



OSA BOG MEETING MINUTES

Date:	June 22, 2014 , Sunday
Time:	7:30 PM – 9:00 PM EST
Location:	Conference Call
Presided By	Tapan Padhi
Topic:	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	No
11	Arun Mohanty	President	OSA – New England	Yes
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	Yes
16	Sunil Sabat	President	California	No
17	Priyadarshan Patra	President	OSA – Pacific Northwest	No
18	Sampurna Srabani and Sakti Singh	President	OSA - SouthEast	Yes
19	Mrutyunjay Pani	President	OSA-Southwest	Yes
20	Debasis Das	President	OSA - NW Chapter	No
22	Satya Patnaik	Convener		No
23	Sadhu Behera	President	OSA - Rocky Mountain	No
24	Abani Pattanaik	President	CANOSA	Yes
25	Sunanda Mishra Panda	Vice President	CANOSA	Yes
26	Sampurna Srabani	Past president	OSA- South East	Yes

Agenda

#	Description
1	Convention update
2	Welcoming new presidents of South Each chapter and CANOSA
3	Election committee formation approval
4	OSA Award money
5	AGBM Agenda
6	Roundtable



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1	Convention update	Sikhanda updated the BOG members with convention progress. He mentioned that volunteers are working hard. They also need help from other chapters as they are shorthanded. Tapan Padhi requested everyone to attend the convention. Sikhanda reminded that there will be BOG meeting on Thursday 9PM during convention.
2	Welcoming new presidents of South East chapter and CANOSA	BOG members welcomed new president Sakti Singh of South East chapter and Abani Pattanayak and Sunanda Mishra Panda of CANOSA. BOG members thanked Sampurna Srabani for her contribution in BOG.
3	Election committee formation approval	Tapan Padhi mentioned that Dr Durga Mishra has agreed to be the chairperson of election committee and the members in the committee will be Dr Asuhtosh Dutta and Mr Jagannath Mohanty. He asked if anyone has any concern. BOG members didn't have any concern. Tapan explained that the formation of this election committee needs to be approved by general members during AGBM.
4	OSA award money	Prashanta explained about OSA award money. He also mentioned that there has been request to increase the award money which will be adhoc increase only for this year. Sikhanda mentioned that Lata Mishra has requested to increase OCC award money from \$600 to \$1000. He also updated the BOG members about executive committee's opinion that it wouldn't be fair to increase award money just for OCC. OCC is one of the competitions. If we need to increase, then we need to approach the sponsors. Some members showed concern that if we increase only this year that will create a precedence. Instead of increasing it in adhoc basis, we should find ways to increase it permanently. Prashanta shared some ideas such as finding sponsors or investing OSA money for long term growth to get good returns. BOG members also agreed that award money is too less. Usually the first prize is \$150. Besides OCC, there are other competitions such as Subrina Biswal Performing arts, Odia speech, Odia vocabulary and Meghna Memorial. Prashanta mentioned that another source will be to increase the OSA fee. OSA fee is being collected during convention. It's \$15. BOG members discussed to increase it to \$25. OSA fee has not been increased in last 10/15 years. It's time to increase the OSA fee as OSA has increased its activities. Sikhanda mentioned that this year due to oversight or software glitch OSA membership has not been collected from around 30 convention attendees. He mentioned that he has requested convention treasurer to follow up on that and collect the membership fees. Overall, BOG members suggested not to increase the award money in adhoc basis. They suggested to increase it permanently from next year for all awards, not just for OCC.



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5	Annual General Body Meeting	<p>Sabita Panigrahi discussed the agenda items and the timings.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presidents report (overall activities) 2. Vice president's report (mostly on awards) 3. Secretary's report + list of BOG approvals 4. Treasurer's report (finance report) 5. Annual emergency fund amendment 6. 2014/15 election committee 7. 2015 OSA convention 8. Presentation by Odisha development committee chair 9. Q&A 10. Closing remarks <p>Some BOG members asked not to keep any other programs during AGM. Sikhanda assured that there won't be any other programs except Cricket as some are attending the convention only for Cricket. Kabita Patha was supposed to be till 10:30AM but he has requested the organizers to schedule it till 10AM.</p> <p>Prashanta brought a proposal to do a short term promotion for annual members to avail the life membership promotion. Promotional US \$200 OSA Life Membership fee from now until July 31st 2014. Current Annual members, whether attending the convention or not, can avail this promotion to upgrade their membership. Unless renewed, current Annual members' membership will expire on June 30th 2014 (with a grace period to renew their membership until July 31st 2014 to keep the continuity), so this is an opportunity for them to upgrade to Life membership level by paying the reduced upgrade fee.</p> <p>Mrutyunjay Pani seconded it. It was approved anonymously.</p>
6	Round table	<p>Amar Senapati updated that they had a wonderful picnic. Around 400 people attended. They also had a volunteer social service for children/youth where they cleaned the Jagganath temple's complex and hall area. He also mentioned that they are busy practicing for convention.</p> <p>Abani Pattanayak updated that CANOSA is holding One day picnic on July 20th and then camping picnic on August 8th. He also mentioned that CANOSA is going to participate in many programs in upcoming convention.</p> <p>Sakti Singh updated that they have opened a Facebook group for their chapter.</p>

Next Meeting

BOG Meeting has been scheduled to be on Thursday, 3rd July, 2014 at 9:00PM EST.

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