

2012 GBM Minutes
Reported by: Leena Mishra
GENERAL BODY MEETING OF OSA
July 7th, 2012
Auditorium at Bellevue, Seattle
Time: 11.30 AM-1.30PM

Present on the Podium

Dr Annapurna Pandey (President)
Kuku Das (Vice-President)
Leena Mishra: (Secretary)
Sushant Satpathy (Treasurer)
Nick Patnaik (Parliamentarian)
Gopal Mohapatra(Sergeant-at-arms)

Attendance: Around 60 at the start of the meeting and 45 towards the end. There was some inflow and outflow of members in the interim period.

Official in charge of the Floor: Gopal Mohapatra, Chapter President of OSA Southwest chapter and BOG member was handling questions from the floor. **(This minutes is prepared by Leena Mishra, Secretary of OSA and has been communicated to the above members present in the podium and the current officials of OSA).**

Meeting started with the call to order by the sergeant- at-arms, Gopal Mohapatra. He invited the OSA officials to the podium.

President's Report

President Annapurna Pandey presented the agenda of the meeting. She congratulated the convention organizers for a successful convention and thanked the coordinators of the convention as well as various committee members. She also congratulated all the BOG members and other volunteer members for working hard in various OSA initiatives.

Announcement of Election committee for OSA 2013 election:

She announced the election committee members for the Year 2012-13:

Chair: Dr. Haralal Choudhury, Ohio

Members: Dr. Duryodhan Mangaraj, Ohio

Members: Dr. Jaya Narayan Bhuyan, Ohio

The motion was brought by Dhirendra Kar and seconded by Pratap Das and it was approved unanimously.

Adding a 3rd day to Convention

President Annapurna Pandey brought the following proposal to the table.

Convention will be a threeday event and the first day will be a self-sustainable event showcasing Odisha.

There was lots of discussion on the floor regarding this. Annapurna Pandey, Pratap Das, Dhirendra Kar , Amiya Mohanty and Nilambar Biswal clarified the background of the initiative very clearly and some of them mentioned that through this event there will be a cash flow to OSA in near future.

Anjalika Pattanaik raised a concern regarding the tight activities of the convention and mentioned that this might be one more addition to this. But most of the members agreed that it is a positive initiative by OSA and we must move in this direction.

There was motion on the floor on adding a third day convention by Dhirendra Kar and Pratap Das seconded it. A vote was taken on this it was found that 34 members were in favor of this proposal. 6 members opposed the proposal. This proposal was approved by a sizable majority vote at the GBM.

Fiscal Year Clarification

The proposal was to clarify the fiscal year (From July 1st to June 30th) for OSA in Section 4 of the OSA's Constitution.

The motion was brought by Surya Mishra and it was seconded by Pratap Das. The motion was approved unanimously.

Fund Allocation for any emergency situation for OSA

President Annapurna Pandey, suggested allocating 25% of the membership fee that is raised in that year towards any emergency situation. During discussion Mrs.Tiki Mishra from St. Louis, Washington, suggested to allocate \$5000 towards this fund instead of making it contingent upon membership fee. It was clarified during discussion that any use of this fund will be proposed by executives and authorized by BOG for emergency use. Later the fund can be recouped through donations.

The proposal was brought by Dhirendra Kar and seconded by Pratap Das. A vote was taken and it was approved by 35 members in favor and 7 were in opposition.

The following announcements were made by president Annapurna Pandey.

3-member Drama Committee

- Sandip Dasverma – Chair of the Committee
- Member – Priyadarshi Das, California
- Member – Priyadarshan Mohapatra, New Jersey

Legal Counsel

- Esha Bandyopadhyay has kindly agreed to be the legal counsel of OSA.

OSA Website Administrator

- Bikash Panda has kindly agreed to serve as the OSA webmaster.

Next Year Convention

Annapurna Pandey announced that next year convention will be hosted by Chicago Chapter. Manmath Naik invited everyone to attend OSA 2013 convention in Chicago.

Vice-President's Report

Vice President Kuku Das said that OSA takes pride in recognizing and honoring members for their contributions as well as their achievements in different areas of the OSA community and larger society. But most of the times, for various reasons these members stay unacknowledged. She requested in the future all members should make the extra effort to nominate the extraordinary individuals for different categories of awards.

Kuku Das informed that for this year, there was no nomination for any award except Distinguished Odia Award. There were a few nominations for the Distinguished Odia award but the committee of judges did not recommend anyone for the award. OSA executive committee was honor bound to accept their recommendation. As a result, there was no OSA award given this year.

OSA Lifetime Achievement Award:

OSA Lifetime Achievement awards were given to Dr. Sunanda Patnaik for her contribution to Indian Classical Music and to Sri Prafulla Kar for his contribution to Odia Music as a singer, director, composer and lyricist.

- Dr.Sunanda Patnaik
- Sri Prafulla Kar

Various Competition Awards:

Meghna Memorial Award for Creative Writing:

Junior Category: Ayusha Acharya

Senior Category: Ishani Chanda

Samik Singh Kalinga Youth Entrepreneurship Award:

First: Adarsh Patra

Second: Adam Amar Pani

Consolation: Amrut Sarangi, Ricky Pati, & Arvin Mohapatra

Subrina Biswal Award for Performing Arts:

Junior Category:

First: Simoni Mishra

Second: Anshika Rath

Third: Ria Panda

Senior Category:

First: Sanuja Das

Second: Vanani Vasundhara

Third: Sahara Rout & Ankita Mohapatra

Champu Chhanda Odissi:

First: Meghna Nanda

Second: Rathik Murtinty

Third: Ayusha Acharya

All other participants were were given cash prizes.

Pramod Pattnaik Drama Competition:

California

OSA Service Awards

Kuku Das announced recognition awards and few members were recognized for their contribution to OSA.

The awards are listed below:

Bigyani Das (Distinguished Service Leadership Award)
For her invaluable contribution in OSA Affairs

Dr. Jayanarayan Bhuyan (Service Leadership Award)
For Spearheading Membership Drive in OSA

Dr. Amiya Nayak (Service Leadership Award)
For Service and Contribution to OSA- Odisha Development committee

Amulya Das (Service Leadership Award)
Pradeep Sahoo (Service Leadership Award)
Rakesh Patnaik(Service Leadership Award)

(For their Contribution to OSA- Convention 2012)

Manoj Padhi (OSA communication Award)
OSANet Moderator

Bernali Dasverma (Youth Service Leadership Award)
For her leadership in OSA youth activities

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report was presented by Sushant Satpathy. This report was a detailed report of 2011 OSA Convention account and OSA account. The OSA account had all the detailed information about amount collected and spent towards Flood Relief, Odisha development fund and Champu/Chhanda initiative. There were questions from members regarding various funds and convention advance amount (\$2000 or \$10,000) and were addressed by Sushant Satpathy.

Membership

As of May 31st, 2012 more than hundred new permanent members (Benefactor, Life or 5-year members) have joined OSA. Following is the breakdown of those numbers:

- 2 new benefactors
- 82 new life members
- 21 new 5-year members
- 3 upgrades from 5-yr member to Life Member

Also, Sushant Satpathy appealed to members to motivate their adult children to join OSA and be part of OSA that their parents have built over all these years. He requested everyone to work to bring new members to reach the goal of 1000 permanent members (Benefactor, Patron, Life and 5-year members).

Account Status

The balance at the time of transfer was \$95,686.55 and ending balance as of May 31st, 2012 was \$120,916.39. There is an increase of \$25,229.84, out of which \$20,250 should have been transferred to Fixed Deposit/CD. With the establishment of emergency fund with \$5,000 as seed money, now \$15,250 will be added to fixed deposit. Different funds are maintained under separate heading and fund status will be provided as part of account statement. The account statement is attached along with transaction details. (The balances are on cash basis, on accrual basis both the opening and closing balance will be 10K higher on account of convention advance as convention advance is expected to be returned in full).

Over last year 4 members have donated \$1,300 towards rebuilding of OSA fund. We are still reaching out to others who had pledged to help strengthen OSA finances after the unfortunate legal case.

Sitakantha Dash proposed to approve the OSA's financial statement. Pratap Das Seconded the proposal. It was approved unanimously.

(Attached are OSA Account Statement and Detailed Transaction Ledger as presented during GBM)

Secretary's Report

Secretary Leena Mishra summarized the current activities of OSA. The BOG meeting minutes were regularly published in OSA newsletters and in OSANet. It was reported that elections were held in 6 chapters and new representatives were elected to BOG and also all chapters are in valid status as of today.

She welcomed the new OSA Board of Governors:

Mr. Prabhat Mohapatra, president of New York/ New Jersey chapter

Mrs. Jhara Das, President of Chicago Chapter

Mrs. Sujata Nayak, President of the Maryland/ Virginia chapter.

Mr. Pramod Mohapatra, President of the Southern chapter.

Mr. Subodh Samal, President of North West Chapter

Mrs. Sampurna Mohapatra, President of OSA South East chapter

Secretary Leena Mishra announced in GBM that a new chapter, California is formed recently and Kuku Das is going to be in charge of the chapter until she forms an election committee and find a representative for that chapter.

Secretary's report was accepted unanimously. The motion was brought by Sitakantha Dash and Dharendra Kar seconded it.

The GBM ended on a positive note, announcing the next GBM to be in Chicago in July, 2013. One of the elders remarked that "it was one of the most productive and peaceful General Body meetings he had attended during the past several years".