



## **OSA BOG MEETING MINUTES**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Feb 09, 2014 , Sunday</b>
<b>Time:</b>	7:30 PM – 9:00 PM EST
<b>Location:</b>	Conference Call
<b>Presided By</b>	Tapan Padhi
<b>Topic:</b>	Monthly BOG Meeting

### **Invitees/Attendees:**

#	Name	Designation	Chapter	Status
1	Tapan Padhi	President	OSA	Yes
2	Sikhanda Satpathy	Vice President	OSA	Yes
3	Sabita Panigrahi	Secretary	OSA	Yes
4	Prashanta Ranabijuli	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
8	Annapurna Pandey	Past President	OSA	Yes
9	Simant Mishra	President	OSA – Grand Canyon	No
10	Prakash Sahu	President	OSA- Washington DC	Yes
11	Arun Mohanty	President	OSA – New England	Yes
12	Jhara Das	President	OSA - Chicago	Yes
13	Punyatoya Sarangi	President	OSA - Michigan	No
14	Amar Senapati	President	OSA – NYNJ	Yes
15	Radhagobinda Mohanty	President	Ozark - Central	Yes
16	Sunil Sabat	President	California	No
17	Priyadarshan Patra	President	OSA – Pacific Northwest	No
18	Sampurna Srabani	President	OSA - SouthEast	No
19	Mrutyunjay Pani	President	OSA-Southwest	No
20	Debasis Das	President	OSA - NW Chapter	Yes
22	Satya Patnaik	Convener		Yes
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### **Agenda**

#	Description
1	Convention update – Arata Rout/Satya Patnaik – 15 minutes
2	Annual Fundraising Drive discussion – Prakash Sahu - 15 minutes
3	New chapter formation request - Sabita/Prashanta - 10 minutes
4	Phailin fund update - Tapan Padhi - 10 mins
5	Chapter Updates/Round table - All - 15 minutes



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<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Conclusions/Discussions</b>
1	Convention update	Satya Patnaik updated on registration. 132 registrations were done by end of January. Target is minimum 250 registrations according to the budget. Convention committee is in constant touch with chapter presidents and representatives to promote the event. Cultural Committee is working almost every day on planning cultural programs. Their goal is to involve more participants. The process has already been started to bring invited artists. He mentioned that even though Ohio is a small chapter, it took the charge of hosting the convention and work is progressing well due to hard work of volunteers. He also mentioned that if it is successful, then it will be a new trend for OSA where instead of just large chapters, small chapters will also come forward to take the charge. He requested all chapters lend a helping hand. Tapan Padhi asked to work on symposium and seminars. Radhagobinda Mohanty requested Satya Patnaik to arrange to update the website soon since people have already started looking for it.
2	Annual fund raising Drive	Prakash Sahu reminded that he has sent the proposal earlier on Annual Fund raising drive. He requested BOG members should put a thought on it. Treasurer explained that OSA has two accounts. Primary one is purely for operational purpose. The secondary account is being used for fund raising. Tapan Padhi suggested that all the BOG members should review the proposal and give the feedback. Once the BOG approves it in principle, it can be taken to AGM for approval. Annapurna Pandey appreciated Prakash Sahu's effort and mentioned that his proposal outlines the reason and benefits of Annual OSA fund relief drive. As per Sikhanda's suggestion, a committee was formed consisting of Prashanta Ranabijuli, Pramod Mahapatra and Prakash Sahu for this purpose. It was decided that by April BOG meeting, this committee will study Prakash Sahu's proposal, develop the mechanism, come up with a solid proposal for approval and look into whether functionally any amendment to constitution is needed.
3	New Chapter	Sabita Panigrahi informed that a request has been submitted on 24 <sup>th</sup> of January to BOG from Rocky Mountain area for the formation of a new chapter. Sabita mentioned that Grand Canyon chapter has verbally given the consent. BOG approved the formation of Rocky Mountain chapter upon condition that the new chapter does not overlap with Grand Canyon chapter and Grand Canyon chapter president gives written consent. Sabita will follow up with Grand Canyon chapter.
4	Phailin Relief Fundraising	Tapan Padhi mentioned that the money has gone to Chief Minister relief fund. A committee led by Nishikant Sahu has been formed to look into the proposal where the money will be used to build library cum shelter. BOG members asked how OSA will select the area. Tapam mentioned that the committee is going to propose that.



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5	Round table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- BOG approved that the next meeting will be done on 2<sup>nd</sup> of March since secretary and treasurer will be out of country during 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday.</li> <li>- Radhagobinda Mohanty updated that his chapter is celebrating Saraswati Puja.</li> <li>- Amar Senapati updated that around 80 families attended Saraswati Puja and it was a very positive response for the convention. Around 20 families are interested to go to the convention. He also mentioned that he sent some questions to Tapan regarding Phailin.</li> <li>- Arun Mohanty updated that they had Saraswati Puja and he is trying to get more membership.</li> <li>- Annapurna Pandey asked about the program on Odia speech for children. Sikhanda mentioned that it is still continuing. Amar mentioned that he was told that it was only for Ganesh Puja. Sikhanda clarified that it can be at any time.</li> <li>- Annapurna shared the news that she is taking under graduate students from Univ of California to Odisha to learn about its culture. She was asking if any Odia students will be interested. Some BOG members appreciated the work.</li> <li>- Pramod Mahapatra updated that they had Saraswati Puja and he also mentioned that Rath Yatra is conflicting with last day of OSA convention. Some BOG members expressed that it was an on-going issue. A few BOG members suggested to add it as an item to discuss convention time conflicting with Rath Yatra.</li> <li>- Arata Rout updated that their chapter is working on convention. They are going to attend Michigan regional drama festival.</li> <li>- Prakash Sahu updated that they had Saraswati Puja and they are planning for Regional drama festival.</li> <li>- Sikhanda updated that award committee formation is in progress and soon it will be circulated. He requested all BOG members to think ahead and encourage members to nominate best people in each category.</li> <li>- Pramod asked whether executive found out how to evaluate instrumental in CCO. Sabita mentioned that she has consulted some knowledgeable people in that area and there was no issue. Pramod requested to update the website to include instrumental as it was already decided in the past. Sikhanda will follow up with it to update the website.</li> <li>- Tapan Padhi appreciated every one's time to attend the BOG meeting.</li> </ul>

### **Next Meeting**

**BOG Meeting has been scheduled to be on Sunday, 02 Mar, 2014 at 7:30PM EST.**

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