
OSA BOG MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: 03/03/2013

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	Simant Mishra	President	OSA – Grand Canyon	No
9	Prakash Sahu	President	OSA- Washington DC	Yes
10	Nihar Nanda	President	OSA – New England	No
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	Yes
15	Sabita Panigrahi	Representative	OSA - Canada	No
16	Sunil Sabat	President	OSA – California	No
17	Priyadarshan Patra	President	OSA – Pacific Northwest	Yes
18	Sampurna Srabani Mohapatra	President	OSA - SouthEast	No
19	Mrutyunjay Pani	President	OSA-Southwest	No
20	Debasis Das	President	OSA - NW Chapter	No

Conference Call

MEETING START

Meeting Schedule Start: 8: 30 pm Eastern time

Actual Start Time: 8:39 PM Eastern Time

AGENDA

- Convention Update
- OSA Election Update
- Treasurer’s Report
- Miscellaneous

- Utkarsa March 2013 issue
- OSANet Communication Protocol
- Constitution Review
- CCO CD production
- Election 2013 issues

MEETING DETAILS

Annapurna Pandey welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Convention Update

Jhara Das and Sushant Satpathy provided following updates for Convention 2013.

- Requested everyone in the BOG to ask their chapter members to register for the convention for better planning.
- At the inquiry of some BOG members regarding oDia cuisine for convention they were informed that Convention Food committee will be working on the menu and any suggestion should be directly sent to the committee.
- The articles for Souvenir are invited in OSANet and email has been sent to individual chapter members through chapter presidents.
- BOG members were requested to provide the contact information of all the young adults from their chapter so that the Convetion Youth committee can contact them to get involved in the youth program.
- BOG members were informed that OSA officials have received a request to invite Dinanath Pathy aguest. OSA national is interested to invite someone who has contributed in the social development in the state. We have reached out to Tulsi Munda, Krishna Mohanty and Shruti Mohapatra to find out about their availability. We are still trying to reach out to Tulsi Munda, Members were given brief overview of the contribution of each individual who are currently under consideration for Lifetime Achievement Award

Election Update

Leena Mishra updated members regarding election.

- Election Committee is working on preparing the Ballots.
- Election committee has received two sets of nominations for each position and they have made the announcement in OSANet.
- It was suggested to ask them to make the candidacy for all the positions separately for Utkarsa.
 - President/ Vice President/

- Secretary
- Treasurer

Treasurer's report

- 2012 Convention Account Statement and Transaction Details were sent out earlier to BOG members.
- OSA Account Statement as of end of Dec 31st will be shared with members in next couple of days.
- 2012 Convention Statement has already been forwarded to OSANet but will be provided along with OSA's end of year Account Statement
- Pacific Northwest chapter was congratulated for making a huge surplus in 2012 convention. The balance amount is equally shared between the chapter and the convention. The account summary will be published in Utkarsa March 2013 issue.

Miscellaneous

Utkarsa

- Utkarsa March 2013 issue is due for this quarter. It is requested to send the Chapter reports to the Utkarsa Editor soon.

Communication protocol / OSA Net Protocol

- There was a suggestion and discussion among the BOG members on keeping a restriction on what can be published in OSANet regarding the election 2013. But it was decided to ask the moderators to be vigilant in case of any personal allegation instead of keeping any restriction.

Constitution Review

Sushant Satpathy provided following updates on constitution review.

- He acknowledged that it is a monumental task.
- At present OSA's general counsel is helping in review and revision of the document. The review has taken into consideration the issues pointed out by BOG members who had reviewed the document before.
- Following are terms of reference for modification of the constitution without changing any of the underlying principles and policy.
 - Review the language and structure of the current constitution
 - remove duplication in different sections
 - leave procedural details out of constitution
 - most of the membership requirements in terms of do's and don'ts will be moved to membership agreement part of membership application
 - clarify membership requirement, rights etc (currently we don't allow people to vote if they have address outside US and Canada)

- changes to chapter rules to allow affiliated organizations from Canada
- the changes won't be marked sentence by sentence from the current constitution

- There was a concern regarding the approval of the complete constitution. Some members suggested the following plan in case we want to move forward with the approval of the completely amended constitution.

Proposed Time line for Approval

- Get it from the legal counselor by 1st April share it with members.
- Give 30 days to members to go through the updated constitution.
- By May 1st collect the opinions of the members and go through another round of review
- And make the changes accordingly and get it ready by July 4th.

2nd Champu Chhanda Odissi CD

Topic of Discussion:

OSA has received a request from Lata Mishra to produce another set of CD for CCO.

The following proposals were received to sustain the award in long term.

- Put the CD in Amazon so that nonmembers of OSA can get benefited from this.
- Since this initiative is towards promoting Odia Culture, it was suggested to contribute \$50 annually from each chapter towards the award of Champu Chhanda.
- Increase the registration fee for the convention and give a CCO CD free to each registrant.

The following decision was made from the discussion-

- OSA Cultural committee should contact Lata Mishra to identify her need and get a detailed proposal and get an electronic voting from the BOG members regarding this.

Election Issue (Conflict of Interest reported by some members)

Current BOG discussed the following scenarios in the current election contest that were brought to the notice of the current administration by some members.

1. Sridhar Rana (Current editor) is a candidate for election 2013.
2. Sabita Panigrahi (representing Canada chapter in BOG) is a candidate for election 2013.

3. Gagan Panigrahi, (spouse of Sabita Panigrahi, a current candidate) is in award committee. 4. Amar Pani is a candidate for election 2013 (his brother Mrutyunjaya Pani is in BOG).

These points were discussed in BOG on March 3rd. By considering all the scenarios, BOG has come up with the following decisions. If anybody has any objection to this decision, please contact BOG through OSA secretary (Leena Mishra) at Secretary@Orissasociety.org / leena_mishra@hotmail.com and they will be discussed in April BOG meeting.

1. Editors have no direct role in the election process. However, we have 2 editors. If the editor Sridhar Rana continues with his candidacy, then editor Julie Acharya Ray will be in charge to bring up the March 2013 issue of Utkarsa.
2. If Sabita Panigrahi continues her candidacy, we would restrict Sabita Panigrahi's access to any sensitive discussion on election. She would be allowed to other OSA related discussions and any announcements about election that would be available to public in OSAnet.
3. Gagan Panigrahi will act in his role as OSA award coordinator since award process is a completely independent process and has no relationship with OSA Election.
4. Mrityunjay Pani will serve in BOG as a regular BOG member. However, OSA constitution prevents 2 members from the same family to be in the BOG and this is not such a situation.
(ARTICLE VI: ELECTION - Section 3)

Note:

[Mrutyunjaya Pani was not present in the meeting and Sabita Panigrahi had excused herself from BOG meeting in advance.]

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS AND RULES OF BUSINESS

Section 4

On any question involving the constitution the By-Laws, or the Rules of Business, the decision of the Board of Governors will be final.

Information Shared with BOG members (This information was shared with BOG in email):

OSA's executives' decision regarding Annual Student Members from 2012 Convention who had paid partial membership Fee:

During 2012 Convention 6- individuals had joined as annual student members and had paid partial membership fees (student membership fee set by Convention Committee was based on past fee structure prior to 2011 Constitution revision) were collected from these members. After membership fees were received and reviewed by OSA treasurer the issue with fees collected and fees required as per rules were discovered. OSA executives discussed and agreed to resolve it by offering 2 options to said annual student members:

Option 1: The student members can pay the difference in the fees and continue to be annual student member and by extension be eligible to participate in 2013 election.

Option 2: They can opt to get a refund of their membership fee and OSA fee and no longer be considered OSA annual members

They were given 2 weeks time to decide and communicate. Either because of their communication or lack thereof OSA refunded the membership fees to 5-individuals and received the balance fee from one individual.

This was communicated to Election Commision by OSA Secretary at that time the decision was taken. So, 5 members who opted out were taken out of the updated voter list provided to EC on March 1st, 2013.

For 2013 convention, students less than 26 years age can register with their parents and are not required to become OSA members to attend the convention. This rule is part of draft Convention Guideline that is under consideration.

Action Items:

- To have the spouses email in DOLA (added, need to request members to update).
- Sushant Satpathy to send OSA Account Statement for review (done)

More discussions to sustain CCO will follow in the next meeting.

MEETING ACTUAL END: 11:30 PM

NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting: April 7th at 8:30 pm EST / 5:30 PST

Location: Conference call – phone