
OSA BOG MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: 06/02/2013

Meeting Location: Conference Call

Recorded By: Leena Mishra

Updated based on Comments from: Sushant Satpathy, Bigyani Das

Edited By: Sushant Satpathy, Esha Bandyopadhyay

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 Mishra	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	Yes
12	Pitabasa Panda	President	OSA - Michigan	No
13	Prabhat Mohapatra	President	OSA – NYNJ	No
14	Radhagobinda Mohanty	President	Ozark - Central	Yes
15	Sabita Panigrahi	Representative(resigned)	OSA - Canada	No
16	Priyadarshan Patra	President	OSA – Pacific Northwest	No
17	Sampurna Srabani Mohapatra	President	OSA - SouthEast	Yes
18	Mrutyunjay Pani	President	OSA-Southwest	Yes
19	Debasis Das	President	OSA - NW Chapter	No

1	Ram Patnaik	Ohio - Columbus	Ohio Chapter	Yes
2	Birendra Jena	Ohio - Cleveland	Member	Yes
3	Duryodhan Mangraj	Ohio - Columbus	Member	Yes
4	Jayanarayan Bhuyan	Ohio - Columbus	Member	Yes
5	Basant Mohapatra	Ohio - Cleveland	Member	Yes
6	Satya Patnaik	Ohio - Columbus	Member	Yes

1	Esha Bandyopadhyay	Legal Counsel	OSA	Yes
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2	Nick Patnaik	Past President/ Legal Counsel	OSA	Yes
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Conference Call

MEETING START

Meeting Schedule Start: 8: 30 pm Eastern time

AGENDA

- Convention Update
- Constitution Review
- Miscellaneous

MEETING DETAILS

The meeting room was filled with the members from the Ohio Chapter who were excited to put forward there proposal to host Convention 2014 in Ohio. OSA officials have received their written proposal earlier in the email.

The meeting started with a warm welcome to the Ohio team by Annapurna Pandey.

Miscellaneous:

Arat Rout took the lead from the Ohio chapter and brought the proposal in front of the BOG members. Everyone in the team was very excited and supported wholeheartedly to convince BOG that Ohio is a great place to host convention 2014 because its long due (not happened for past 30 years) and also because of its geographical preference. It was decided to take the vote on the proposal in the email later. The team left the call after presenting the proposal to the BOG Team.

Convention Update

Jhara Das provided the following updates for Convention 2013.

- Convention website has all the updates for the convention.
- She requested everyone to attend the convention especially those have not yet planned to join.
- All the preparations are going on in full swing.

Constitution Review

Constitution Review: The revised draft constitution, submitted to the Board of Governors by the Constitution Review Committee prior to the meeting, was discussed.

Major Changes

Article IV:

Membership details reorganized and placed in a separate document setting forth rights and responsibilities of OSA members.

Article V:

Major changes from the 2011 (current) constitution:

1. Created new article for Governing Board / Board of Governors.
2. Added General Counsel as one of the additional officers to the EC structure.
3. Moved Officers’ roles and responsibilities, in combination with those of additional appointed officers, to Bylaws.
4. Immediate Past President removed from the Executive Committee..

The discussion and voting for the above points took place in the following manner:

1. No discussion
2. Discussion took place on whether the General Counsel should be a member of the EC. Bigyani Das argued against this proposal. According to her, the General Counsel should be an optional position based on the need of the executives, that person should not be an OSA member, and the position should be appointed by the President and announced without requiring GBM approval. Annapurna Pandey pointed out OSA’s historical inability to find counsel unaffiliated with OSA on a pro bono basis. Esha Bandyopadhyay stated that it was in OSA’s best interests to have a General Counsel playing a more active role, and that much of the work she had undertaken in connection with the Constitution could have been avoided if legal counsel had been involved in a more timely manner.

For (Yes)	Against (No)
Arat Rout	Bigyani Das
Prakash Sahu	
Promod Mohapatra	
Kuku Das	
Annapurna Pandey	
Mrutyunjaya Pani	
Nihar Nanda	
Leena Mishra	
Radhagobinda Mohanty	
Jhara Das	
Sushant Satpathy	
Sampurna Srabani	

For: 11
Against: 1

3. No discussion
4. On the issue of the Immediate Past President remaining in the EC, Sushant Satpathy, Esha Bandyopadhyay, and Nick Patnaik set forth the position and views of the Constitution Review Committee: that the presence of the Immediate Past President might prove burdensome on the new Executives, that the Immediate Past President might stifle change and prohibit progress, and that the allowing the Immediate Past President to remain on the EC would unfairly provide voting power to that

individual beyond the two years for which he or she was elected. Bigyani Das argued against this proposal, stating that the provision allowing the Immediate Past President to remain on the EC had been added in 2011 in response to overwhelming support due to an otherwise lack of effective transfer of historical knowledge. Based on these arguments, a vote was taken on whether the Immediate Past President should remain on the Executive Committee.

For (Yes)	Against (No)
Arat Rout	Leena Mishra
Prakash Sahu	Sushant Satpathy
Promod Mohapatra	
Kuku Das	
Annapurna Pandey	
Mrutyunjaya Pani	
Nihar Nanda	
Bigyani Das	
Radhagobinda Mohanty	
Jhara Das	

For: 10
Against: 2

Article VI:

Major change from the 2011 (current) constitution:

1. Limited the Immediate Past President’s presence on the BOG to one year, instead of two years.

Bigyani Das argued against this proposal on the same basis as that set forth above.

Votes were taken on whether to allow the Immediate Past President to remain on the BOG for two years.

For (Yes)	Against (No)
Arat Rout	Leena Mishra
Prakash Sahu	
Promod Mohapatra	
Kuku Das	
Annapurna Pandey	
Mrutyunjaya Pani	
Nihar Nanda	
Bigyani Das	
Radhagobinda Mohanty	
Sushant Satpathy	
Jhara Das	

For: 11
Against: 1

Article VII:

Major change from the 2011 (current) constitution:

1. Added that if the appointed General Counsel/Legal Advisor is present at the General Body Meeting, and ready, willing, and able to serve as Parliamentarian, he or she shall serve in that capacity.

Bigyani Das argued against this proposal, stating that the President should have the right to choose the parliamentarian and that this should not be a part of the Constitution. She further stated that historically, the General Counsel and Parliamentarian jointly appeared on the podium during the GBM, and that this had made for an effective and smooth process. Annapurna Pandey stated that since the President appoints the General Counsel, the President always has the right to appoint that same person as the Parliamentarian as well, but that this unnecessary restriction should not be made a Constitutional requirement.

A vote was taken, and a majority voted to remove this clause from the draft Constitution.

Article IX:

Major changes from the 2011 (current) constitution:

1. Updated minimum number of members to form a Local Chapter from 15 to 20.
2. Established concept of a BOG-approved model template of guidelines outlining Local Chapters operations.
3. Removed concept of Local Chapter constitutions; limited reference to Chapter guidelines.
4. Removed reference to Local Chapter membership fees; limited reference to event/activity fees.
5. Added that the Secretary of OSA shall periodically provide the Local Chapter President with the names of new Members who reside in the geographic area covered by the Local Chapter.

The discussion and voting for the above points took place in the following manner:

1. All voted to keep the number as 15.
2. All voted for.
3. All voted for.
4. All agreed to address this through Chapter guidelines.
5. All voted for.

Bylaw II:

Major changes from the 2011 (current) constitution:

1. Clarified that convention to be hosted by a chapter.
2. Added Odisha Development Day details from prior amendment.
3. Updated CCO music to include dance

The discussion and voting for the above points took place in the following manner:

1. No discussion.
2. There was discussion as to whether details on Odisha development day should be program-specific. All agreed that, for the sake of consistency with the rest of the Bylaw, the details did not need to be so specific. There was further discussion regarding costs pertaining to Odisha Development Day, and it was decided that there should be language stating that the Host Chapter would not be required to incur costs relating to Odisha Development Day.
3. No discussion.

Bylaw VI:

Major changes from the 2011 (current) constitution:

1. Requires Local Chapter accounts by March 31st.
2. Changed transfer of accounts to Aug 31st (from Aug 15th).
3. Added operating budget % allocation from membership to sustain OSA activities.
4. Clarified expense approval.

The discussion and voting for the above points took place in the following manner:

1. All agreed.
2. All agreed.
3. This discussion was tabled, as there was no time for discussion, and the decrease in attendance was causing quorum problem
4. Not discussed.

E-Voting on the proposals

Dr. Annapurna Devi Pandey Dated 5/17/13

President, OSA

Sub : Proposed 2014 OSA convention in Columbus Ohio

Dear Madam President,

As you know last time Ohio hosted OSA national convention in 1984, almost 30 years back, it is the wish of over 100 Ohio Odia families including few senior citizen and OSA founder members to host 2014 OSA convention in Columbus, Ohio.

Columbus, state capital of Ohio (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Columbus,_Ohio) is in between state's major cities Cleveland, Dayton and Cincinnati and in drive distance from Toronto and many USA states namely : Michigan, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, New York, West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, Georgia, Washington DC, North Carolina, South Carolina, Delaware, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota .

Summer in Columbus is pleasant and many scenic and educational spots around the city would attract the tourist - COSI, Columbus Museum of Arts, Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, Dayton Air Museum to name a few. Lord Jagannath , Lord Balabhadra and Devi Subhadra deities have been part of Columbus Hindu Temple since 2009 and seven days long Rathayatra program is one of the biggest summer event for Indian community here.

It is my honor to propose 2014 OSA convention in Columbus, Ohio. I would request the authorities to bring the proposal in next BOG meeting. If any detailed proposal is required please provide us a template.

Thank you !

Arata Rout

President, OSA Ohio chapter

This proposal was passed in the email with the approval from the following members.

I have received approval on this proposal from the following BOG Members - based on which this proposal is approved and the next convention (Convention 2014) is going to be hosted by the OHIO Chapter in OHIO.

Approved by the following BOG Members.

1. Arat Rout
2. Annapurna Pandey
3. Leena Mishra
4. Sushant Satpathy
5. Sunil Sabat
6. Priya Darshan Patra
7. Promod Mohapatra
8. Simant Misra
9. Nihar Nanda
10. Mrutyunjay Pani
11. Debasis Das
12. Sampurna Srabani
13. Prabhat Mohapatra
14. Bigyani Das
15. Prakash Sahu
16. Jhara Das
17. KuKu Das
18. Radhagobinda Mohanty

Proposal to Approve Constitution and submit it for GBM approval

Attached are the final documents for your approval. Once it is approved by BOG we will be able to submit it to our general members for their comments/suggestions etc. After BOG approval we will still have ways to consider other suggestions, definitely any mistakes and typos etc will be corrected.

Please send your approval in next 24 hrs to give us enough time to send these documents to our general membership before June 6th.

Sushant Satpathy

On behalf of OSA Officials the following response was received from the members.

Approved:

Radha Gobind Mohanty
Mrityunjaya Pani
Sunil Sabat

Prakash Sahoo
Arata Rout
Kuku Das
Sampurna Srabani
Sushant Satpathy
Annapurna Pandey
Prabhat Mohapatra
Debasis Das
Jhara Das
Pramaod Mahapatra
Priyadarshan Patra
Nihar Nanda

Not Approved

Bigyani Das
Simant Misra - received the response much after the voting had concluded.

No response/abstained :

Leena Mishra
Sujata Nayak
Pitabasa Panda

Currently, there is no representation from Canada chapter.

Action Items:

- Leena Mishra to send the OHIO convention proposal to BOG members for their approval in email. – Approved in email.
- Sushant Satpathy to send the proposal for constitution document to the BOG members for their approval – Approved in email

MEETING ACTUAL END: 10:59 PM

NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting: July 4th at Chicago Convention

Location: Physical Meeting