



## **OSA BOG MEETING MINUTES**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Aug 17, 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	No
8	Annapurna Pandey	Past President	OSA	No
9	Simant Mishra	President	OSA – Grand Canyon	No
10	Prakash Sahu/Bijay Satpathy	President	OSA- Washington DC	Yes
11	Arun Mohanty	President	OSA – New England	No
12	Jhara Das	President	OSA - Chicago	No
13	Punyatoya Sarangi	President	OSA - Michigan	No
14	Amar Senapati	President	OSA – NYNJ	Yes
15	Radhagobinda Mohanty	President	Ozark - Central	No
16	Sunil Sabat	President	California	Yes
17	Priyadarshan Patra	President	OSA – Pacific Northwest	No
18	Sakti Singh	President	OSA - SouthEast	No
19	Siddharth Behera	President	OSA-Southwest	No
20	Debasis Das	President	OSA - NW Chapter	No
22	Satya Patnaik	Editor		No
23	Sadhu Behera	President	OSA - Rocky Mountain	No
24	Abani Pattanaik	President	CANOSA	No
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### **Agenda**

#	Description
1	Membership upgrade clarification in Statement of Rights
2	Add US dollar in Membership form
3	Membership drive idea
4	Round table - All



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<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Conclusions/Discussions</b>
		Due to Janmastami celebration, some BOG members couldn't attend the meeting.
1	Membership upgrade clarification	<p>Prashanta explained the reason for updating the Statement of rights. He mentioned that he has already sent it in OSAForYou. The membership upgrade clarification needs to go into "Statement of Rights", section 4.</p> <p>4.4 A member can upgrade his/her membership by paying the difference of prevailing fees for the membership levels, at the time of upgrade request. For example, if the prevailing fee for 5yr member is X and for Life Member it is Y, a member can upgrade from 5yr level to Life Member level by paying Y - X.</p> <p>Sikhanda mentioned that as it is a modification to the membership statements of rights, it needs BOG's approval. This document is owned by BOG. Prashanta brought the proposal and seconded by Sabita. It was approved by the attendees and it will be circulated in OSAForYou to get approvals from rest of the BOG members via email.</p>
2	Add US Dollar in membership form	<p>Statement of Rights points to Membership form for fees. That means the US Dollar clarification should go into the Membership form. In the form, we should mention "Membership Fees in US Dollar" instead of just "Membership Fees".</p> <p>Prashanta brought the motion and it was seconded by Sabita. It was approved by the attendees. After it is approved by the rest of the BOG members via email, it will be updated in the website.</p>
3	Membership drive idea	<p>Prashanta talked about membership drive. He suggested that we may encourage non-members to become 5-year members with a reduced amount to decrease the barrier. BOG members discussed on this topic. Pramod Mohapatra mentioned that it is a slow process and he suggested that we need to concentrate on quality than quantity. We also need to think long term. Tapan explained that membership is the strength of the organization. He requested BOG members to put some thought on increasing the membership and ask non-members. Amar Senapati mentioned that people didn't have a great feeling about in newer generation. But things are changing and non-members are interested to become members and we have to have more patience. He also mentioned that he would ask in a survey whether non-members are willing to become 5-yr members.</p>
4	Round table	<p>Pramod showed his unhappiness for not including instrumental in OCC competition during convention just because one senior member opposed it. Sunil Sabat gave his opinion that local team should have clarified it before the competition. Tapan assured that EC will take this issue and would clarify it. He also mentioned that some non-members attended the convention without paying the OSA membership fee for which we need to be careful in future.</p>

### **Next Meeting**

**BOG Meeting has been scheduled to be on Sunday, 14 September, 2014 at 7:30PM EST.**

Any questions or comments please send an e-mail to [sabitapanigrahi@rogers.com](mailto:sabitapanigrahi@rogers.com) or [secretary@orissasociety.org](mailto:secretary@orissasociety.org)