

April 27, 2011

Dear Members of IYASCUS,

The New Board of 2011 was seated with the old Board of Directors in February, and over the weekend of March 26th, we had our first official meeting.

Our first act as a Board of Directors was to provide a grant to Edwin Bryant for purchase of a special recording device to enable him to put his insightful lectures on ihanuman.com. Edwin has been a professor and scholar of classical Indian philosophy for over a decade. While he has a formal position at Rutgers University, he actively serves the wider yoga community by conducting philosophy lectures for yoga students. Many of us have had the pleasure of receiving his great wisdom on the [Yoga Sutras of Patanjali](#), the [Bhagavad Gita](#), and the [Bhagavata Purana](#). We are proud to have sponsored Edwin in his efforts to bring Yoga philosophy to our membership and beyond, through the coming digital downloads at [ihanuman](http://ihanuman.com).

Our purpose is to serve you, the members, and to promote Iyengar Yoga in this South Central region of the United States. As I see it, our main goals as a Board of Directors are to maintain the instruments already in place to serve you; to build up our membership base; and to cultivate community. Through the hard work of previous Boards, we have an IYASCUS website (IYASCUS.org); a Facebook page, a newsletter, and a scholarship fund.

Our website offers information about membership and events in our region. People in the IYASCUS community can connect on FB and learn about sequences from Pune. The newsletter has offered articles about yoga asana, philosophy, and events. We are still seeking a newsletter editor for this term, so if you know anyone who wants that position, have them contact me. Finally, the scholarships we offer exceed the cost of your membership dues. Our scholarships support our members to attend Iyengar yoga workshops in the region. And by supporting regional workshops, we are supporting the member studio owners and teachers that offer them. We hope you'll contact us to post your events or apply for a scholarship. And please, tell your friends practicing Iyengar yoga about the benefits of joining IYASCUS.

Best regards,

Pauline Schloesser
Iyascus President