

Executive Committee

2017 - 2018

Managing Committee

Presidents	Badrunnisa Mahadevan Farah Bangera	98843 48463 80562 79520
Vice Presidents	Usha Jawahar Mahvash Sait	98410 25166 2829 0329 / 98406 24875
Secretaries	Nidhi Kapoor Thadani Anjali Sacheti	4203 0842 / 89390 76660 4206 9726 / 98840 56000
Treasurers	Jeyasree Ravi Manisha Singhee	2432 3334 / 92821 05070 2499 1482 / 98410 35003

Activity Chairpersons

Arts & Handicrafts	Sharmilee Nielsen Caroline Vang Kristensen	94446 86630 89398 08462
Book Discussion	Hemu Ramaiah Gowri Visvanathan	98412 89637 2433 2627 / 98840 68888
Cooking Swapshop	Sheetal Parakh	2836 3123 / 98400 27222
Current Events	Jasmine Kabrajee Sanyukta Gill	2836 1055 / 98407 41900 4210 1513 / 98404 15677
Health & Ecology	Tulsi Reddy Shobha Jesudasan	2827 4169 / 98401 70863 2447 4650 / 98400 22610
History, Culture & Tours	Lakshmi Menon Rigmor Ekstrand	2621 6213 / 98404 41623 95000 31499
Music & Performing Arts	Sadiya Khaleel Masako Maruyama	98840 50686 90436 10866
Philosophy & Religion	Ritu Sahi Catherine Reddy	2819 0799 / 93828 81478 73583 87519

Founder Members

Nirmal Seshadri Lakshmi Padmanabhan Nancy Dean
Saroja Ramamrutham Anneliese Hazari Sunita Shahaney
Reva Singh

Former Presidents

1986 - 1988	Nirmal Seshadri	Nancy Dean
1988 - 1990	Vanitha Mudaliar	Barbara Clarkson
1990 - 1991	Sunita Shahaney	Janet Picken
1991 - 1992	Nirmal Mirza	Stina Vasu
1992 - 1993	Malini Vijayaraghavan	Maureen Hudson Murari
1993 - 1994	Nanditha Krishna	Aruna Vijaykumar
1994 - 1995	Lily Madhok	Margaret Sekharan
1995 - 1996	Zubeida Asgarali	Khinthida Lwin
1996 - 1997	Alagu Muthu	Poonam Lalchand
1997 - 1998	Rupa Kadhiresan	Anneliese Hazari
1998 - 1999	Shyla K. Rau	Megan Utley
1999 - 2000	Gayatri Bewoor	Chandrika Chidambaram
2000 - 2001	Javanthi Singaram	Eira Doshi
2001 - 2002	Rani Chada	Seema Sait
2002 - 2003	Kusum Chadda	Meyyammai Murugappan
2003 - 2004	Sushila Natraj	Elaine Wood
2004 - 2005	Vidya Singh	Padma Ashok
2005 - 2006	Princess Naik	Rathi Nilakantan
2006 - 2007	Seema Bhargava	Amulya Rao
2007 - 2008	Kamala Prasad	Raziyeh Sheerazie
2008 - 2009	Rani Ananth	Lynne Connor
2009 - 2010	Shobha Hebbar	Elizabeth Aston
2010 - 2011	Mridula Srinivasan	Uma Ganesan
2011 - 2012	Nina Kothari	Cherry Venkatesan
2012 - 2013	Ramani Reddy	Vijaya Rangarajan
2013 - 2014	Nita Reddy	Priya Asokan
2014 - 2015	Asha Rammohan	Jo Frogbrook
2015 - 2016	Achu Kurian	Malini Krishna
2016 - 2017	Nabila Avais	Jansi Kishore

2^{Mon}	10.00 ^{AM} Managing Committee 11.00 ^{AM} Executive Committee	
2^{Mon}	04.00 ^{PM} Book Discussion	
5^{Thu}	04.00 ^{PM} Book Discussion	
10^{Tue}	10.15 ^{AM} Arts & Handicrafts	
17^{Tue}	10.15 ^{AM} Philosophy & Religion	
19^{Thu}	10.15 ^{AM} Current Events	
26^{Thu}	10.00 ^{AM} Annual General Meeting	
2^{Mon}	10.00 ^{AM} Managing Committee 11.00 ^{AM} Executive Committee Writers Cafe 98, Peters Lane, Royapettah Chennai 600 086	

Meetings hosted by **Usha Jawahar** and **Mahvash Sait**

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From the Presidents

'If my ship sails from sight, it doesn't mean my journey ends, it simply means the river bends.' – Enoch Powell

The 23rd of March brought the curtain down with The Grand Finale. It was an evening filled with 'elements of fun' and Standup Comedienne Anu Menon adding to the mirth & exuberance of this memorable event. A huge thank you to all of you present in making it such an unforgettable evening for all of us.

In keeping with our wellness theme, we were delighted that the Conclaves covering women centric topics were informative, practical and added value to your lives in body, mind & spirit. We sincerely thank everyone and especially our dear members who were instrumental in organizing and in making it a resounding success.

'Some people give time, some money, some their skills and connections, some literally their life's blood. But everyone has something to give.' – Barbara Bush

The encouragement & support that we received from our members was incredibly amazing and truly endorses this thought to be the mainstay of our esteemed organization. The affability, comradeship and inspiration from the membership was an impetus for the wonderful year that we have experienced and one we will cherish forever.

'The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team.' – Phil Jackson

The unstinting teamwork and collaboration from our Managing and Executive Committees was the culmination of all the splendid activities this year. A humungous thank you is in order as they were the best!

The members of the Managing Committee **Usha Jawahar, Mahvash Sait, Nidhi Thadani, Anjali Sacheti, Jeyasree Ravi** and **Manisha Singhee**, who were in the forefront lead through words, attitude and actions. We cannot thank you enough for your part in our journey.

Our Activity Chairpersons, the backbone of IWA, **Sharmilee Nielsen & Caroline Vang Kristensen** (Arts & Handicrafts), **Hemu Ramaiah & Gowri Visvanathan** (Book Discussion), **Sheetal Parakh** (Cooking Swapshop), **Jasmine Kabrajee & Sanyukta Gill** (Current Events), **Tulsi Reddy & Shobha Jesudasan** (Health & Ecology), **Lakshmi**

Menon & Rigmor Ekstrand (History, Culture & Tours), **Sadiya Khaleel & Masako Maruyama** (Music & Performing Arts), **Ritu Sahi & Catherine Reddy** (Philosophy & Religion) gave us their time and energy in bringing interesting meetings of quality, substance and diversity. It takes two words to say thank you but your thoughtfulness will be remembered for a lifetime. Thank you!

We owe our heartfelt gratitude to our Advisory Committee, Music Committee, Membership Committee and Election Committee for their invaluable guidance, encouragement and support and most importantly for being there for us. A special thanks to **Vanitha Mudaliar** for offering her premises to IWA for its registered office and for receiving our mail. A big thank you to **Rani Ananth** for maintaining the IWA blog every month.

We look forward to seeing all of you at the **AGM on Thursday, April 26th**. We request those of you who are unable to attend the AGM to write in advance to the Membership Secretary if you wish to seek leave of absence.

Our hearty congratulations and the very best wishes to the Incoming Managing and Executive Committees.

BADRUNNISA MAHADEVAN

FARAH BANGERA

From the Vice Presidents

It has been a fabulous IWA year filled with exciting meetings and great friendships leaving all of us richer in our experiences. IWA is a unique organization that reflects diversity and friendship and serves as a true melting pot for women from a wide range of cultural backgrounds.

Special thanks to our Presidents Badrunnisa and Farah for their support and guidance, which helped us fulfill our duties as Vice Presidents with ease.

Our heartfelt thanks to the Managing Committee and Activity Chairpersons whose enthusiasm and commitment translated to a year of exciting meetings and camaraderie.

To all our IWA members, a big thanks to you for your endless support and commitment.

USHAJAWAHAR

MAHVASH SAIT

From the Secretaries

It has been a wonderful and rewarding year for us as Secretaries, as we learnt so much and understood better the working of our wonderful organization.

Our first thank you goes out to the members for their understanding and support as we faced challenges with the courier service for newsletters.

Our sincere gratitude towards the Managing and Executive Committees for being prompt, engaging and helpful. We thank the Membership Committee for their untiring help in the process of recruiting new members.

Presidents Badrunnisa and Farah lead us through the year with precision and consideration - making it seem like the year flew by in a smile. Thank you both for always taking all our opinions into account.

Wishing the incoming committee a happy and successful year ahead.

NIDHI THADANI

ANJALI SACHETI

From the Membership Secretary

Please return your renewal forms together with your cheque for the annual membership fee of **Rs 5500/-** made out to **IWA Chennai**. Non Indians can pay cash. This can be done at the AGM, by post or hand delivered to the Secretaries. The closing date for returning completed renewal forms is **30th June 2018**.

To ensure our records are up to date, please complete all sections of the renewal form accurately.

Please tick the appropriate box for sponsorship in the renewal form.

In the case of Non –Indians who are leaving Chennai, please send a letter or email informing us that you will not be renewing your membership. This will enable us to fill your slot with another interested candidate.

All members are reminded that they should inform us in writing or by email if:

- a) They will be absent for the AGM, prior to the AGM.
- b) If they are likely to be absent for a month or more from IWA. This should be done prior to or at the beginning of each long absence.

NIDHI THADANI

From the Treasurers

A message of gratitude to the IWA family. Understanding the working model of IWA, has been an astounding learning experience. Though we belong to the notebook culture, the dedication and enthusiasm is the same as the smartphone folks.

Building events and meet from a smidgen of an idea into a LIVE show took me back to my uniform days. It was an absolute pleasure working with the 2017 – 2018 committees.

A special thanks to our Presiedents Badrunissa Mahadevan and Farah Bangera. The freedom that was extended was indeed a large space and I profusely thank them for the confidence they placed in me.

As always for IWA, I wish the incoming committee a great year ahead.

JEYASREE RAVI

MANISHA SINGHEE

Elections

The Election Committee has submitted its report for election of IWA's office bearers for the year 2018-2019. The voting will be at the following address:

Talking Technology Pvt. Ltd.
857, Poonamallee High Road
Kilpauk, Chennai 600 010

BADRUNNISA MAHADEVAN

FARAH BANGERA

From the Election Committee

Based on the nominations received for candidates for office bearers on the Managing Committee 2018-2019, we are happy to declare that the following members have been elected unopposed to the posts mentioned against each:

	Indian	Non-Indian
President	Usha Jawahar	Mahvash Sait
Vice President		Anjali Sacheti
Secretary		Sanyukta Gill
Treasurer	Tehnaz Bahadurji	Manisha Singhee

Our Congratulations and best wishes to them for a successful term.

Elections will be held for the following posts:

Post	Candidates (In alphabetical order)
Vice President – Indian	Prithika Chary Nidhi Kapoor Thadani
Secretary – Indian	Sadiya Khaleel Jeyasri Ravi

Voting shall take place on **Saturday, 7th April, 2018 from 10 am to 2 pm** at

Talking Technologies Pvt. Ltd.
857, Poonamallee High Road
Kilpauk, Chennai 600 010.

Votes will be counted thereafter and successful candidates for the above two posts will be announced.

- Chairperson :** **Sushi Natraj**
- Members :** **Padma Ashok**
Lalitha Krishnan
Kamala Prasad
Phyllis Stathis
- Ex-Officio :** **Badrunissa Mahadevan**
Farah Bangera

Note: Attendance will be added to your account for 2018-2019.

<h1>2</h1> Mon	<p>04.00 PM E Hotel Express Avenue Mall, Gate 1 Patullos Road Chennai 600 002</p>	
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Born Wild!

Swati Thiyagarajan, is one of India's best known environment journalists. She is the environment editor of NDTV and the content editor of their special programs on the environment, such as Save our Tigers, The Clean Air Campaign, The Greenathon, An awareness program on climate change and Banega Swacch India. Her show Born Wild, is the longest running wildlife conservation show on Television in India. She is the presenter, writer and researcher of this show. She was the first Indian journalist to be invited to be on the jury of the Windscreen Award or the Green Oscars as they are known. She has been awarded the Ramnath Goenka award for best environment reporter, twice for her conservation show. At present she spends her time between India and South Africa and has just authored a book **Born Wild**: journeys into the heart of India and Africa.

We managed to schedule this evening with the author herself during her current stay in Chennai. So join us as Swati takes us through some of her life's experiences along with interesting footage of her encounters and time spent in the wild - exclusively curated for us!

Ladies, it's an evening event so please bring your children along. It may help them explore the possibilities/options to explore their interests.


We thank **Fazeela Nurdeen** for being our day facilitator.

Please note this is an **evening meeting**.

HEMU RAMAIAH

GOWRI VISVANATHAN

Our heartiest congratulations to **Indira Dutt** for having been conferred a **Doctorate** by Saveetha Institute of Medical and Technical Sciences, Chennai, **International Women Achiever Award** and **Kalarathna Award** from the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh.

<h1>5</h1> Thu	<p>04.00 PM The Folly, Amethyst Whites Road Next to Corporation Bank Royapettah, Chennai 600 014</p>	
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Keepers of the Kalachakra....

A seemingly random selection of heads of state are struck down like flies by unnamed killers who work with the clinical efficiency of butchers. Except that they leave no trace of their methods. It is a quietly fearsome tale—this time of men who guard the 'Kalachakra' or The Wheel of Time.

Ashwin Sanghi describes a world of people at war with one another—a boomeranging conflict of faiths that results in acts of such slow and planned human cruelty that they defy human imagination. Caught in the midst of this madness is Vijay Sundaram, a geek scientist who is only dimly aware that the wider sky outside his laboratory is stretched taut and close to being torn apart by forces that he wants simply to have nothing to do with. What he stumbles upon is a primordial clue to a galactic secret that could accelerate the downward spiral of humankind. Trapped and wholly unaware of his actual foe, Vijay races against time to save humanity—and himself.

Keepers of the Kalachakra is a journey that will have you gasping for breath—but one that you cannot abandon till all the pieces of the jigsaw come together.

Author of three bestsellers—The Rozabal Line, Chanakya's Chant and The Krishna Key - Ashwin Sanghi is counted among India's highest-selling English fiction authors. He has also co-authored a crime thriller, Private India, along with James Patterson, the world's highest-selling writer. He was included by Forbes India in their Celebrity India 100 Rankings.

We thank **Alamelu Mangai** for being our day facilitator.

Please note this is an **evening meeting**.

HEMU RAMAIAH

GOWRI VISVANATHAN

10 Tue	<p>10.15 AM E Hotel Express Avenue Mall, Gate 1 Patullos Road Chennai 600 002</p>	
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HeArtbeat conclave, Disability and Art!

Should they be labeled together? Aren't disabled artists, just artists? And do the artists themselves view this label positively?

V.S. Ramana, is the founder of **HeART BEAT Foundation**, a non-profit organisation that supports, promote and assists specially abled young and underprivileged artists, by organising events that generate social awareness, while promoting cultural diversity. He is a Corporate Communications, PR professional, also holds a Diploma in Cartooning from the 'Raye Burns School of Cartooning', Cleveland in USA.

V.S. Ramana will talk about some of the artists of the HeART BEAT Foundation, their struggle and resolve, their art and their Never say die attitude. Art by visiting artists K. Narasimhalu, Suvedha Ganesh and S. Anand will be displayed and there will be an opportunity to interact with the artists themselves.

Please join us for this insightful and interesting talk.

We thank **Thayabae Kakar** for being our day facilitator.

SHARMILEE BACH NIELSEN

CAROLINE VANG KRISTENSEN

Our heartfelt condolences to **Indira Dutt** on the loss of her mother.

17 Tue	<p>10.15 AM E Hotel Express Avenue Mall, Gate 1 Patullos Road Chennai 600 002</p>	
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The Brahma Kumaris: A Meditative Powerhouse in Mount Abu, India

What started out as a small group of spiritually dedicated acolytes under **Prajahita Brahma in 1937**, this self-sufficient community has since expanded to over one million students and 9,000 branches around the world.

Unique to this group is the practice of Raja Yoga meditation. In this fascinating presentation by **Sister B.K. Neelima**, we will learn more about how to utilize this powerful tool to promote grounding and heightened spiritual awareness. She will also delve into the background of the Brahma Kumaris and their relentless pursuit of wisdom and discovery.

We thank **Amita Bhatia** for being our day facilitator.


RITU SAHI

CATHERINE REDDY

We are happy to welcome our new Temporary Indian Member:

Shilpam Kapur - K11

Plot No.9, Door No.4
 IGP/ADGP Apartments
 P.S. Sivaswamy Salai, Mylapore
 Chennai 600 004
 Mobile: +91 88007 30877

19^{Thu}	<p>10.15 AM The Folly, Amethyst Whites Road Next to Corporation Bank Royapettah, Chennai 600 014</p>	
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Sensationalizing News...

We live in a time when a wink makes headlines and “fake news” is a fact!

Sanjay Pinto is a Former Resident Editor - NDTV 24X7, a columnist, an author and an advocate at the Madras High Court.

Having closely worked in the field of media and presently working away from it, our speaker will give us an interesting perspective on newshounds, news consumers and news manipulation.

We thank **Kaety Dalal, Chandra Lulla, Koshu Lalchand, Alagu Muthu** and **Anjana Sunil** for graciously hosting this meeting.

We thank **Rita Lal** for being our day facilitator.

JASMINE KABRAJEE

SANYUKTA GILL

Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the IWA Annual General Meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 26th, 2018** at the following address:

**Smt. Sivagami Pethachi Auditorium
 MCTM School Campus
 179, Luz Church Road
 Mylapore, Chennai 600 004**

REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS: **10.00 a.m.**
AGM commences: 10.45 a.m.

The Agenda for the meeting is as follows:

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| Welcome Address | Farah Bangera |
| Passing of 2017 AGM Minutes
(sent out by mail) | Anjali Sacheti |
| Secretary's Report | Anjali Sacheti |
| Membership Secretary's Report | Nidhi Kapoor Thadani |
| Treasurer's Report | Jeyasree Ravi |
| Adoption of the Audited Accounts
for the year 2017-2018 | |
| Appointment of Auditors for 2018- 2019 | |
| Any Other Business | |
| Remarks by the outgoing President | Badrunnisa Mahadevan |
| Introduction of the Election Committee | Sushi Nataraj |
| Presentation of the New
Managing Committee 2018-2019 | |
| Address by the incoming Presidents | Usha Jawahar &
Mahvash Sait |
| Introduction of the New Executive Committee | |
| Vote of Thanks | Mridula Srinivasan |

Note: Copies of the accounts and reports of the various activities will be available for members.