

NOMINATION PROFILES

Judy Gardner – Nomination as IYTA’s National President

Judy joined IYTA in 1985 when she moved to Rotorua, following encouragement from Mary Shapley (a well-known Rotorua Life Member). For the next 12 years Judy held various positions in the Bay of Plenty/Poverty Bay Branch. During this time she was the Branch Representative on National Executive and President/Treasurer/ or Secretary of the branch. At some times she held at least two positions concurrently.

Judy was a Study and Training Courses tutor from 1995 - 2001; the Courses Coordinator from 2002 – 2006; and tutored again on the 2008 – 2009 Study and Training Course.

By way of background, Judy has been a maths and science Secondary School Teacher, has been a Community Service worker in Rotorua and has been a research technician at Scion (Forest Research) since 1995.

Judy is an experienced and well-qualified Yogi who has taught regularly since 1990.

IYTA’s National Executive invited Judy to become the Acting National President in September 2009 and she has provided very effective and helpful leadership to National Executive and IYTA as a whole since then.

Members who attended the recent April 2010 Convention in Auckland will be aware of Judy’s strong commitment to Yoga and IYTA.

Pam Stainton – Nomination for IYTA Life Membership

Pam Stainton was nominated as a candidate for IYTA Life Membership by the Wellington & Lower North Island Branch in 2009. As required by IYTA’s Rules Book, her nomination was fully considered by National Executive which decided unanimously to support her nomination in this year’s AGM.

Pam has been an IYTA member and branch committee member for more than twenty years in various roles including: committee member 1989 – 2008; secretary 1991 – 1996 & 2003 – 2006; treasurer 1996; co-president 2007; and president in 1998.

Pam is a 1983 IYTA course graduate and her dissertation “The Use of Mandalas” is still kept in the research library for hire.

The Wellington branch committee noted in their nomination that in addition to continuing to teach her own Yoga classes with success, she has generously given her time to assist in a variety of branch roles and was instrumental in helping to host conventions held in Wellington.

“The branch has been privileged to have Pam’s support and expertise. The current committee feels especially privileged to offer our unanimously passed and approved branch committee motion that Pam Stainton be accorded Life Membership of IYTA.”