



OSA BOG MEETING MINUTES

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| Date: | March 08, 2015 , Sunday |
| Time: | 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM EST |
| Location: | Conference Call |
| Presided By | Tapan Padhi/Sikhanda Satpathy |
| 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 | Anil Patnaik | President | OSA - Ohio | yes |
| 8 | Annapurna Pandey | Past President | OSA | yes |
| 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 | 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 | Sakti Singh | President | OSA - SouthEast | No |
| 19 | Siddharth Behera | President | OSA-Southwest | Yes |
| 20 | Debasis Das | President | OSA - NW Chapter | No |
| 22 | Sadhu Behera | President | OSA - Rocky Mountain | No |
| 23 | Abani Pattanaik | President | CANOSA | No |
| 24 | Pratap Das | 2015 Convener | | Yes |
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Agenda

| # | Description |
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| | Convention update - Pratap Das OSA library initiative update - Tapan Padhi OSA content copyright issue – Tapan Padhi Convention guideline - Sikhanda Satpathy OSA bank account - Prasanta Ranabijuli Description on OSA awards naming - Anil Patnaik OSA Election - Sabita Panigrahi |



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Minutes

| Item | Topic | Conclusions/Discussions |
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| 1 | Convention update | Pratap Das updated on convention. So far around 300 registration has been done. He also mentioned that Tapan Padhi has signed the addendum contract for hotel to give scheduled price. But it is getting booked very fast. Now the rate is \$129. So he requested everyone to book it as soon as possible to avail this price. He also updated that all the committees are working hard. He is very happy to work with very hard working and talented people. We have not heard anything from Odisha government regarding our initial request on funding. He also updated that around 6 tracks have been prepared for seminars. He updated on Sudarshan Patnaik coming and building something at National harbor place (where Gaylord resort is located) and the building will be bearing the cost. Sudarshan will be sending him a proposal soon. He is also in touch with Raghunath Mohapatra, stone artist. He will notify the BOG members once confirmed. There will be one show at Kennedy centre instead of two shows. There are three movie stars are confirmed. Ramhari Das is not coming. Guru Dhaneswar Swain has confirmed. Konark Natya Mandam Gotipua and Mayurbhanj Chhau are coming. He is preparing for their visa paper. He also mentioned about the funding which is main focus. Our estimation was Global Odisha attendance 100 delegation from overseas without domestic. But currently the registration is 130 including Domestic and overseas. Pratap answered a few questions of BOG members on Global Odisha, hotel booking and food cost. Sikhanda appreciated Pratap's effort in leading the convention. He requested everyone to lend support hands since we are doing this time in a bigger way. |
| 2 | OSA library initiative update | Postponed |
| 3 | OSA content copyright issue | Postponed |
| 4 | Convention guideline - | Sikhanda mentioned that we have been using the convention guideline but he noticed that it has not been approved by previous BOG. This one should be approved by current BOG. He has contacted Kuku regarding the latest copy of convention guideline. Kuku mentioned that 'chala ame Odia shikhiba' is not included in the copy Sikhanda has. He requested Annapurna Pandey to send the latest copy. Sikhanda will inform the BOG members on the guideline for the approval through OSAForYou. Annapurna Pandey requested Sabita to send the BOG meeting minutes to the BOG members for approval. |
| 5 | OSA bank account | Prasanta updated on PAN#. He has already submitted with the attestation with one volunteer's help. Finally they have acknowledged that documents are valid. But we have not got the written confirmation. Regarding the back a/c, we are exploring the better procedures opening a/c which can be monitored by OSA treasurer and will have the same transparency. He also emphasized the approval of RBI. Annapurna Pandey thanked Prasanta and mentioned that it is lot of work, but keeping the view of OSA, this is the right way to go. Pratap Das also mentioned that he would also talk to local State Bank of India and find out more options. |



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| 6 | Description on OSA awards naming | Anil Patnaik updated that he is still collecting all the information and will get back to BOG members in next meeting. |
| 7 | OSA Election | Sabita requested all the chapter presidents to request their members to participate in the voting process. The more participation of members is better for the organization. Radhagobind Mohanty mentioned that he was talking to Sushant Satpathy and he mentioned to him that Satya Patnaik is OSA editor and Pramod Mahapatra is chapter president. He asked what we are going to do about it and is that a real concern. Sikhanda mentioned that election should be conducted independently by election committee. Candidates if they have any issue with election procedure, then right way to deal with is to contact the election committee first. If the election committee refers matter to us, then executive will look into the matter with BOG's consultation. He suggested that let us not get into election matter as executive is independent body of election committee. Annapurna mentioned that she agreed with Sikhanda. We should be independent of the election committee. Then at the same time, if someone has any concern they should refer it to the election committee. Anil Patnaik mentioned that he has got a complain within Ohio. So he asked whether he should forward it to the election committee. Sikhanda and Annapurna agreed to that. |
| 8 | Round table | <p>Arun Mohanty mentioned that he has sent the proposal request for 2016 convention to the executive. Sikhanda thanked him and mentioned that we will be following the procedure and giving chance to all the chapters and then BOG will be taking the final decision. Sabita mentioned that as per Arun's request, she has forwarded his request to OSAFForYou. Radhagobind Mohanty asked whether executives have sent any email to chapters presidents. Sabita mentioned that New England chapter sent their request before even executives were ready to send. Arun explained that they are excited and they wanted to work in advance and that's the reason they sent it. Sikhanda and Sabita mentioned that they will give a deadline 1st of April 2015 for chapters to respond and Sabita mentioned that she would be sending tonight the letter on behalf of president as Tapan Padhi is busy. After 1st of April, we will know any chapter is interested. We will seek BOG's approval after that Arun mentioned that they are hosting RDF on 6th of June. Amar updated that they are having the picnic the same date New England chapter is having regional drama festival. So they won't be able to participate in RDF. Anil Patnaik updated that Santosh Mishra is recovering well. Prasanta requested all the chapters to provide their finance report as soon as possible as tax preparation takes lot of time. He also reminded that convention finance report has been sent by him. He asked everyone to go through it and let him know if any question.</p> <p>Sabita requested that if any one has any agenda item to include in the agenda, then please send it in advance. She also reminded that next BOG meeting will be held on 2nd Sunday of next month which will be on 12th of April.</p> |

Addendum:

Email from Annapurna Pandey to OSAFForYou:

On Mar 15, 2015, at 5:53 PM, "Annapurna Pandey adpandey101@gmail.com [OSAFForYou]" <OSAFForYou@yahoogroups.com> wrote:



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Dear BOG members,

In the last BOG meeting there was a discussion about the issue related to election and candidates.

1. Satya Patnaik is editor and the Presidential candidate
2. Pramod Mahapatra is a BOG member and vice presidential candidate
3. Election and OSA Executive Committee involvement in that process

I made a mistake in pointing out that it is the election commission's decision. After doing research, I discovered that in fact it was an executive decision made by BOG in 2013 to stipulate the separation between the OSA executive member's role as candidates and their participation in any OSA affair. I wanted to share with you all about the BOG discussion during 2013 Election.

Here is the link to the 2013 BOG discussion and resolution.

http://www.orissasociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/meeting_minutes_03-03-2013_Mar_Reviewed_OSANet.pdf

I am requesting the BOG to check it out and follow the precedent.

Thank you,

Annapurna Pandey

Email reply from Tapan Padhi to Annapurna Pandey and to OSANet:

Dear Annapurna Nani,

The stipulation in the constitution regarding candidates is, "Should a current Elected Officer opt to run for a different elected position, that Elected Officer shall relinquish any election-related responsibilities set forth in these Bylaws. Such responsibilities shall then be handled by an appointee of the Governing Board."

Neither the editor nor a chapter president are "elected officer" as defined by the constitution. [Elected officers as per the constitution are the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.] There is no other restriction on any other volunteer of the society in contesting election. The attached minutes does not show any restriction and There has been no precedent as well.

Neither the editor nor the said BOG member has any election related role. We will ensure to excuse them from any election related discussion in the BOG.

I urge all BOG members to maintain official neutral role in the best interest of the society.

Thank you,
Tapan Padhi



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Next Meeting

BOG Meeting has been scheduled to be on Sunday, 12, April, 2015 at 7:30PM EST.

Any questions or comments please send an e-mail to sabitanigrahi@rogers.com or secretary@orissasociety.org