

# 2017 GBM Minutes

## GENERAL BODY MEETING OF OSA

**Place:** Onboard Royal Caribbean Cruise Bahamas to Miami

**Date:** July 2nd, 2017

**Time:** 7:30 PM-8:30PM

### Present on the Podium

Sushant Satpathy (President)

Sulochana Patnaik (Vice-President)

Saradakanta Panda (Secretary)

Siddharth Behera (Treasurer)

Bigyani Das (Parliamentarian)

### Meeting Staff:

Anil Patnaik: Sergeant at Arms

Kuku Das: Meeting Management, Signature Collection

**Attendance:** Quorum was established and 55 members signed the attendance sheet. There were some inflow and outflow of members during the meeting.

### Agenda

1. Opening remarks with parliamentarian and sergeant at arms - 5 mins
2. 2016 GBM MOM approval - 5 mins
3. President, VP, Secretary and Treasurer Reports - 15 mins
4. Invite and introduce new EC - 3 mins
5. Address by New President - 8 mins
6. Remarks by New Secretary- 2 mins
7. Closing : 7 mins

### Summary of Meeting Points:

1. A moment of silence was observed for Dr Gouri Das, OSA's founding President, Mr Sujit Mohanty, who has served OSA in many capabilities including 4 years of service as General Counsel during 2007-2011, Mrs

Sworna Senapati, a longtime contributor and supporter for OSA's various programs and conventions.

2. 2016 General Body Meeting Minutes was approved. Acceptance proposed by Anil Patnaik, Ohio. Seconded by Uma Mishra, NY. Voted unanimously.
3. Treasurer's Report. Motion to accept the report was proposed by Nityananda Mishra, TX, seconded by Prasanta Kumar Bhuyan, Toronto, Canada. Proposal to close the account was approved unanimously.
4. Close OSA account in Odisha: Motion proposed by Shanti Mishra, NY, seconded by Prasanta Kumar Bhuyan, Toronto, Canada. Yes:34, No:1. Motion was approved by majority "yes" votes.
5. OSA election result: Lalatendu Mohanty as President, Susil Panda as Vice President, Amar Senapati as secretary and Sachi Pati as treasurer. Motion to accept the election result was brought by Anil Patnaik, OH and seconded by Mrutyunjaya Pani, AZ. Accepted unanimously.
6. OSA 2018 Convention in Michigan: Motion to accept was proposed by Lalatendu Mohanty, NJ and seconded by Shanti Mishra, NY. Motion accepted unanimously.

## **Meeting Proceedings in Detail**

**1.** Meeting was called to order by Anil Patnaik as Sergeant of Arms. Anil Patnaik invited OSA President Sushant Satpathy to take charge of the meeting.

**2.** President Sushant Satpathy welcomed everybody, announced Bigyani Das as the Parliamentarian and introduced other officials present in the podium. He then requested members to observe a moment of silence in memory of Dr. Gauri Das, OSA's founding president, Mrs. Sworna Senapati and Mr. Sujeet Mohanty who are no longer with us. They were remembered for their contributions to the society and Odia community at large.

The next item in the agenda was to accept 2016 GBM minutes and the president invited secretary Saradakanta Panda to read the 2016 meeting minutes.

Secretary Saradakanta Panda mentioned that the 2016 GBM MOM was published in OSA's website in August 2016 and it was shared with members online. There was no comment received from members on MOM.

Pitamber Sarangi asked about the details of the MOM. Saradakanta Panda mentioned that it is available in the OSA Website since last year. A motion to approve was proposed by Anil Patnaik of OH that was seconded by Uma Mishra of NY and **it was approved unanimously.**

### **3. President's Report:**

Organizational:

- Chapters have been empowered to fundraise and receive matching funds
- Start term for Chapter Officials is maintained online
- OSA Election moved from paper to eVoting
- Election Guideline and Convention Guideline review in progress
- OSA Help Line is operational and OSA has stepped forward to help fellow Odias when needed
- OSA Directory can be downloaded by members from OSA Website
- Decision to resume sharing paper copy of the souvenir and directory with senior members

OSA's Recognition:

On January 6<sup>th</sup> 2017 OSA received Prabasi Odia Sanmmana award from President of India in presence of Chief Minister of Odisha by the Odisha Forum at New Delhi. Saradakanta Panda and I were honored to receive the award on behalf of OSA. Also, recognized were our fellow members Dr. S.K.Dash, Dr. Lalu Mansinha and Dr. Ajay Mohanty. OSA's was recognized for its role in promotion and propagation of Odia culture and heritage in NA and its contribution to Odisha Development.

Culture and Heritage:

- Support to NE Chapter for its presentation at MFA, Boston (Video and Exhibition)
- Continue support for Utkal Dibasa; Challenge for chapters to take it to next level by including larger Indian Community and local community; Special shout out to CA Chapter meeting the goals for Utkal Dibasa; participation by 7-chapters in 2017

- Initial proposal has been sent to the University of culture to collaborate and propagate Odissi dance, music and language.

#### Odisha Development:

- Adopt-A-Village - \$7K raised for Badigaam Project for Adult Literacy and Skills Development and New Community Center
- Library Project
  - All funds disbursed to District/ Local Civic Bodies
  - New Brahmapur Library almost complete delayed because of change of BMC Commissioner (3<sup>rd</sup> change of the commissioner in two years)
  - Rural Library in Balasore and Mayurbhanj: communication with District Collector and Block Development Officer established
- Library Committee: Nishikant Sahoo (Chair), Sandip Dasverma, Darshan Patra, Ajay Mohanty, Prasanna Dash (Prafulla Pathagar) , Sujit Mahapatra (Bakul Library), Surya Padhi and BN Subudhi (India)
- Combat Blind International: 4k raised by Chicago Chapter; this initiative by LVPrasad Eye Institute in collaboration with Combat Blind International will build 10-12 regional eye hospitals in different parts of Odisha to serve all regions of Odisha. It is imperative for OSA to get involved with the project which is going to benefit people of Odisha as a whole.

#### OSA and OSA Youth:

- OSA Impact: OSA NE Youth have raised \$4K to invest in social projects. Trying to expand and bring youths from others chapters/regions to join in this effort.
- OSA Youth Mentorship: OSA has encouraged and sponsored youth meetings by different chapters to create Youth Mentorship groups. In 2016-17, four chapters held youth group meetings and the groups devised their own plan to achieve the goal. This is at a nascent stage and need further engagement, help, and support by local chapter leadership team and members.

#### 2018 Convention:

- Michigan Chapter
- Convener : Dr. Shishir Senapati
- Chapter President: Pradipta Mishra
- Incoming Chapter President: Vivek Das

## **Vice President's Report:**

Sulochana Patnaik thanked the Awards Selection committee Anjana Choudhury, Eva Mohanty and Swapnalata Rath for their service and read the name of OSA Awardees for 2017.

### **OSA Nomination Based Awards (announced previously with brief biographies – published in Urmi)**

Dr. Sukant Mohapatra – Distinguished Odia Award

Dr. Basant Mohapatra – Arun Das Memorial Kalashree Award

Ms. Jessika Baral – Subrina Biswal Award for Academic Excellence

Mr. Anshuman Mishra – Youth Volunteer Award

Sulochana Patnaik thanked the Guest Selection committee, Gyana Patnaik, Satya Patnaik and Prabhat Mohapatra for their service over last two years in carrying out the Guest Selection and LTA selection.

## **Secretary Report:**

OSA Election:

The 2017 OSA election was held for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer for OSA. The OSA Election Committee members consisting of Mr. Bijay Satapathy, Mr. Sanjay Patnaik and Mr. Sribatsa Das has completed the election process and submitted the results to OSA Executives on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 and OSA BOG has approved the election results. All positions were uncontested.

Following is the list of the newly elected OSA executives for 2017-2019: Lalatendu Mohanty – President, Susil Panda - Vice-President, Amar Senapati – Secretary, Sachi Pati – Treasurer. On behalf of OSA Executives and the BOG, I

congratulate all the newly elected OSA officials for 2017-2019 and wish them well.

Thanks to Mr. Sunil Mishra and Mr. Kamal Panda for their help with selection of the eVoting System and past election committee members for their counsel to the current Election Committee.

#### OSA Directory and Convention Website:

- Spouse's emails are added to OSA member directory that will enable E-voting
- 2017 Convention website hosted on Odishasociety.org domain. Going forward future convention websites will be hosted within our own domain that will enable easy integration between convention registration and OSA members directory to verify and maintain correct members data.
- First ever Cruise convention is hosted by EC in Bahamas in 2017

#### New BOG Members:

Following are the new Chapter Presidents who joined the BOG in last one year:

Aug 2016	Kuku Das	California Chapter
Sept 2016	Soumya Mohanty	New England Chapter
Oct 2016	Anjana Chowdhury	Washington DC Chapter
Mar 2017	Suvenu Samal	Rocky Mountain Chapter

I encourage all other chapters due for elections (normally every 2 years) to elect their new representatives in a fair and democratic manner.

## Treasurer's Report:

### OSA USA Account Summary Sept 2016 - May 2017

<b>Total Balance as of 5/31/2017</b>	<b>\$303,985.05</b>
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Total Balance as of 9/01/2016	\$248,848.85
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<b>Net Increase</b>	<b>\$ 55,136.20</b>
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*The total balance includes 2015 & 2016 convention account settlement.*

*The total balance includes 2017 convention advance.*

### OSA India Account Summary Sept 2016 - May 2017

<b>Total Balance as of 5/31/2017</b>	<b>Rs. 832,711.99</b>
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Total Balance as of 9/01/2015	Rs. 1,258,809.60
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<b>Net Decrease</b>	<b>Rs. 426,097.61</b>
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### OSA USA Account Summary Sept 2015 - May 2017

<b>Total Balance as of 5/31/2017</b>	<b>\$303,985.05</b>
Total Balance as of 9/01/2015	\$236,818.48
<b>Net Increase</b>	<b>\$ 67,166.57</b>

*The total balance includes 2017 convention advance.*

### **OSA India Account Summary Sept 2015 - May 2017**

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<b>Net Decrease</b>	<b>Rs. 426,097.61</b>

### **OSA Membership**

Membership Category	Sept 1 <sup>st</sup> 2015*	May 31 <sup>st</sup> 2017**	Increase
Life Members	982	1015	33
Benefactors	42	42	0
Patrons	51	51	0
5 yr members	61	67	0
Annual members	84	103	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>1220</b>	<b>1278</b>	<b>52</b>

*\*Includes new members registered by 2015 convention*

*\*\*Doesn't include new members registered for 2017 convention*

## 2016 Convention Report:

	US Account	India Account
Convention Income in \$	\$ 276,383.68	Rs. 2,125,275.00
Conversion from Rs. \$	\$ 12,500.00	Rs. 831,756
Total Convention Expense	\$ 288,991.39	Rs. 1,293,519.00
OSA Fee Income	\$ 4,100.00	-
OSA Membership Income	\$ 7,430.00	-
Convention Income	\$ -107.71	Rs. 0.00

*India account expenses includes artists & travel, payments etc. The*

A motion was brought in by Nityananda Mishra of TX to approve the treasurer's report which was seconded by Prasanta Kumar Bhuyan of Canada , It was approved unanimously.

### Discussion on Indian bank Account of OSA:

Treasurer Siddharth Behera gave the background, all the details and the challenges about managing the OSA's Indian bank account. It was discussed in detail by many members. Shanti Mishra of NY proposed to close the Indian account in current form as it was not created as Trust/Non-profit which was seconded by Prasanta Kumar Bhuyan of Toronto, Canada. It was approved by majority yes votes.

### 4. 49<sup>th</sup> OSA Convention and introduction of new EC:

During General Body Meeting it was announced that 49th OSA Convention in 2018 will be in Detroit, MI. Our Michigan families invited everyone to 2018 OSA Convention on behalf of Convener, Dr. Shishir Senapati.

Sushant Satpathy introduced newly elected OSA Executives. During GBM newly elected OSA Executives Mr. Lalatendu Mohanty, Mr. Susil Panda, Mr. Amar Senapati and Mr. Sachi Pati took charge as President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer respectively. Everyone congratulated and welcomed new executive team.

Sushant Satpathy invited President Elect Lalatendu Mohanty to address the GBM.

## **5. Address by New President**

Lalatendu Mohanty, thanked the members for electing the team as their next Executive Team. He also thanked the current executives and volunteers for their sincere effort & valuable time making the organization stronger every day.

He assured all to work hard to make OSA a close-knit society, brand the society as an ambassador for Odisha & Odia Culture, work on promoting the culture outside the Odia community. He was also hopeful of building a strong youth base involving next generation Odias, who will make an impact on the society we live in. He promised to stay connected with our Odisha roots and make OSA presence felt over there.

## **6. Remarks by New Secretary**

Amar Senapati thanked everyone for their trust and support for the new team.

## **7. Closing Remarks**

Sushant Satpathy thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.