OSA BOG MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: 10/07/2012

Meeting Location: Conference Call

Recorded By: Sushant Satpathy

MEETING LOCATION

No	Name	Title	Organization	Present
1	Annapurna Pandey	President	OSA	Yes
2	Kuku Das	Vice President	OSA	Yes
3	Leena Mishra	Secretary	OSA	No
4	Sushant Satpathy	Treasurer	OSA	Yes
5	Pramod Mohapatra	President	Southern Chapter	Yes
6	Sujata Nayak	President	OSA – MD/VA	No
7	Arata Tran Rout	President	OSA - Ohio	No
7	Bigyani Das	Past President	OSA	Yes
8	Debashish Panda	President	OSA – Grand Canyon	No
9	Gatikrishna Tripathy	President	OSA- Washington DC	No
10	Nihar Nanda	President	OSA – New England	No
11	Jhara Das	President	OSA - Chicago	No
12	Pitabasa Panda	President	OSA - Michigan	No
13	Prabhat Mohapatra	President	OSA – NYNJ	Yes
14	Radhagobinda Mohanty	President	Ozark - Central	No
15	Sabita Panigrahi	Represtative	CanOSA	Yes
16	Priyadarshan Patra	President	OSA – Pacific Northwest	No
17	Sampurna Mohapatra	President	OSA - SouthEast	Yes
18	Gopal Mohapatra	President	OSA-Southwest	Yes
19	Subodh Samal	President	OSA - NW Chapter	No

Conference Call

MEETING START

Meeting Schedule Start: 8: 30 pm Eastern time

Actual Start Time: 8:40 PM Eastern Time

AGENDA

- Convention Guideline
- OSA Budget
- OSA and Chapter relations and membership benefits
- Odisha Higher Education workshop and open house in Odisha
- OSA Awards committee report

- CanOSA representation
- Miscellaneous

There were changes to the agenda as Ms Leena Mishra was not present.

MEETING DETAILS

President Annapurna Pandey welcomed everyone to the meeting. Sushant Satpathy agreed to take meeting minutes in place of Leena Mishra.

Convention guideline

- Sushant Satpathy informed the team that the convention guideline was sent to the BOG as a google document and was also shared as a word doc. He asked all the members whether they have had time to go through the document. At this point, Bigyani suggested that convention guideline is a very important document and requires a special session to get it discussed and approved by the BOG. The treasurer Sushant Satpathy proposed Oct 21st 5,30 PM (Pacific time) and everybody present agreed to that. Sushant Satpathy would send a formal invitation to BOG members for a special meeting dedicated to discussing the guideline. The members agreed that it will be discussed on 21st of October and will be voted by email.

OSA Budget

- Sushant Satpathy had sent the 2012-2013 budget to BOG for review.
- Since there was no quorum it was decided that the proposal will be sent by email and will be given two weeks for BOG members comments and questions before getting approved by the BOG.

OSA national and chapter relation (Membership Drive / Membership Benefits)

There was a lively discussion regarding "OSA national and chapter relation focused on membership drive" and the concerted effort from the chapters to contribute towards it.

- Prabhat Mohapatra, the President of New jersey chapter suggested that there must be a message from the OSA national for the main events celebrated at the chapter level. Regarding the incentives for Odias to become OSA members, he suggested to give a discount to the members joining OSA, for example, exempting an activity fee for a family and sharing the cost of the activity with OSA. Some members suggested that the chapters making sincere effort to increase the OSA membership must be recognized and awarded. At the OSA national event.

- Sampurna Sravani, brought in the following suggestion " "According to our constitution chapter can't collect a member fee. As a result, members are not committed to the community. Keeping that in mind, my suggestion to the OSA National is to give authority to each chapter to collect an **OSA National Annual fee** (From Non-life members) a part of which will go to

chapter. Chapter should not have any obligations for this collection. By a due date chapter treasurer/office bearer should send a list of member and the total collected amount to the OSA National office bearers to keep a record of annual members".

- Annapurna Pandey requested the members to share
  - BOG minutes to be shared by the chapter President with the chapter members
  - Utkarsa to be shared by the chapter President with the chapter members.
  - OSA Annual report to be shared by the chapter President with the chapter members

Odisha Higher Education workshop and open house in Odisha

There was a request by Sahadev Sahu to schedule both events in the same time frame. OSA-Odisha Higher education workshop and open house combined with the Pravasi Odisha Dibas in Odisha. Date and other details to follow.

OSA award guideline

The vice President Kuku Das reported that As per BOG's suggestion, she has formed an award committee with a team of people. They are Dr. Sukant Mohapatra, Anu Biswal, Manoj K. Mohapatra, Prabhat Mohapatra, Ranjan Dash and Sampurna Srabani, coordinated by Kuku Das. She had provided the existing guidelines and all the observation and suggestion sent by many OSA members to her, to the committee. Dr Sukant Mohapatra had put together a draft for the committee members. She is arranging a conf. call with the committee members on October 13th where they will discuss further. Once the final draft is ready, she'll send it to BOG.

CanOSA representation

- Annapurna Pandey proposed a committee to draft a guideline defining the relationship between CAN OSA and other organizations like CANOSA situated in another country, and OSA. The committee will be led by Sushant Satpathy and he will recruit the members to finalize the document. It will be brought up to the BOG and will be presented at the 2013 GBM for a constitutional amendment.

A report on OCC

Gopal Mohapatra, the President of South West chapter reported that the Odiyas in Houston are working on building an Odisha Cultural Center in Houston. Since OSA needs to establish a physical address and a physical space to house all its documents, Gopal Mohapatra has been working on connecting the OCC members with the OSA

officials. He reported that he has been talking with the OCC memebers and will work on an MOU between OSA and OCC.

Miscellaneous

NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting: Novemebr 4th at 8:30 pm EST / 5 PST
Location: Conference call – phone

Action Items:

- Sushant Satpathy to send request to approve the advance for Convention 2013 for BOG approval (done and approved)
- Sushant Satpathy to send request to approve the OSA 2012-2013 budget for BOG approval (done and approved)