



## **2013 OSA General Body Meeting (“GBM”) Minutes**

**Initial Recordings:** Leena Mishra, Secretary, OSA

**Edited By:** Lalatendu Mohanty, Sushant Satpathy, Nick Patnaik, Esha Bandyopadhyay

**July 6th, 2013**

**Westin, Lombard**

**Time: 9:45 AM-12:00 PM**

### **Agenda:**

- President’s Report
  - Team Achievements
- VP’s Report
  - Award Presentation
- Secretary’s Report
  - Minutes Approval
- Treasurer’s Report
  - Financial Report
- OSA Business
  - Constitution
  - 2014 OSA Convention
  - President-Elect’s Message
- Closing Remarks

### **Present on the Podium:**

- Annapurna Pandey (President)
- Kuku Das (Vice President)
- Leena Mishra (Secretary)
- Sushant Satpathy (Treasurer)
  
- Nick Patnaik, Esq. (Parliamentarian)
- Esha Bandyopadhyay, Esq. (Legal Counsel)
  
- Lalatendu Mohanty (Sergeant-at-Arms)

**Attendance:** 160 members attended the meeting, according to the written sign-up sheet. However, there was some inflow and outflow of members during the meeting.

**Official in Charge of the Floor:** Lalatendu Mohanty - Past President of the New York-New Jersey Chapter - handled questions from the floor. Sridhar Rana and Susanta Routray also assisted on the floor.

Meeting started with the call to order by the Sergeant-at-Arms, Lalatendu Mohanty. He invited the 2011-13 OSA President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and General Counsel, as well as the GBM Parliamentarian, to the podium.

### **President's Report**

President Annapurna Pandey presented the agenda of the meeting. It was also projected on screen for the audience.

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 the BOG members, committee members and other volunteer members for working hard on various OSA initiatives. She outlined the following initiatives that OSA pursued in the past two years:

#### **Achievements During the 2011 -2013 Term**

○ **Humanitarian efforts** connecting OSA with Odisha and Odias worldwide

- Odisha Flood Relief Drive
- K. Seshadri Rao's Case
- UTD Student Case
- Donation to the Red Cross Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund
- Jiban Patra Matter

○ **Organizational achievements**

- **OSA Membership reached over1000 Mark**
  - ~200 life members and 5-year members have joined OSA over the last 2 years, the largest increase in OSA's 44 year history
- **OSA's Finance**
  - Added 70K to OSA's balance sheet – the largest increase in OSA's 44 year history

○ **Conventions in new places**

- OSA 2012 Convention in Seattle (Convention decision was made by the 2009-2011 executives)

- OSA 2013 Convention in Chicago
- OSA 2014 Convention by Ohio chapter to be held after 30 years

### **○ Chapter Relation - Chapter Status Updates**

- South East Chapter reenergized and led by Sampurna Sravani
- North West Chapter reenergized and led by Subodh Samal and now under the leadership of Debasis Das
- New California Chapter

### **○ Other**

- Awards Guidelines revised
- Convention Guidelines drafted
- Local Chapter Guidelines prepared, with intention of developing model chapter guidelines
- Constitution revision completed
- Champu, Chhanda and Odissi initiative (CCO) and 2 sets of CCO CDs produced by OSA
- Odia Language propagation

### **○ Community Outreach**

- OSA supported International Odissi Festival.(supportive role)

### **○ OSA & Odisha**

- OSA Higher Education Opportunity Workshops, Dec 2011 at Utkal University; July 2012 at OSA 2012 in Seattle; Dec 2012 at Ravenshaw University, Cuttack ; and July 4<sup>th</sup> 2013 at OSA Chicago.
- International Buddhist Symposiums at OSA 2012 and OSA 2013
- Connected with Odias across the globe

### **○ Improved communication with members**

- New OSA website
- OSAnet
- OSA membership card
- Monthly BOG meetings
- OSA Quarterly newsletter 'Utkarsa'

### **○ Election 2011-2013 Results**

- Tapan Padhi (President-Elect)
- Sikhanda Satapathy (Vice President-Elect)
- Sabita Panigrahi (Secretary-Elect)
- Prashant Ranabijuli (Treasurer-Elect)

## **Vice President's Report**

Vice President Kuku Das announced and presented awards to various recipients in the following categories:

### **OSA National Awards 2013**

- **Distinguished Odia Award**
  - Uma Ballava Mishra
- **Arun Das memorial Kalashree Award**
  - Birendra Jena
- **Yuva Kala Vikas Award**
  - Ananya Kar
- **Youth Volunteer Award**
  - Anjana Pati
- **OSA Lifetime Achievement Award**
  - Tulasi Munda
- **OSA Leadership Award**
  - Gyana Patnaik
  - Sourjya Kanta Khandai
  - Tarani Mohapatra
  - Manoj Mahapatra
- **OSA Recognition Award**
  - Sam Pitroda
  - Prativa Ray
  - Dinanath Pathy
- **OSA Service Award**
  - Sukanta Mohapatra
  - Esha Bandyopadhyay
  - Nick Patnaik
  - Sridhar Rana
  - Julie Acharya Ray

- Bikash Panda
- Sunil Sabat
  
- **OSA Chapter Service Leadership Award**
  - New York -New Jersey
  - Southern Chapter
  
- **Election Commissioners from Ohio Chapter**
  - Duryodhan Mangaraj
  - Harlal Choudhury
  - Jay Narayan Bhuyan

## **Secretary's Report**

Secretary Leena Mishra mentioned that the BOG meeting minutes are regularly published in the OSA newsletter Utkarsa and on OSANet. They are also published on OSA's website under "Publications". She requested the approval of the minutes of the last GBM which was published in OSANet and in the website. The minutes were considered approved since there was no further question or concern raised on this matter.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Sushant Satpathy noted that the detailed Treasurer's Report had been published on OSANet and in Utkarsa. Amiya Mohanty (Southern Chapter) inquired as to whether the reports have been audited. The Treasurer stated that the account details, including transaction level details, have been regularly published, and the recipients have thereby acted as de facto auditors. The Treasurer further stated that a formal audit has not taken place. However, he referenced the current (2011) Constitution and reminded the General Membership that the incoming executives may create an Audit Committee to do so. Amiya Mohanty suggested an internal audit of OSA accounts in the future.

### **Membership**

#### **OSA reached the goal of having 1000 members.**

~200 permanent and 5-yr members have been added over past 2 years. Following is the breakdown of those numbers as of June 10, 2013:

Membership Category	As of July 2011	As of June 10, 2013	Increase in Permanent & 5-yr Members
Life Members	655	807	152
Benefactors	28	42	14
Patrons	50	51	1
5-Year Members	21	53	32
Total	754	953	199

As of June 10, 2013 there were 986 member families including Annual members compared to 818 as of July, 2011. As of July, 2013 there are more than 1000-member families who are permanent or 5-yr members.

### **2012 Convention Account**

The Treasurer presented the 2012 Convention Account. He commended the efforts of the 2012 Convention Committee for a successful convention and prudent management of finances, resulting in a large surplus. He thanked Amulya Das, Priyadarshan Patra, Rakesh Patnaik, Pradeep Sahoo and Sandip Dasverma for their help in this regard.

03/12/13 Cash Basis

**OSA 2012 Convention Account Statement**

Prepared by Satyakam  
Repurposed by Sushant Satpathy

Convention Income		Convention Expense	
51000 · OSA Convention Income		71000 · OSA Expenses	
51100 · Registration fee	18,540.00	71100 · Operation expenses	5,109.25
51200 · Food Charges	21,500.00	71200 · Facilities and equipments	12,193.81
51300 · Sponsorship	23,260.00	71300 · Cultural, seminar and youth	13,101.60
51400 · Donation	16,243.70	71400 · Awards & prizes (Non-cultural)	3,976.81
51400A · Donation for special purpose	650.00	71500 · Food services	21,564.44
51500 · Advertisement	10,300.00	71600 · Hospitality and guest expenses	4,088.83
51600 & 51700 · Media sale & Vendor Booth	570.50	71700 · Transportation & accommodation	5,639.56
51800 · Discounts and contra-incomes	-995.00	71900 · Other Expenses	700.00
51900 · Other miscellaneous	797.39	<b>Total 71000 · OSA Expenses</b>	<b>66,374.30</b>
<b>Total 51000 · OSA Convention Income</b>	<b>90,866.59</b>	72000 · OSA National refund ( Membership and OSA Fee)	5,060.00
52000 · OSA National Income		73000 · OSA Expense for special program	
52100 · OSA Membership Fee	3,090.00	73100 · Expense for Sunanda Pattnaik	5,598.28
52200 · OSA Convention Fee	2,370.00	73200 · Expense for Trupti Das	1,535.22
52800 · Discounts and Contra-Incomes	-400.00	73300 · Devraj Ellora Patnaik program	3,572.16
<b>Total 52000 · OSA National Income</b>	<b>5,060.00</b>	73400 · Prafull Kar Lifetime Award	2,000.00
53000 · Special fund for invited artists		73500 · Expense for Buddhist Seminar	2,254.07
53100 · Fund for Sunanda Pattnaik	9,600.00	<b>Total 73000 · OSA Expense for special program</b>	<b>14,959.73</b>
53200 · Fund for Trupti Das	1,800.00	Reserve fund (Volunteer Appreciation and others)	502.62
53300 · Devraj - Ellora program	1,850.00	<b>Total Expense and reserve</b>	<b>86,896.65</b>
53400 · Buddhist Heritage & HE Seminar	2,000.00		
53500 · Fund for Prafulla Kar	2,000.00		
<b>Total 53000 · Special fund</b>	<b>17,250.00</b>		
54000 · Matching Programs			
54100 · Volunteer hours matching	11,525.00 *		
54200 · Doantion matching	420.00		
<b>Total 54000 · Matching Programs</b>	<b>11,945.00</b>		
55000 · Investments - Interest, Short-term CD	30.11		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>125,151.70</b>		
<b>Net Surplus</b>	<b>38,255.05</b>		
50% of surplus to OSA National	19,127.53	50% of surplus to PNW Chapter	19,127.53

Convention Treasurer: Pradeep Sahoo  
Convener: Amulya Das  
Chapter President: Priyadarshan Patra

Accepted by Sushant Satpathy, Treasurer , OSA

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## Account Status

The balance at the time of transfer in September 2011 was \$105,686.55, and the ending balance as of May 31st, 2013 was \$187,329.77. There was a net increase of \$81,643.22, including the Jiban Patra Fund. Excluding the Jiban Patra Fund, the net increase was \$69,313.68.

Change in balance from September, 2011 to May, 2012:

Total Balance (as of 05/31/2012)*	\$130,916.39
Total Balance (as of 09/01/2011)	\$105,686.55
Net Increase	\$25,229.84

\* The total balance includes the convention advance.

During this time, we added 105 new members: 82 Life Members, 21 5-year members and 2 Benefactors.

Change in balance from June, 2012 to May, 2013:

Total Balance (as of 05/31/2013)*	\$187,329.77
Total Balance (as of 05/31/2012)	\$130,916.39
Net Increase	\$56,413.38

\* The total balance includes the convention advance and the \$12,329.54 Jiban Patra Fund (which is in the process of disbursement). As of June 10, 2013, OSA has added 89 new members; 71 Life Members; and 18 5-year members. 12 Life Members upgraded to become Benefactors; and four 4 upgraded to become Patrons.

Cumulative change in balance from September, 2011 to May, 2013:

Total Balance (as of 05/31/2013)	\$187,329.77
Total Balance (as of 09/01/2011)	\$105,686.55
Net Increase	\$81,643.22
Jiban Patra Fund	\$12,329.54
Net Increase excluding Jiban Patra Fund	\$69,313.68

Motion to Pass the Treasurer's Report:

Shanti Mishra (New York/New Jersey Chapter) moved to pass the Treasurer's Report. Dharendra Kar (South East Chapter) seconded the proposal. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **OSA Constitution & Bylaws**

GBM attendees were provided with a handout listing proposed additional changes to the draft Constitution & Bylaws that had been circulated to all members via e-mail, and posted on OSANet, on June 6, 2013. This list is attached hereto as Appendix I.

Before the discussion began, Amiya Mohanty (Southern Chapter) suggested that an organization could not revise its constitution unless and until it revoked its existing constitution, and that the 2011 Constitution should be amended, not revised. The Legal Counsel stated that there was no legal basis for this assertion and noted that such concerns had been raised on OSANet and that she had inquired as to the legal basis, if any, but had received no

response. She further noted that the 2013 revision was not a new revision, but a continuation of the revision that occurred in 2011. She reminded the GBM attendees that the 2011 Constitution was ratified despite being a revision, not a collection of amendments, and clarified that the ratification of the 2011 Constitution was a conditional approval, with the understanding that it would require review and revision by legal counsel during the 2011-13 term. Amiya Mohanty responded that Robert's Rules of Order provided the basis for his claim. The Parliamentarian rejected this argument, noting that Robert's Rules of Order provide guidelines on how meetings are to be conducted, not as to how an organization's constitution may be altered.

Bigyani Das (Washington DC Chapter) then asserted that the 2011 Constitution was not a new constitution, but the integration of all the past amendments made to the constitution over the years. The Legal Counsel noted that new items had, in fact, been inserted in the 2011 Constitution, some of which had not specifically been brought to the attention of OSA Members. She further noted that one goal of the 2013 revision was to rectify the prior failure to bring substantive changes to light.

Pitambar Sarangi (New York/New Jersey Chapter) objected that members had not been offered sufficient time to review the 2013 draft. Treasurer Sushant Satpathy provided the time line for the 2013 revision process, i.e., the initial draft, subsequent review by the Constitution Review Committee, and ultimate submission of the revised, BOG-approved draft for member review 30 days prior to the GBM, as required by the 2011 Constitution.

Purna Mishra from AZ asserted that the 2013 revision was superior to any prior draft, and that the membership should move forward with a substantive discussion.

With no additional objection to a discussion of the draft Constitution & Bylaws, the Legal Counsel then provided a chronological summary of the 2013 review process, and discussed each item contained in Appendix I. The Parliamentarian subsequently asked for comments on the items in Appendix I, and on the June 6, 2013, Constitution & Bylaws in general.

### **Regional Drama Festival as an Annual Event (Article IV, Section 2)**

Shanti Mishra (New York/New Jersey Chapter) raised a concern with Item 3 in Appendix I, a clause adding the Regional Drama Festival ("RDF") as an annual OSA event (similar to the Annual Convention). She noted that such a requirement might prove overly burdensome on Local Chapters, and make other OSA initiatives less important. She further urged that OSA should avoid a situation where it would be in violation of the Constitution if it is unable to have an RDF during any given year. The Parliamentarian invited further comments from the membership, and several OSA members spoke in favor of

Item 3, including Sandip Dasverma (Pacific Northwest Chapter) and Pratap Das (Washington DC Chapter).

After additional discussions, the Parliamentarian requested input from the Legal Counsel, who asserted that there were no legal ramifications to excluding Item 3, and requested that the Parliamentarian put the matter to a vote.

A vote was taken on the proposed member-driven addition of the Regional Drama Festival as an annual OSA event in the Constitution.

In favor – 22

Oppose - 33

Abstained – No record

It was determined that Item 3 would be excluded from the 2013 Constitution.

### **Inserting “financial” Before “statement” (Article IX, Section 6)**

OSA Member Pitambar Sarangi (New York/New Jersey Chapter) proposed to amend Item 10 on Appendix I to include the word “financial” before the word “statement” in Article IX, Section 6, such that the relevant clause would read “Failure to provide such *financial* statement in a timely manner may subject the Local Chapter to immediate probation.” The Legal Counsel stated that this addition would not conflict with the rest of the Article, and indicated that she supported the proposed change. The Parliamentarian asked for any comments on the proposal and subsequently requested that the matter be put to a vote. The proposal was adopted without objection.

### **Questions Regarding OSA Investments (Bylaw VI, Section 4, Paragraph 2)**

There was a question on whether the Governing Board has had concerns regarding investment decisions by the Finance Committee in the past five years. Treasurer Sushant Satpathy responded that, to his knowledge, investment decisions have been limited to fixed rate CDs and there has not been disapproval by the Governing Board.

### **Immediate Past President on Executive Committee (Article V, Section 3)**

Lalu Mansinha (Can-OSA) raised an objection to Item 4 of Appendix I, noting that the Immediate Past President (“IPP”) could provide valuable historical knowledge about OSA’s operations after he or she left office. Several OSA Members indicated that they would like to respond. Before opening up the discussion, the Legal Counsel stated that she would clarify this member-driven change. She pointed out that Item 4 relates only to the role of the IPP on the Executive Committee, not the Governing Board. She noted that the regardless of whether Item 4 is incorporated, the IPP would continue to serve on the

Governing Board for two years after leaving office, as has historically been the case for OSA. She further noted that a number of members had raised concern that allowing the IPP to remain a member of the Executive Committee for an additional two years would give the Immediate Past President voting authority for two years more than the term for which he or she was elected. Upon hearing this explanation, Lalu Mansinha withdrew his objection. Barnali Dasverma (California Chapter) subsequently spoke on behalf of the Constitution Review Committee in support of Item 4.

### **General Comments on the Draft Constitution**

Harihar Behera (Canada) questioned whether the revised Constitution would modify the relationship between the Canadian Chapter and OSA by changing the status of the Canadian Chapter to that of an 'Affiliated Organization'. The Legal Counsel clarified that although the April draft of the Constitution included an Article allowing for special relationships with affiliated organizations (*i.e.*, brother or sister organizations that would mutually benefit from collaboration), this clause was removed by the Constitution Review Committee. She further noted that in the June 6, 2013, draft, all Local Chapters are treated the same with respect to member relations, regardless of their geographical location.

Harihar Behera subsequently asserted that there would need to be internal discussion as to the status of the current Canadian Chapter. The Legal Counsel responded that the Constitution sets forth certain requirements that must be met by Local Chapters; as long as Chapters continue to meet those requirements, they retain their Chapter status. However, it is the Chapter's responsibility to ensure that those requirements are met. She further noted that OSA is in the process of developing Model Local Chapter Guidelines to promote uniformity among Chapters.

Harihar Behera also asked whether the 'Voting' and 'Non-voting' member categorization is based on 'permanent residence' of the member. Treasurer Sushant Satpathy explained that it is dependent on the member's residency in the US or Canada, but not dependent on whether someone is a permanent resident of these countries. He mentioned that the April draft used the term 'Permanent Resident', which was subsequently modified to 'resident' in the June 6<sup>th</sup> draft. Additionally, the Treasurer reiterated the Legal Counsel's response regarding Chapter relations.

Tapan Padhi (South-West Chapter) questioned whether Appendix I summarizes all changes to the 2011 Constitution. The Legal Counsel responded that Appendix I was limited to member-driven changes raised during the mandated 30-day review period for the revision. Gagan Panigrahi (Can-OSA) subsequently indicated confusion as to the subject matter of the ongoing discussion, and asserted that there had been insufficient discussion of all changes to the 2011

Constitution. Treasurer Sushant Satpathy reminded the membership that multiple drafts, along with summaries of all substantive changes, had been circulated to the membership in a timely manner, and that it was necessary to establish a finite period of time for review. He further noted that the mandated notice requirements had been met. The Legal Counsel subsequently stated that she had maintained an 'open door' policy with respect to responding to questions and concerns about any and all revisions.

Purna Mishra, AZ then drew attention to the title of Appendix I, "Changes Proposed to the June 6, 2013, Constitution Draft Based on Member Input During the 30-Day Review Period", and stated that there was no reason for confusion as to what was being discussed. He requested that the membership move forward with a vote. Amar Pani (Southern Chapter) reiterated this request, and asserted that the work on the revised Constitution was significant, noteworthy, and ripe for vote.

After there were no more questions or comments regarding the draft Constitution & Bylaws, the Parliamentarian suggested that the June 6, 2013, draft (combined with Appendix I) be put to a vote, with the exception of Item 3 of Appendix I, and with the addition of the word "financial" in Item 10 (as set forth above). A motion to pass was brought to the floor by Dhirendra Kar (South East Chapter), and the motion was seconded by Shanti Mishra (New York/New Jersey Chapter).

The motion was passed with the following majority.

In favor - 58  
Oppose - 0  
Abstain - No record

Though it was noticed that between five and ten members abstained from voting on the draft Constitution, the exact number was not counted.

### **2014 Convention in Ohio**

Dhirendra Kar (South East Chapter) moved that the 2014 Convention be held by the Ohio chapter, and Gagan Panigrahi (Can-OSA) seconded the motion. The motion was passed:

In Favor - 53

Ohio Chapter President Arat Rout, and several members of the Ohio Chapter, came to the podium and invited all OSA members to join them for the 2014 Convention in Ohio.

## **President-Elect's Message**

Tapan Padhi, President 2013-2015, presented his goal of establishing five wings of the OSA - Social, Youth, Senior Citizen, Cultural and Organizational for the next two years, and announced the committee members for his term. He appointed two 2<sup>nd</sup> generation OSA Members for the positions of Legal Counsel and Joint OSA Newsletter Editor. He concluded his speech by declaring his dream of hosting an international Odia Convention in Washington DC in 2015 where the next level of OSA convention will include Organizations of Odia diasporas from around the world. Sabita Panigrahi, Secretary 2013-2015, addressed the audience as well.

### **Editor**

Satya Patnaik (Ohio Chapter) – Editor

Soman Panigrahi (Canada chapter) – Joint Editor

### **Legal Counsel**

Niraj Rath

### **Grievance Hearing Committee**

1)Kuku Das

2)Panchanan Satpathy

3) Surya Mishra

The GBM ended with a vote of thanks from the 2011-2013 OSA officials to the members of OSA.

[Note: The remarks of Bigyani Das and Annapurna Pandey on certain oversight issues are incorporated into this document.]

## Appendix I

### CHANGES PROPOSED TO THE JUNE 6, 2013, CONSTITUTION DRAFT BASED ON MEMBER INPUT DURING THE 30-DAY REVIEW PERIOD

#### 1) Article I

There currently exists language providing for a potential change in the name of our organization. Instead, the language will read 'The name of this organization shall be The **Odisha** Society of the Americas, hereafter referred to as "OSA.'" The incoming Executive Committee will be taking on the responsibility of completing all applicable paperwork to ensure the name change is complete.

#### 2) Article III

The sentence 'The operating address shall be the address of the Treasurer of OSA' will be removed.

#### 3) Article IV, Section 2

This Section already states that the Annual Convention is an OSA annual event. There will be a sentence added to include the Regional Drama Festival as an annual event as well.

#### 4) Article V, Section 3, Paragraph 1

There currently exists a clause stating that the Immediate Past President ("IPP") will remain on the Executive Committee as a voting member for an additional two years following his or her term. This clause will be removed.

#### 5) Article V, Section 3, Paragraph 1 & Bylaw V, Section 5

Article V will be revised to provide that there may be two OSA Newsletter Editors. The defined term will be changed from 'Editor' to 'Editor(s).' Bylaw V, Section 5 will be similarly revised.

#### 6) Article VI, Section 1.

To address a typographical error in the last sentence, the word 'if' will be changed to 'is'. The sentence will read 'If the Executive Committee **is** dissolved, the Governing Board shall be responsible for execution of this Constitution and the Bylaws'.

#### 7) Article IX

The term 'supreme authority' will be removed. The language, which previously read 'Regional local chapters of OSA (hereafter referred to as "Local Chapters") may be established throughout the United States and Canada, and shall operate under **the supreme authority of** OSA', will now read 'Regional local chapters of OSA (hereafter referred to as "Local Chapters") may be established throughout the United States and Canada, and shall operate under OSA'.

#### 8) Article IX, Section 1

There currently exists language stating that 'A proposed Local Chapter's territory should not overlap with that of an existing Local Chapter.' There will now be additional language to clarify the parameters of this restriction. This additional language will read as follows: 'OSA Members requesting formation of a new Local Chapter whose territory would overlap with that of an existing Local Chapter are encouraged to join the existing Local Chapter so that all OSA Members residing in that geographical territory may collectively pursue OSA's underlying goals and benefit from OSA's activities. Should a proposed Local Chapter's

territory overlap with that of other existing Local Chapters, then those existing Local Chapters and the proposed Local Chapter must mutually agree to a redrawing of each Local Chapter's respective geographical territory such that no overlap results after formation of the new Local Chapter.'

9) Article IX, Section 2, Paragraph 2

With respect to the date by which Local Chapter Presidents must notify the OSA Secretary of the identity of Governing Board representatives from their respective Local Chapters, the language currently reads 'It is the responsibility of the Local Chapter President to notify the OSA Secretary of the identity of the Governing Board representative from that Local Chapter **on or before June 30th of the election year.**'

It will now read 'It is the responsibility of the Local Chapter President to notify the OSA Secretary of the identity of the Governing Board representative from that Local Chapter **within thirty (30) days after any election in that Local Chapter.**'

10) Article IX, Section 6

With respect to financial accounting, there currently exists language stating that 'Failure to **report** such **transactions** in a timely manner may subject the Local Chapter to immediate probation.' It will now read 'Failure to **provide** such **statement** in a timely manner may subject the Local Chapter to immediate probation.'

11) Article IX, Section 7

With respect to the minimum family requirement, there currently exists language stating 'For purposes of probation due to a **member deficiency**, the Local Chapter may be reinstated upon submission of a new written request meeting the requirements of Article IX, Section 1 above.' The language will now read 'For purposes of probation due to a **failure to meet the member requirements set forth in Article IX, Section 1 above,** the Local Chapter may be reinstated upon submission of a new written request meeting the requirements of Article IX, Section 1 above.'

12) Article X, Section 1

With respect to how the Constitution & Bylaws may be revised, this section has two references to "written ballots" for purposes of voting on proposed amendments. These references will be changed to "**written or electronic ballots**".

13) Bylaw II, Section 1, Paragraph 1.

There exists language stating that a Local Chapter requesting to host an Annual Convention must first obtain approval from a majority of its members. That language will be removed.

14) Bylaw IV, Section 4, Paragraph 2.

There currently exists language stating that "Ballots shall be counted by the Election Committee **on the second Saturday of May** of the election year." It will now read "Ballots shall be counted by the Election Committee **by no later than the second Saturday of May** of the election year."

15) Bylaw VI, Section 4, Paragraph 2.

With respect to OSA's investments, there will be additional language requiring Governing Board approval for any such investments. The language currently reads 'All such investments shall be at the discretion of the Finance Committee and shall be held in the name of OSA....' It will now read 'All such investments shall be at the discretion of the Finance Committee, **subject to the approval of the Governing Board,** and shall be held in the name of OSA....'