

2016 GBM Minutes

GENERAL BODY MEETING OF OSA

Place: RICC, Providence, RI

Date: July 3rd, 2016

Time: 10.30 AM-12.50PM

Present on the Podium

Sikhanda Satpathy (Parliamentarian)

Sushant Satpathy (President)

Sulochana Patnaik (Vice-President)

Saradakanta Panda (Secretary)

Siddharth Behera (Treasurer)

Attendance: Quorum was established and altogether 111 members signed the attendance sheet. There were some inflow and outflow of members during the meeting.

Agenda

Opening Remarks with Parliamentarian and **Sergeant at Arms** -5 mins

2015 GBM MOM approval - 5 mins

President, VP, Secretary and Treasurer Reports - 30 mins

E-voting in 2017 update - 10 mins.

OSA Election Committee Announcement - 5 mins

Proposal #1 : OSANet email Communication -10 mins

Proposal #2 : 2k Odissi permanent funding form OSA - 15

Proposal #3: OSA convention in every 2 years - 15 mins

Proposal #4: OSA awards in every 2 years with convention - 15 mins

Closing : 10 mins

1. Sergeant at Arms – Pramod Mahapatra and Sridhar Rana

Secretary Saradakanta Panda mentioned that the 2015 GBM MOM was forwarded to OSAnet in June 2016 after it was shared by the past OSA Secretary Sabita Panigrahi.

Budhinath padhi asked about the highlights of the MOM which were shared by Saradakanta Panda and Sushant Satpathy. Last year's GBM minutes (2015) were presented.

It was approved unanimously.

3. President's Report

President Sushant Satpathy shared the activities and the achievements of OSA with the members.

The highlights are:

Organizational:

- 2 new chapters from formerly PNW chapter: Seattle Chapter covering Washington State and Mt. Hood Chapter covering Oregon
- New OSA Directory (moved from DOLA) with features to print donation receipts
- Online OSA Membership Application integrated with OSA Directory and On-line Payment
- Update member information by proactive follow-up
- OSA Election through eVoting - preparation and progress (will be discussed as an agenda item later)
- OSA Awards and OSA Guest Selection

Culture and Heritage:

- Champu, Chhanda, Odissi - Increased CCO awards to \$1000 for CCO Competition during convention
- Odia Language (Speech and Vocabulary) Increased total Award to \$1000 during convention

- GoO will facilitate the certification of Odia Language course for NROs.
- Utkal Dibasa - Encouraged chapters to celebrate Utkal Dibasa with seed Amount of \$250 per chapter; Six chapters celebrated Utkal Dibasa.

Odisha Development:

- Adopt-A-Village - \$4,100 raised for Badigaam Project for Literacy and Skills Development – Coordinated by Dr. Annapurna Pandey and Centurion University
 - Higher Education - Higher Education Meeting in UU in Dec 2015
 - Library Project –
 - Phailin Donation Utilization for Library: We are working with Berhampur Municipality to renovate and rededicate one of the Municipality Library with Digital Infrastructure and active User Group. There has been no progress made for other two rural library projects
 - Library Open Forum was held in BBSR to advocate GoO to establish Digital Library in different parts of Odisha
 - Library Act Follow-up – Follow-up with GoO for notification of Library Act passed in 2001
- Volunteers: Mr. Nishikant Sahoo, Mr. Sandip Dasverma and Dr. Darshan Patra, Mr. Prasanna Dash (Prafulla Pathagar) , Mr Sujit Mahapatra (Bakul Library), Mr. Surya Padhi

Youth:

- Youth Mentorship Program (NY-NJ, Convention/OSANE, Chicago planned) - Allocated funds for 6 such meetings at \$250 each
- 2 Service Grants of \$500 each for high school or undergraduate students for service project in Odisha
- Heritage Tours of Odisha (was planned for Dec 2015) and will see if it can be done in the future.

Collaboration with Govt. of Odisha:

- Facilitation of Odia Certification Course by the GoO on online basis for the benefit of Non-Resident Odias (NROs)
- Library Act Notification - Culture Ministry has gotten approval from CMO and Cabinet Approval is awaited

4. Vice President's Report

OSA National Awards 2016:

Awards Committee

- Mrs. Anjana Chowdhury, MD (Chair)
- Mrs. Eva Mohanty , NJ
- Mrs. Swapnalata Mishra Rath, MI
- Mrs. Sulochana Patnaik (Ex-officio member)

OSA National Awards 2016:

- **1. Utkalamani Gopabandhu Das Memorial Award**
- Mr. Mihira Rath
- **2. Arun Das memorial Kalashree Award**
- Ms. Niharika Mohanty
- **3. Subrina Biswal Award for Academic Excellence**
- Mr. Akash Pattnaik

Guest Selection Committee

- Mr. Gyana Patnaik, IL
- Mr. Satya Patnaik, OH
- Mr. Prabhat Mohapatra, NJ

Guests Recommended by the Guest Selection Committee:

- Dr. Achyut Samant (nominated by 2016 Convention)
- Mr. Subroto Bagchi (nominated by 2016 Convention)
- Dr. Ramchandra Behera (nominated by Mr. Satya Patnaik)

OSA LTA Recommendation:

Dr. Manoj Das (nominated by Shri Bijoy Mishra)
Dr. Sruti Mohapatra (nominated by 2016 Convention)

5. Secretary Report

Secretary Saradakanta Panda informed that the BOG meeting minutes have been regularly published in OSA Website, OSA newsletters and in OSA net. Secretary

OSA encouraged all chapters due for elections (normally every 2/4 years) to elect their new representatives in a fair and democratic manner.

- Two New OSA chapters have been created out of PNW chapter, MT. Hood covering Oregon under leadership of Kirti Mohapatra and Seattle Chapter covering Washington State under the leadership of Amulya Das
- OSA member directory from DOLA to OSA domain
- Request all members to update their spouse's email id and verify the address on OSA directory

New BOG members

- In November 2015, Kirti Mohapatra joined BOG as Chapter President of MT Hood.
- In December, 2015 Sridhar Rana joined BOG as Chapter President of NY-NJ.
- In January, 2016 Debasish Panda joined BOG as Chapter President from Chicago.
- In February, 2016 Amulya Das joined BOG as president of newly formed Seattle Chapter.
- In June, 2016 Dr. Sunanda Panda joined BOG as Chapter President from CANOSA chapter
- In July, 2016 Shankar Baral will join as Chapter President from SE Chapter

6. Treasurer's Report

OSA USA Account Summary June 1st through Aug. 31st 2015 (as provided by past Treasurer)

Total Balance as of 8/31/2015: \$246,818.48

Total Balance as of 6/01/2016: \$239,474.35

Net Increase: \$ 7,344.13

The total balance includes 2015 convention advance, OSA fee and membership.

OSA USA Account Summary from Sept. 1st 2015 through May 31st 2016

Total Balance as of 5/31/2016: \$264,671.43

Total Balance as of 9/01/2016: \$246,818.48

Net Increase: \$ 17,852.95

The total balance includes 2015 convention advance, OSA fee and membership.

Doesn't include the 2015 convention account settlement

OSA USA Account Summary June 1st 2015 through May 31st 2016

Total Balance as of 5/31/2016: \$264,671.43

Total Balance as of 6/01/2015: \$239,474.35

Net Increase: \$ 25,197.08

The total balance includes 2015 convention advance, OSA fee and membership.

Doesn't include the 2015 convention account settlement

OSA India Account Summary 2015-16

Total Balance as of 5/31/2016	Rs. 615,239.32
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Total Balance as of 6/01/2015	Rs. 0.00
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Net Increase	Rs. 615,239.32
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Includes amounts from OSA, 2015 & 2016 Convention

Membership Category	OSA Membership		Increase
	May 31 st 2015	May 31 st 2016 *	
Life Members	963	995	32
Benefactors	42	42	0
Patrons	51	51	0
5 yr members	62	61	-1
Annual members	84	87	3
Total	1202	1236	34

**Doesn't include new members registered via convention*

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2015 Convention Report

	US Account	India Account
Total Convention Income	\$ 371,585.00	Rs. 3,368,848.83
Total Convention Expense	\$ 315,992.82	Rs. 3,101,140.00
Net Income	\$ 55,592.18	Rs. 267,708.83

Includes OSA fee \$11,518.75, membership fee \$9,506.00 and OSA loan \$10,000.00

India account expenses includes artists travel, payments etc.

Proposal to complete audit of accounting of 2015 Convention budget within 3 months:

2015 convention audit proposal was brought by Sandeep Dasverma and seconded by Durga Mishra. This motion was approved by the majority with a voice vote.

7. E-Voting:

OSA ready for E-voting : The EC is preparing for e-Voting over last one year and as part of this effort we have sent out emails to verify member e-mail and contact details and requested Spouse e-mail for Family Membership.

E-voting Selection Committee formed with Mr. Sunil Mishra, Mr. Kamal Panda, Mr. Sachi Pati to recommend suitable web-based e-Voting system from a 3rd Party vendor.

OSA Election Guideline Committee formed with Dr. Durga Mishra , Dr. Jay N. Bhuyan , Dr. Abani Patra abd Mr. Jagannath Mohanty. The Committee will create a guideline for election with section for e-voting.

There were discussions by members for using various methods of conducting OSA election. The suggestion was to provide the option for members to opt-in for paper ballots as well as sending paper ballots to members who do not have valid e-mail. The electronic voting motion was brought by Durga Mishra and was seconded by Dharendra Kar. This motion was approved by the majority with a voice vote.

Election Committee updates: President Sushant Satpathy announce following members as 2017 OSA Election Committee

- **Bijay Satpathy, MD (Chair)**
- **Sribatsa Das , NJ**
- **Sanjay Patnaik, IL**

The name was proposed by Uma Mishra and seconded by Durga Mishra and Dharendra Kar. This motion was approved unanimously.

8 .Proposal by Mr. Pratap Das:

On behalf of the OSA Odissi Steering Committee, I would like to bring a resolution at the OSA General Body Meeting to add Odissi Classical Dance Promotions in OSA Conventions and Chapter activities as a permanent activity throughout the year. The OSA must adapt such a program with an official committee appointed by the OSA Executives. OSA shall allocate a funding of \$2000.00 per year. This will be similar to the program adopted by OSA for Odissi , Chanda, and Champu (CCO) program.

There was a brief discussion on limitation of OSA resources and the need to find sponsors for supporting Odissi cause. Dr. Sitakantha Dash proposed that \$2000 out of his yearly donation of \$10000 be allocated for Odissi Dance related activities as originally requested by Pratap Das. Sushant Satpathy suggested that this can be part of the agreement between Dr. Dash Foundation and OSA like funding for other programs.

9. Proposal by Mr. Joy Gopal Mohanty:

Specific email ID should be established for OSA administrative communication. OSANet was set up earlier for this purpose but unfortunately some of the members

are posting other items via this. Thus some members are not even reading emails coming through OSANet and missing important OSA related emails.

The above proposal was clarified by Mr. Mohanty that he is not suggesting any restriction on OSANet posting rather OSA Official communication should not only be shared on OSANet but it should also be sent to all member emails as most of our members are not part of OSANet.

It was decided that OSA EC will use individual email for Official communication in addition to OSANet, OSANet will be used by members for questions , discussion and comments if any .

10. Proposal by Mr. Gyana Patnaik: OSA Convention - hold it in every two years.

With few members and willingness of few Chapters to host convention could we do it in every two years in a rotational basis in a geographic order? We need to engage smaller Chapters also to either host Convention independently or being partner to a nearby bigger Chapter for Convention purpose. Preparing an order for hosting Convention will eliminate difficulties to OSA Executives and Chapters as well.

There was a brief discussion after which there was no motion to approve it.

11. Proposal by Mr. Gyana Patnaik: OSA Awards - Given every two years during convention

We have a small organization with barely 2000 family membership. OSA has 4-5 awards (Outstanding Odia, Kalashree, Gopabandhu etc...) If it is conferred every year without raising membership substantially then award will lose its importance.

There was a brief discussion after which there was no motion to approve it.

12. Q&A

Sushant Satpathy mentioned that there was a proposal received from Dr. Sukant Mohapatra regarding streamlining OSA Committees so that Committees continue

to function with same membership with new EC. New EC will have the option to replace one-third of the committee members. This will ensure working of the committees and also help retain working knowledge to continue to positively contribute to the Society. He requested Dr. Mohapatra to present his proposal and he presented the attached Proposal (which has been updated subsequently).



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This proposal will be discussed in BOG for subsequent approval.

Sanjib Swain asked to increase RDF fund to \$1500. Sushant Satpathy mentioned it depends on the operating income of OSA and EC will consider based on availability of funds for that year.

13. Closing Remarks

Sushant Satpathy thanked everyone for attending the meeting. **The motion to close the GBM was brought by Amiya Mohanty and seconded by Uma Mishra and meeting was adjourned.**