
OSA BOG MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: 01/05/2013

Meeting Location: Conference Call

Recorded By: Leena Mishra

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	Yes
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	Prakash Sahu	President	OSA- Washington DC	Yes
10	Nihar Nanda	President	OSA – New England	Yes
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	Representative	OSA - Canada	No
16	Priyadarshan Patra	President	OSA – Pacific Northwest	No
17	Sampurna Srabani Mohapatra	President	OSA - SouthEast	No
18	Mrutyunjay Pani	President	OSA-Southwest	No
19	Subodh Samal	President	OSA - NW Chapter	No

	Sukant Mohapatra	HE Team	Odisha Development	Yes
	Gyana Patnaik	Convenor	2013-Chicago	Yes

Conference Call

MEETING START

Meeting Schedule Start: 8: 30 pm Eastern time

Actual Start Time: 8:40 PM Eastern Time

AGENDA

- Update on Higher Education Open House at Ravenshaw University, Cuttack

- Convention Update
- Award Guidelines
- OSA Election Update
- Miscellaneous

MEETING DETAILS

President Annapurna Pandey welcomed everyone to the meeting. The meeting was started with the update from Sukant Mohapatra.

Updates on Open House in Odisha.

- About 200 people participated in the open house
- Among the participants were NROFC members, OSA members, Odisha Govt Officials, students, faculties from various U.S universities and faculties from Ravenshaw University, Vice Chancellor of Ravenshaw and Sambalpur University
- Students were primarily from Ravenshaw University
- Odisha Govt took a very active and positive role in organizing the event.
- The HE Committee will review the outcome of the open house and come up with a future plan to make it more effective

Convention Update

Convenor Gyana Patnaik provided the following updates for Convention 2013.

- Convention website is up and running and the registration has started through website.
- Young adults / 2nd generation Odias are participating in various activities.
- Efforts are being made to involve all chapters in the Inauguration program.
- One evening in the convention will be dedicated to the young adults.
- It was suggested to finalize the chief guest and create a highlight of the program to attract people in the early phase.

Award Guidelines

At BOG and OSA members' request, the Award Guidelines Committee has modified the existing guideline. The committee's goal was to come up with a consolidated guideline document for all awards and competitions that includes the nomination, selection, and review processes in a consistent, comprehensive and objective manner. Vice President has sent the modified draft for BOG's review on December 7th, 2012. The BOG approval process has started with this BOG meeting.

BOG members discussed about various changes proposed in the guideline. Considering the volume of the document BOG members have requested to put all the suggested changes in one draft document for quick reference and to send the document with the modified award guidelines draft.

- **Utkalamani Gopabandhu Award:** Some OSA members suggested changing the name of the award or discontinuing the Award. There was a discussion in the BOG and it was decided to go over the history of the award and decide accordingly.
- **Youth Volunteer Award:** Currently the age is between 16-40. It was suggested to change the age limitation of this award to 16-30.

Election Update

Few members of the team found that some dates in the election were incorrect based on the constitution. It was decided to contact the election committee on this and update the dates accordingly.

Miscellaneous

- Simant Mishra is elected as president for Grand Canyon Chapter.
- Debashish Das is elected as president for NorthWest Chapter.
- **Sushant Satpathy discussed the membership promotion proposal currently in circulation and informed that at BOG member's suggestion he is in contact with OSA's general counsel to see the proposal conforms to OSA's current constitution and its BYLAWS.**

MEETING ACTUAL END:

NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting: February 10th at 8:30 pm EST / 5:30 PST

Location: Conference call – phone

Action Items:

- Leena Mishra to contact election officials regarding the election dates (completed)
- Vice President was asked to take a vote on the proposals from the BOG through emails (completed)
- Sushant Satpathy to consult with OSA's general counsel regarding the membership promotion proposal (completed). The proposal was approved and in effect from 12/15/2012 through 6/30/2013.

Membership Promotion Proposal:

To foster a stronger relationship between OSA chapters and OSA National, the OSA Executive Committee and Board of Governors have developed the following award system for any chapters that recruit one or more new life members or 5-year members for OSA National prior to June 30, 2013. In the same spirit, the 2013 Convention Committee can avail the award by recruiting new OSA life members in conjunction with registration for the 2013 Convention.

Our proposal is as follows:

From December 15, 2012, until June 30, 2013, should an OSA chapter recruit new OSA life members who pay the regular life membership fee of \$300, OSA will award \$100 to that chapter for each such new life member.

Similarly, from December 15, 2012, until June 30, 2013, should the 2013 Convention Committee recruit new OSA life members who pay the regular life membership fee of \$300 in conjunction with registering for the 2013 Convention, OSA will award \$100 to the 2013 Convention Committee for each such new life member, provided the Convention Committee uses the \$100/life member award toward that life member's registration fees for the 2013 Convention.

Also, From December 15, 2012, until June 30, 2013, should an OSA chapter recruit new OSA 5-yr members who pay the regular 5-yr membership fee of \$100, OSA will award \$25 to that chapter for each such new life member. The award for 5-yr membership is not applicable for 5-yr membership through convention.

Requirements to Avail the Proposed Award:

1. Membership promotion and recruitment by an OSA chapter is mutually exclusive from membership promotion and recruitment by the 2013 Convention Committee.
2. Aspiring new life members must follow the process of applying for OSA life membership as set forth in Bylaw I of the OSA Constitution. In sum, an applicant must submit the membership form and a check in the amount of \$300 to the OSA Treasurer. In addition, the applicant must set forth his/her intended chapter affiliation. In the event the membership form(s) and fee(s) are collected by the chapter president, the chapter president must send these materials to the OSA Treasurer. However, it is the responsibility of the aspiring life member to ensure that his/her membership application is received by the OSA Treasurer. Please see http://www.orissasociety.org/osaftp01/membership_main.htm for additional information, as well as membership forms.
3. Any chapters successful in obtaining new life members during the relevant period (i.e., prior to June 30, 2013) shall receive an award of \$100 for each such new life member. Any chapters successful in obtaining new 5-yr members during the relevant period (i.e., prior to June 30, 2013) shall receive an award of \$25 for each such new 5-yr member. This award shall be provided from OSA's fiscal year operating budget. Similarly
4. The 2013 Convention Committee may announce a membership drive in its convention

information package. To this end, in the course of announcing the convention registration fee structure, the Convention Committee may offer the option of "Life Membership + Convention Registration".

5. Should the 2013 Convention Committee successfully obtain new life members during the relevant period (i.e., prior to June 30, 2013), it shall receive an award of \$100 for each such new life member, provided the Convention Committee utilizes each \$100 award toward that new life member's registration fees for the 2013 Convention. This award shall be provided from OSA's fiscal year operating budget.

6. For the sake of simplicity, the 2013 Convention Committee must further announce that those individuals becoming life members at the time of registering for the 2013 Convention will obtain their life membership status after the 2013 Convention only. In the alternative, the 2013 Convention Committee may periodically send any new life membership forms and fees it receives to the OSA Treasurer in order for the OSA Treasurer to periodically update the life member list prior to the 2013 Convention (e.g., monthly submission of forms and fees in exchange for monthly updates to the life member list). Should the 2013 Convention Committee elect to follow the latter of these procedures, any details regarding the timing of such periodic updates shall be mutually agreed upon by the OSA Treasurer and 2013 Convention Treasurer, and explicitly set forth in any membership drive materials provided to potential new life members.

NOTE: In accordance with Section 3 of Bylaw III of the OSA Constitution, individuals joining OSA after December 31, 2012, will not be eligible to participate in the 2013 National Election.