi asked if anyone wanted to nominate their university to host future conference and called for feedback and ideas relating to the Bali Conference either in the meeting or as correspondence.

Sally thanked Ganesha University for hosting and their wonderful hospitality

## **9. Funding for APWT**

Sanaz Fotouhi talked through some of the financials and explained how APWT had benefited from funding from 5 Australia universities (Australian National University, Griffith University, RMIT University, UNSW and UTS) for up to 3 years.

2 grants from Australia government were received and the Australia Council for the Arts supported the participation of a diverse range of writers at the conference.

Asean Council- also funded three Indonesian writers to take part and come to Bali and attend the Gold Coast conference

## **8. APWT Membership**

Sanaz explained that registrations had increased – APWT had almost 200 registrations from international and local writers and over 12,000 dollars in registration totals

## **AOB**

Neville expressed appreciation for Nuri and Jane 's excellent work for getting the APWT to its current marvellous position and that Sally and Sanaz had done well in the transition and would do tremendously well in the future.

Nuri Vittachi shared information that Asia has over taken the west in creative industries. Asia is now the biggest publishing market.

**Nuri Vittachi formally closed the meeting at 2.51pm.**