
OSA BOG MEETING
MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: 07/04/2013

Meeting Location: Physical Meeting in Chicago Convention

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Updated By: Sushant Satpathy & Annapurna Pandey

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	No
10	Nihar Nanda	President	OSA – New England	Yes
11	Jhara Das	President	OSA - Chicago	Yes
12	Pitabasa Panda	President	OSA - Michigan	Yes
13	Prabhat Mohapatra	President	OSA – NYNJ	Yes
14	Radhagobinda Mohanty	President	Ozark - Central	Yes
15		Open	OSA - Canada	N/A
16	Priyadarshan Patra	President	OSA – Pacific Northwest	No
17	Sampurna Srabani Mohapatra	President	OSA - SouthEast	No
18	Mrutyunjay Pani	President	OSA-Southwest	Yes
19	Debasis Das	President	OSA - NW Chapter	Yes

1	Sandip Dasverma	PNW Chapter (Representative for PNW chapter)	Member	Yes
2	Dhirendra Kar	OSA – SouthEast(Representative for SE chapter)	Member	Yes
3	Bijay Satpathy	Washington DC(Representative for Washington DC chapter)	Treasurer	Yes
4	Srigopal Mohanty	OSA National – RDF	Member	Yes

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5	Tapan Padhi	OSA National	President Elect	Yes
6	Sabita Panigrahi	OSA National	Secretary Elect	Yes
7	Lalu Mansinha	Canada Chapter	Member	Yes
8	Sitakantha Dash	Northwest Chapter	Past President OSA	Yes

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

Conference Call

MEETING START

Meeting Schedule Start: 8: 00 pm Eastern time

AGENDA

1. RDF discussion

- **Resolution 1:** Every coordinator will have a two year term and it can be extended by another term.
- **Resolution 2:** To cover the whole of USA, we extend the number of coordinator to 5, generally distributed over the country. Two more will be nominated in 2013.
- **Resolution 3:** Chapter Presidents will be in the forefront of RDF. The Presidents will at the beginning of their term, shall nominate a Chapter RDF coordinator, whose only responsibility will be to coordinate with RDF coordinators of the other chapters in the region and decide the location and date of RDF, at least six months in advance. They will be given access to the “Odiadramayahoogroup” for communication between the drama enthusiasts.
- **Resolution 4:** National coordinators will be providing him / her the guidance based on past experience and expertise and contacts. They will assist to get script, sound and other technical advice, which have grown over the years.
- **Resolution 5:** OSA national shall consider enhancing the grants to the organizing chapters upwards from the current \$500.

2. Proposed changes to Constitution based on Member Review/ Feedback Discussion

3. Canada Chapter / Can OSA issue

4. Miscellaneous

- OSA Foundation

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MEETING DETAILS

Since this is the only physical BOG meeting in a year every member of BOG was excited to greet each other in person.

The meeting started with a warm welcome to everyone by Annapurna Pandey.

Miscellaneous:

OSA Foundation

Sitakantha Dash suggested to build an OSA foundation and presented a proposal how it will be helpful for OSA in various ways such as;

- Higher Education
- Rural development
- Lifetime achievement award
- Many more

Annapurna Pandey and others in the room agreed that it is a valuable proposal and it will be passed on to the new executive team. Sitakantha Dash stated that OSA Lifetime Achievement award is going to be sponsored by him on a permanent basis and mentioned that he had submitted a proposal regarding this. It was decided the proposal will be passed on to the new team

Sandip Dasverma said that any structure like OSA Foundation needs to be open and transparent. Sushant Satpathy mentioned that there was a draft proposal he had submitted for Constitution Review Committee's consideration and there were concerns expressed by legal counsel and other committee members. Also there was not enough time to analyze the proposal in detail, so it was tabled for later consideration. After presenting the proposal, Sitakantha Dash left the BOG meeting.

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Sandip Dasverma started the RDF discussion from Resolution 1 as described above. He shared the difficulties in organizing the events and their plan for the next two years. Sri Gopal Mohanty requested the chapter presidents to take responsibilities for the Regional Drama Festival and involve more members from each chapter.

Resolution 3

Some Chapter representatives shared their experience of hosting RDF in local level. They mentioned because of lack of communication between the drama coordinator and chapter representative sometimes it becomes an issue to host the event successfully. Sabita Panigrahi suggested inviting the Drama coordinators to BOG periodically.

Resolution 4

It was also suggested by some members to include the RDF guideline in the Chapter Guideline.

Resolution 5

It was requested to increase the budget for the RDF from \$500 as it is difficult to arrange an event within current seed amount provided by OSA National. . Sushant Satpathy provided the details regarding constraints over last 2 years as there was not enough operational income during 2011-2012 and 2012-2013. Although there was a big surplus from 2012 convention the income could not be factored into 2012-13 budget as it was received in Feb/March of 2013. Kuku Das replied to the concerns shown by Annapurna Pandey and few others by suggesting increasing the seed money but reducing the number of RDFs, that way budget will be balanced. Sushant Satpathy stated that may not be necessary with the changes to constitution where 25% of life

membership and 5-year membership is allocated for promotion of RDF, Odia Language and CCO. He hoped the funding can be increased and RDF numbers will be kept at 4 or less.

No decision was taken on any resolution and it was decided to continue this discussion in the next BOG and brainstorm to improve RDFs reach and viability.

Can OSA / Canada Chapter Issue

There was long discussion on the Canada Chapter issue. The current CANOSA chapter President is not an OSA life member and according to OSA Constitution the chapter representative has to be a life member of OSA. Sushant Satpathy and Annapurna Pandey differently said the issue is not related to OSA's constitution rather the solution needs to come from OSA's Canada members and if it is with CanOSA then from majority of CanOSA members. Esha Bandyopadhyay, General counsel explained that if the condition is not satisfied then the chapter (CanOSA) will not have any representation until the condition is fulfilled. To the question why the specific requirement for Financial Reporting for CanOSA was removed from draft constitution, she clarified that specific rules pertaining to one chapter should not be part of the constitution rather it has been addressed in a generic way where by making it only required of chapters in USA. After some discussion the following was agreed by all:

- Since the present President of CANOSA is not an OSA life member, the BOG members along with the incoming OSA officials will decide the mechanism of representation from Canada chapter.
- It was decided that the CanOSA members will amend their constitution to include the following:
 - The elected chapter representative (Chapter president) has to be a life member of OSA.
 - If CanOSA (Canada Chapter) has any OSA related event it has to submit the financial report to OSA.

Lalu Mansinha of Canada Chapter requested to suspend any action on the constitution change on this matter.

It was agreed by all members that CanOSA (Canada Chapter) is an integral part of the OSA but we need to define the rules and procedures of the relationship between CanOSA (Canada Chapter) and OSA.

Can OSA / Canada Chapter Issue

Esha Bandyopadhyay Dash started the discussion on proposed changes to June 6th, 2013 draft constitution from member feedback that she planned to present during July 6th, 2013 GBM. She had prepared the list of proposed changes and went over the list. Esha , Nick and Sushant answered questions from BOG members present.

The meeting ended with a thank you note from Annapurna Pandey thanking everyone in the room for their participation in the BOG.

Action Items:

- Continue RDF discussion regarding the feasibility study in the next BOG meeting

MEETING ACTUAL END: 10:30 PM

NEXT MEETING