



OSA BOG MEETING MINUTES

Date:	April 12, 2015 , 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	no
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	yes
11	Arun Mohanty	President	OSA – New England	no
12	Jhara Das	President	OSA - Chicago	yes
13	Punyatoya Sarangi	President	OSA - Michigan	yes
14	Amar Senapati	President	OSA – NYNJ	no
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 – South East	yes
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		no
25	Chitta Baral	Global Odisha tourism track lead		yes
26	Tina Satpathy	Global Odisha tourism track lead		yes



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Agenda

#	Description
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Convention update 2. Global Odisha tourism track lead will provide an update on the plan 3. Convention guideline and Award Guideline 4. Reminder for Chapter finance reports 5. Issue on Ohio convention attendees list 6. Round table

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Item	Topic	Conclusions/Discussions
1	Convention update	Bimal updated that around 326 registrations have already been done. He requested all chapter presidents to request their local people to register soon. He also mentioned that those who are unable to come, will miss it. The Gaylord water front hotel itself is a beautiful and fun place. The registration fee will be increased after end of April. Tapan Padhi requested Bimal to go through the constitution not to miss any important actions regarding convention activities.
2	Global Odisha tourism track plan	Chitta Baral and Tina Satpathy mentioned that for the first time we are conducting a global competition on tourism to promote Odisha and its places. One of the competitions is to create a brochure. Another competition is travel article. He requested all the chapter representatives to encourage those who are interested in photography, computers, graphing or writing to participate in these competitions. There is no age limit and one can participate individually or in a group. The participant can be from anywhere in the world.
3	Convention guideline And Award guideline	Sikhanda reminded that convention guideline and award guideline need to be approved. He mentioned it was initiated by previous board and previous BOG. But unfortunately there was no record of the approval of these. He reminded that he had circulated it earlier and there were some updates. He requested to go through the guidelines and provide feedback within a week. After that we can go through the approval process. He also updated that OSA does not have any formal agreement with sponsors and we are in the process of formalizing it for most of the awards. He informed that Anu and Nilambar Biswal raised the sponsor money for Subrina Biswal performing arts from \$500 to \$1200. He also updated that Kuku Das requested to include Odia speech and vocabulary competitions in every convention. He requested if anyone has any question on Kuku Das proposal. It was decided that consolidated document will be sent again for electronic approval.



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4	Chapters finance reports	Prashanta requested all chapters to send their finance reports. NY/NJ, Ohio, Michigan, South East and Rocky Mountain chapters have already sent their reports. Ozark, Minnesota, Canada, South West are excluded as either they don't have account or they don't use OSA's EIN. He reminded rest of the chapters to take it seriously and send their finance reports. The due date has already been past (March 31). Otherwise, tax filing will be late. After receiving chapter reports, then he has to consolidate it with various other reports for tax return. Everyone has to realize the seriousness of this issue, otherwise OSA may have to lose its status. He also reminded that he had already made a format for easy submission. He also emphasized that it has been a perennial problem for every year where we have submitted the tax return around November.
5	Ohio convention members and non-members list issue	Anil Patnaik informed that the database they were using is not working well. So, he did it manually to extract the list. He mentioned that he was not involved in registering and he was not the chapter president at that time. But he informed that due to software glitch in the beginning and some unfortunate human errors, OSA membership fee was not collected from some non-member attendees. Members discussed on whether we need to contact them to become members. Members also discussed how to prevent it moving forward so that we have to make sure that membership fee should be collected from non-member attendees. Tapan Padhi requested Anil to provide the final list by next meeting. Anil emphasized that we should update the convention guideline to make it clear the roles and responsibilities of convener and chapter president. Sikhanda requested him to go through the guideline and suggest any update.
6	Round table	Prashanta informed about the helpline which has already been established as a pilot. He also updated that OSA is receiving calls through this helpline which is truly helping people. Tapan Padhi also talked about some specific type of calls emphasizing the privacy and confidentiality. Members appreciated the effort and offered their help to volunteer. Sabita reminded Anil to provide the documents on OSA awards naming. Sikhanda updated that New England chapter has shown interest and has submitted their intention for hosting 2016 OSA convention. He also mentioned that no other chapter has submitted request by the deadline. It was decided that Tapan Padhi will send a formal email to New England chapter president.

Next Meeting

BOG Meeting has been scheduled to be on Sunday, 10, May 2015 at 7:30PM EST.

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