



## **OSA BOG MEETING MINUTES**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>December 07, 2014 , Sunday</b>
<b>Time:</b>	7:30 PM – 9:00 PM EST
<b>Location:</b>	Conference Call
<b>Presided By</b>	Sabita Panigrahi
<b>Topic:</b>	Monthly BOG Meeting

### **Invitees/Attendees:**

#	Name	Designation	Chapter	Status
1	Tapan Padhi	President	OSA	No
2	Sikhanda Satpathy	Vice President	OSA	No
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	Anil Patnaik	President	OSA - Ohio	Yes
8	Annapurna Pandey	Past President	OSA	No
9	Simant Mishra	President	OSA – Grand Canyon	No
10	Bimal Mishra	President	OSA- Washington DC	No
11	Arun Mohanty	President	OSA – New England	Yes
12	Jhara Das	President	OSA - Chicago	Yes
13	Punyatoya Sarangi	President	OSA - Michigan	Yes
14	Amar Senapati/Subashish	President	OSA – NYNJ	Yes
15	Radhagobinda Mohanty	President	Ozark - Central	No
16	Sunil Sabat	President	California	No
17	Priyadarshan Patra	President	OSA – Pacific Northwest	No
18	Sakti Singh	President	OSA - SouthEast	Yes
19	Siddharth Behera	President	OSA-Southwest	Yes
20	Debasis Das	President	OSA - NW Chapter	No
22	Satya Patnaik	Editor		No
23	Sadhu Behera	President	OSA - Rocky Mountain	No
24	Abani Pattanaik/Sunanda Panda	President	CANOSA	Yes
25	Pratap Das	2015 Convener		No
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### **Agenda**

#	Description
	Agenda items: 1. Inactive chapters 2. Registering OSA in Canada 3. Round table



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<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Conclusions/Discussions</b>
1	Inactive chapters	<p>Sabita Panigrahi mentioned that some chapters representatives are either inactive or some chapters don't elect/select their new president/representative. For example, Pacific North West chapter has not elected its new president in spite of a few reminders. She asked BOG members for suggestion. BOG members suggested to request PNW chapter to send a temporary representative until they find their new president.</p> <p>Sabita also mentioned about OSA MD/VA chapter. Their chapter president never attended any BOG meeting. She emphasized the active participation of BOG members in OSA activities.</p>
2	Registering OSA in Canada	<p>Prashanta and Sabita mentioned the possibility of registering OSA 501c in Canada so that Canadian OSA members can avail the tax benefits. Sunanda Panda requested to provide more information so that CANOSA can explore this possibility. Some BOG members suggested that we need to understand the structure around 501c outside USA and also suggested that we talk to a Tax person. Prashanta mentioned that he would talk to the OSA accountant.</p>
3	Round table	<p>Sabita requested all BOG members to share their chapter's news.</p> <p>Anil Patnaik mentioned that Ohio Kumar Utsav/Diwali celebration was a grand success despite dispersed locations around Columbus, Cleveland, Cincinnati and Dayton. They had two dramas (The first being Columbus/Cleveland and the second Cleveland and Cincinnati)</p> <p>Subasish (NY/NJ) updated that they had Kumar Utsav on 8<sup>th</sup> of November. Around 110 families (around 400 people) attended. He mentioned that for the first time they did live streaming so that grandparents or other family members could watch it in India. Even the Odias who were in NY/NJ areas previously but are now in different parts of NA, were also able to watch the event. Subasish said they have been trying to engage people, especially children and youth through various activities throughout the year. Amar added that around 50 families volunteered for the event. BOG members were very appreciative of Amar and Subashish sharing the news.</p> <p>Sakti Singh updated that they had Kumar Utsav in October. They are also trying to form a drama group. So far 15 people are interested to discuss logistics. The next event will be Saraswati Puja. He also shared the news that because of their Facebook group, some more people joined their events.</p> <p>Some BOG members suggested that OSA should also explore the social media such as Facebook group.</p> <p>Prashanta reminded that we should register the OSA logo.</p> <p>Amar said that their chapter has Facebook as well as What'sApp.</p> <p>Sunanda updated that CANOSA had a great Kumar Utsav. She also mentioned that on May 30<sup>th</sup>, CANOSA is hosting regional drama festival. She invited all the local chapters as well as any interested chapters to attend the Canada regional drama festival.</p> <p>Prashanta requested to help with the annual fund raising drive. OSA has helped with many charity activities in the past. He requested everyone to continue helping with these charity activities. He also requested BOG members to bring more membership to OSA.</p> <p>Sabita appreciated and thanked everyone for a great discussion.</p>

### **Next Meeting**



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**BOG Meeting has been scheduled to be on Sunday, 11, January, 2015 at 7:30PM EST.**

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