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***OSA BOG MEETING***

**MEETING MINUTES**

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Meeting Date: 02/10/2013

Meeting Location: Conference Call

Recorded By: Leena Mishra

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**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	Yes
7	Bigyani Das	Past President	OSA	Yes
8	Simant Misra	President	OSA – Grand Canyon	No
9	Prakash Sahu	President	OSA- Washington DC	Yes
10	Nihar Nanda	President	OSA – New England	No
	Biswa Bhusan Sahu	Vice President	OSA – New England	Yes
11	Jhara Das	President	OSA - Chicago	Yes
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	Yes
16	Priyadarshan Patra	President	OSA – Pacific Northwest	No
17	Sampurna Srabani Mohapatra	President	OSA - SouthEast	No
18	Mrutyunjay Pani	President	OSA-Southwest	No
19	Debasis Das	President	OSA - NW Chapter	Yes

Conference Call

**MEETING START**

Meeting Schedule Start: 8: 30 PM Eastern time

Actual Start Time: 8:40 PM Eastern Time

**AGENDA**

- Convention Update
- Membership Update
- OSA Election Update

- Award Guidelines
- Miscellaneous

## **MEETING DETAILS**

President Annapurna Pandey welcomed everyone to the meeting. Annapurna Pandey requested everyone to visit the new OSA website and check if the contact information of any of the chapter representatives is incorrect.

### **Convention Update**

Chicago Chapter President Jhara Das provided the following updates for Convention 2013.

- Convention website is up and running and the registration has started through website and the numbers are low but expected to pick up
- Efforts are being made to involve all chapters in the Opening Ceremony cultural program.
- One evening in the convention will be dedicated to the young adults. Need contact of young adults from all chapters for coordination

Some BOG members suggested and it was agreed by everyone to send a convention update/convention related communication every 15 days to keep members abreast regarding convention progress.

### **Membership Update**

OSA has introduced a membership card for the life members of the organization. The benefits for the members have been published on the OSA webpage. Initially, it has benefits from various businesses Of Odisha but the plan is to extend this benefit with businesses here in USA/Canada as well.

### **Election Update**

Election officials are working on the election process and requested the members to nominate for the position of the office bearers. It was decided that Secretary Leena Mishra should send a reminder regarding upcoming nomination deadline.

### **Award Guidelines**

- There are couple of decisions regarding Awards Guideline that are inconclusive at this time. It was suggested to take a survey on Utkalamani Gopabandhu Award and Distinguished Odia Award and apply it for 2014 onwards.
- Previously there was only one nomination form for all awards. Now nomination form is separate for each award to capture relevant information per guideline and awards evaluation matrix for each award. There was a discussion regarding limiting Subrina Biswal Performing awards to only Odia language or opening it to other languages while encouraging the Odia performances. It was decided there has to be formal request and evaluation. Jhara Das will follow-up.

- The deadlines for OSA awards are not going to be extended this time. Per Awards Guideline it is March 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Miscellaneous**

- There was a discussion on the proposal of membership promotion .
- Bigyani Das proposed to dispose the amount raised for Rabindra Sahoo. Promod Mohapatra seconded the proposal. The proposal is unanimously accepted.
- Annapurna Pandey brought up the issue that the music produced for the OSA convention ultimately belongs to OSA and requested everyone to work in their chapter to send the inauguration music of convention to OSA. This is a property of OSA. It must be mentioned in every use of the music and it needs to be maintained in OSA archives. This will be incorporated into convention guideline.
- It was suggested to have a house keeping of member email ids every six months.

### **Proposal approved by e-mail:**

**Sushant Satpathy had sent following proposal by e-mail and it was approved on Feb 6<sup>th</sup> 2013 after discussion in the BOG forum.**

“I am proposing to give \$1000 from Odisha Development Fund (ODF) to Vikas Educational Trust (<http://vikas.org.in/>) to carry out the initial feasibility study to establish SPIC MACAY University in Odisha. I have received \$1000 donation towards Odisha Development Fund for this cause. “

### **Details and Background on the proposal:**

What is SPIC MACAY University?

In a nutshell the proposed project envisions catering to a global student body starting with 500 and reaching a strength of 2000 over 5 years in all kinds of classical and folk art forms of local, national and international interest. It will involve raising donations leveraging SPIC MACAY's credentials and network to set up endowments to start and run the University with a total outlay of the order of 100 crores.

How it is different than other institutions?

This will be more in the line of Julliard School (<http://www.juilliard.edu/>) than the existing institutions in the state (Odisha) or country (India) at this time.

What progress has been made?

There were initial discussions with Govt. of Odisha at the highest level with head of SPIC MACAY, Dr. Kiran Seth.

Next Step?

The next step would be to do an initial feasibility study to determine viability of this initiative.

Why Vikas Educational Trust?

This is an organization with reputation and would be responsible for the funds utilization. OSA has worked with them before. Also, this organization distributes hundreds scholarship by NFE (Foundation for Excellence) and NSF (North South Foundation) every year.

MEETING ACTUAL END:

**NEXT MEETING**

Next Meeting: March 3rd at 8:30 pm EST / 5:30 PST

Location: Conference call – phone

**Action Items:**

OSA Convention Music proposal will be approved in next BOG meeting.