



2018 - Odisha Society of America GBM MINUTES

General Body Meeting of Odisha Society of America

Date:	July 7th, 2018, Saturday
Time:	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM EDT
Location:	Great Lakes Center, Edward Hotel, Dearburn, MI

On the Podium:

Lalatendu Mohanty (President)
 Susil Panda (Vice President)
 Amar Senapati (Secretary)
 Dr Bigyani Das (Parliamentarian)
 Dr Sishir Senapati (Convener 2018 OSA Detroit Convention)
 Vivek Das (President MI Chapter)

Meeting Staff (Signature Collection and Volunteers at Floor)

Goutam Behera – (Life Member – MN)
 Parag Mishra – (Life Member – MI)
 Robin Dash – (Life Member – NJ)

Attendance:

Quorum was established and 115 OSA members attended and signed the attendance sheet. Majority of the members attended the first one hour of the meeting.

Meeting Agenda:

On 6th July BOG met to discuss and decide the following final agenda of the GBM. {BOG Members who attended the meeting are: Lalatendu Mohanty, Susil Panda, Amar Senapati, Dr Sitikantha Dash, Kuku Das, Vivek Das, Anajana Chowdhury, Sameer Senapati (SE Representative), Anil Pattnaik.

1. Call to order by Sergeant-At-Arms
2. President's Introduction/Parliamentary Announcement
3. President's Annual Report
4. Secretary's Report
5. Vice President/Treasurer's Report
6. Election Committee Announcements
7. Constitution Amendments/Resolutions
8. Next Year's Convention
9. Conclusion



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Summary of Meeting Points:

1. President welcomed the members and started the meeting with 30 seconds of silence observation for 4 OSA members Dr Subhash Mohapatra, Dr Smriti Bardhan, Dr Dinyar Bhathena and Mrs Sailabala Panigrahi, whom we lost during last year.
2. President introduced Dr Bigyani Das as the parliamentarian of the GBM and shared the annual report with the members. (Details of the Annual Report in Appendix A)
3. Secretary presented his report to the members starting with the approval for the 2017 GBM minutes. The topics which he covered are the OSA membership status, new chapter representatives, major BOG resolutions and OSA 2019 convention venue selection. (Details of Secretary's Report in Appendix B)
4. Vice President discussed the details of the OSA awards, Members voice, Membership action committee report, Mo School initiative and few other initiatives which are taking shape. (Details of Vice President's Presentation in Appendix C)
5. In absence of OSA treasurer VP presented the treasurer's report which included 2017-2018 budget, Balance Sheet as of April 30th, 2018, Income statement July 2017 - April 2018. 2017 Convention statement was prepared by past treasurer Siddharth Behera. (Details of Treasurer's Report in Appendix D)

The motion to accept the treasurer's report was brought by Gagan Panigrahi, Toronto and seconded by Satya Pattnaik, Ohio. This motion was then accepted unanimously by all the OSA members in GBM.

6. Election Committee:

The names of the 3 newly selected election committee members were shared with the members. The next OSA election for the term 2019 – 2021 will be held in 2019. In preparation of that OSA executive team proposed following 3 OSA members of high integrity to take the charge of planning and conducting the election. Motion to accept the committee members was brought by Tarini Dash, NC and seconded by Kamal Panda, CA. This motion was accepted unanimously by all the OSA members in GBM.

1. Prashanta Ranabijuli, Austin, Texas – Chair, Election Committee
2. Santanu Das, San Antonio, Texas – Member, Election Committee
3. Bimal Rath, Austin, Texas – Member, Election Committee

7. **Constitution Amendments/Resolutions:** Following major BOG amendments / resolutions were put to the motion, discussed and then voted by the members. Reducing the membership fees was approved while including a new non-voting membership category "Associate Membership" was rejected.

Resolution 1: Reduce Membership Fee (To be Reflected in the Membership Application Form)

- Reduce Life Membership from \$300 to \$200
- Annual Membership from \$40 to \$25
- Full-Time Student with a valid student identity: from \$10 to \$0



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The above resolution was brought into motion by Anil Pattnaik, Ohio and seconded by Shantilata Mishra, NY.

Secretary and President shared the details and urgency on these changes in-order to increase OSA membership count. Several members shared their view points and at the end the voting was done. 35 members voted FOR and 15 members voted AGAINST the motion. Others abstained. **Parliamentarian declared these resolutions APPROVED.**

With the recommendation from the Membership Drive recommendation team OSA executive team proposed a new membership type “Associate Membership (Non-Voting)” to be introduced. This was brought into motion by Vivek Das, MI and seconded by Sameer Senapati, NC.

Below are the recommendations from the committee members for introducing “Associate Membership” - a Non-Voting member category.

Pros

- Easy to lure odias near the fence
- Good for the individuals who are temporarily here or not sure about the future
- Increase the membership base
- Increase voluntary base
- OSA loyalty

Cons:

- Logistical challenge of separating voting vs non-voting member in GBM
- Lower category of membership

Several members shared their view points and at the end the voting was done. 12 members voted FOR and 32 members voted AGAINST the motion. **Parliamentarian declared this motion as NOT APPROVED.**

Below are the few topics or resolutions suggested by few members. These were discussed very briefly among the members but because of quorum it was decided that these needs to be discussed in the regular BOG meetings and will be tabled during the next GBM for approval.

- OSA to have bi-annual convention instead of annual.
- Convention Guidelines to include:
 - Cultural programs prioritizing OSA kids and residents for one day
 - Visual Art Competition as a core event

There was not much interest shown by the members to take this up immediately.

8. 50th OSA Convention:



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On 2nd March 2018 based on the Convention venue selection committee's recommendation and BOG voting it was decided that the 50th OSA Golden Jubilee convention will be organized by OSANYNJ chapter. OSANYNJ president Sribatsa Das and convener Dr Uma Mishra shared their gratitude to the BOG and OSA members for giving OSANYNJ the opportunity to organize this historical grand OSA event. Sribatsa Das shared the convention venue to be "Harrah's Casino in Atlantic City". Convener Dr Mishra during his short address invited and requested all OSA members to participate in the convention in large numbers to make it a successful one.

50th OSA Golden Jubilee Venue – Harrahs Resort, Atlantic City

Date – 4th – 7th July 2019

Website – <https://www.osa2019.org>

9. Conclusion:

Few other topics were brought up by few members which were not discussed because of time constraint but needs to be followed up in future monthly BOG meetings.

- I. How to avail the cultural promotion OSA financial aid of \$250 for the cities or Odia's where there are no chapters. i.e. Wisconsin, Atlanta, Florida etc.
 - II. How to retain the names of the deceased members in the directory.
 - III. Make sure GBM meeting gets importance and no parallel events should be planned during GBM meeting in convention.
 - IV. Live Streaming of GBM meeting for the members who could not join the meeting at the convention.
8. The venue of the 50th Golden Jubilee convention was shared with the members.
9. The 50th Convention convener and OSANYNJ chapter president addressed and invited the members to join the convention in Atlantic City, NJ.

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Appendix A - President's Report

1.1 OSA Funded e-Library

- CMO Inaugurated Oct'17
- Relocated & re-inaugurated
- Opened to public
- BMC Managed
- Summer Program started
- Vision & MAster plan shared
- Working to sign a MOU

1.2 Promoting our Culture

- Going beyond the Odia Community
- Propagate Art, music, food and dance
- Be the Brand Ambassador for Odias
- \$250 incentive, plans to increase
- Chapters to find opportunities
- Be part of the mainstream and help the community we live in

1.3 OSA Impact

- Initiated by OSANE Youth
- Raised around \$4k (in 2016-17)
- Change Maker Grant to Krushaco
- Krushaco - A social enterprise for farmers to obtain inputs, technical support and selling outputs.
- \$4000 granted thru eKutir
- OSA Impact bi-weekly news insight
- OSA Impact Leadership Training

1.4 OSA Communication

- Walking along with Social Media
- Facebook/LinkedIn/Twitter/Instagram
- Reaching out to all Odias
- High Profile followers
- Members Updates
- More to come

1.5 OSA for the Community

- Be part of the community we live in
- Better Image, Better Branding
- Chapter/Member Initiative
- More plans to come

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- Volunteers - Youth/Young/Old needed

1.6 A Healthy Odisha

- OSA Health Initiative started
- Partnering with MNM
- Win Odisha, Win India
- Vision to end malaria within our generation'27
- Exploring opportunities to support
- Fundraising Events



1.7 OSA Other Initiatives

- Members Voice
- [OSA Branding](#)
- Membership Action Committee
- Visual Art Competition
- OSA Info Sessions
- Samik Singh Kalinga Youth Entrepreneurship
- 2018 OCC Karaoke vol 5 published
- Be there for all Odias
- Joining with Team-Aid

1.8 Challenges

- Membership base must be increased
- Volunteers are stretched
- Bumping up the Enthusiasm
- Spreading the word - OSA Initiatives
- Feedbacks & participations

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Appendix B: Secretary's Report

Secretary Amar Senapati started his report by seeking the approval of the 2017 GBM meeting minutes which is hosted on the web site at the below location. There was no objection from any member on this.

{2017 OSA convention was held in the Cruise to Bahamas from Miami}

<http://www.orissasociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/2017-GBM-Minutes.pdf>

Membership Status:

Part of the OSA membership status the below numbers were shared with the members.

Membership Category	May 31st 2017	June 30th 2018	Increase
Life Members	1015	1082	67
Benefactors	42	42	0
Patrons	51	52	1
5 Year Members	67	45	-12
Annual Members	103	2	-101
Total	1278	1223	

In addition to the above part of the 49th Detroit convention **10** – Life Members, **1** - 5 Year, **5** – Annual Single and **48** – Annual Family members became new OSA members.

Chapter Leadership Update:

Secretary updated the GBM members with the changes in the OSA chapters leadership teams. Sarada Panda took over as the president of the South West chapter. This was vacant for some time. Debasish Panda and his team were ready to extend their term by another 2 years. For the South-East chapter, Amitabh Misro as the president, Sameer Senapati as the VP, Tarini Dash as the Secretary and Sourav Parida as the treasurer. He also requested all other chapters to elect new leadership teams every two years following a democratic election process.

BOG Resolutions:

Below are the major resolutions which were proposed and approved by BOG members since Aug 2017.

- I. In Oct 2017 aligning with the vision of OSA it was proposed and approved for a fund of \$1500 (\$250 for each chapter) for promoting Odia culture outside of Odia community.
- II. To increase the overall OSA members part of a membership drive the life member fee was reduced to \$200 and the student membership was made free. These will remain effective until GBM in July 2018.

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- III. During April 2018, it was proposed and approved to waive the convention OSA registration fee for our senior citizens attending the convention.
- IV. On 2nd March 19 BOG members met and reviewed the venue selection committee's report to decide the fiftieth golden jubilee convention to be organized by New York & New Jersey Chapter in the year 2019.

Secretary ended his report by requesting all to spread about OSA among the odia non-members to consider becoming members. He also requested all members to come forward and do some volunteering work for the community to meet our goals.

Appendix C: Vice President's Report:

OSA Awards

- Standing Lifetime Achievement Award (LTA)
 - Voted by members
- Streamlined Award Process
 - Fully Electronic
 - More participation

Membership Voice: Survey result showed the following top three items:

- Promote Odia Music, Dance, Food & Art beyond Odia Community (87%)
- Build Members Support Groups (Health, Legal, family, Technology, Indian consulate etc.) (81%)
- Promote Youth mentorship/OSA Big Brother Big Sister (74%)

Membership Action Committee

- Seven Member committee
- Asked to think out of the box
- Two proposals came up
 - Revisiting Membership categories
 - Restructuring Membership Fees
- Proposal
 - OSA Branding & Image Transformation
 - Inspire, Empower, Recognize, and Facilitate
 - spread the goodness around

"We believe that with the re-structure of the membership categories and fees, will energize OSA and its Chapter to help us together reach the desired membership headcount that we stated to achieve. Subsequently we can continue to leverage individual potential to lead us further into a more dynamic, energizing organization taking up new projects and causes dear to our community as a whole" - MAC Team

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Mo School

MoSchool

ABOUT US THE MISSION FUND RAISING FOCUS AREAS MO SCHOOL HELPDESK

When branches give back,
the roots grow stronger,
the tree grows bigger, and
the world becomes greener!



Website under progress!



About Mo School

The State Government of Odisha has received expressions of interest from alumni and others who are keen to contribute to their alma maters, i.e. schools that they or their relatives attended. The honourable Chief Minister of Odisha launched the Mo School campaign on Children's Day, 14th Nov 2017, in response to this philanthropic interest from alumni of Odisha schools residing in India and abroad.

Mo School, or My School, is an initiative that aims to create a platform for people to connect, collaborate and contribute to revamping school education in Odisha. A robust and vibrant school education system holds the key to a brighter future for the state and its people. Odisha needs to groom its school children to be successful citizens that shape the emergence of a progressive and cosmopolitan state, which also is among the country's most developed.

Mo School is a first-of-its-kind initiative in the country, a citizen-government partnership, in which the former leads in designing the programme, defining its goals and directing its implementation.

The government will provide operational and financial support to the programme, while the Mo School Executive Council will run the everyday affairs supported by a Governing Council and a Board of Advisors, both of which will comprise, among others, thought leaders, eminent educationists, social scientists, and notable people from the fields of art, architecture, design, advertising, communication, film-making, literature, science, technology, sports and public administration.

Initiatives taking shape

- OSA Next Gen - Big Brother/Big Sister
- OSA Support Groups*
- Next Generation OSANet - OSAComm
- Mo School - GOO Initiative
- Professional Network/Affinity groups (Academicians, Odissi Schools, Singers etc.)*



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Appendix D: Treasurer's Report:

The following details were shared with the members

2017 – 2018 OSA Budget:

2017-2018 Budget



Income	Budgeted (July 2017- June 2018)
OSA Fees	\$500
OSA Membership	\$1,750
NET (2017-Current Year) Convention Income - OSA Share	\$500
Investment Income	\$4,000
OSA Convention Chief Guest Travel and Visa Sponsorship	\$2,000
LTA Award Sponsorship	\$3,500
Other Sponsors (SB Award for Academic Excellence, Performing Arts, SSKYEC - <u>Samik Singh Kalinga Youth</u> Entrepreneurship Competition)	\$4,200
Total Income	\$16,450

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Expense

RDF (Drama Festival) Grants	\$2,000
<u>Utkal Divasa</u> and India Festival Support	\$1,500
Chapter level awards	\$1,000
Youth mentorship program	\$500
OSA Chief Guest for Convention - 2017	\$2,000
Awards & Plaques	\$1,000
LTA Award and Award Travel Cost	\$3,500
Administrative Expense	\$1,000
OSA Level awards - OSA Convention	\$2,000
URMI Print Expenses - OSA Share - 2017	\$500
Convention	
<u>Misc Expense</u>	\$500
Total Expense	<i>\$15,500.00</i>
Net (Budgeted)	\$950.00

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Balance Sheet as of April 30th, 2018

	<u>Total</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Checking Main	89,161.76
Convention Account	0.00
Emergency Relief Account	17,559.00
PayPal Bank	633.40
Syndicate Bank - India - Rupee Acct - USD Equiv.	245.43
TD Ameritrade	192,466.23
Total Bank Accounts	\$300,065.82
Other Current Assets	
Loans to Michigan Chapter for Convention	20,000.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$20,000.00
Total Current Assets	\$320,065.82
TOTAL ASSETS	\$320,065.82
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
OSA Various Short-Term Payables	0.00
Mailing 2017 Souvenir in Canada	0.00
OSA Pacific NW Chapter - 2017 Utkal Divas Payment	0.00
OSA Pacific NW Chapter 2017 April MSFT Contribution	0.00
Scuti Mohapatra (2016 LTA)	0.00
Subrina Biswal Award - 2017	700.00
Video preparation for MFA by Praful Library	0.00
Total OSA Various Short-Term Payables	\$700.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$700.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$700.00
Total Liabilities	\$700.00
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	302,458.65
Retained Earnings	0.00
Net Revenue	16,907.17
Total Equity	\$319,365.82
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$320,065.82 □

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Income Statement – July 1st, 2017 - April 30th, 2018



July 2017 - April 2018
 Income Statement-

	Total
Revenue	
2018 Champs Donation	1,000.00
2018 Detroit Convention Collection by OSA National	0.00
2018 Subina Biswal Academic Excellence.	1,000.00
Amazon Smiles Non-Profit Revenue	18.12
General Donations	725.00
Membership Dues	9,796.00
NJ Chapter Matching	170.00
OSA NW Microsoft Volunteer Matching	297.30
OSA Public Library Initiative	2,000.00
Total Revenue	\$15,006.42
Gross Profit	\$15,006.42
Expenditures	
Bank Charges & Fees	64.45
Mailbox Rental	84.00
Meals & Entertainment	45.65
Memorial Services	140.13
OSA Grants - RDF Grant	1,000.00
OSA Grants - Utkal Divas and India Festival	750.00
PayPal Fees	242.54
Quickbooks accounting monthly fee	93.00
Returned Bill Payments	0.00
Shipping and Postage	18.23
Taxes & Licenses	20.47
Uncategorized Expense	39.12
Website Expenses	152.05
Total Expenditures	\$2,649.64
Net Operating Revenue	\$12,356.78
Other Revenue	
TD Ameritrade Investment Gain	4,550.39
Total Other Revenue	\$4,550.39
Net Other Revenue	\$4,550.39
Net Revenue	\$16,907.17

2018 Detroit Convention Collection is a Net Amount. Collected - Transferred amount to convention team

OSA NW Microsoft Volunteer Matching is a NET Amount. Collected - Transferred Amount to OSA NW Team.

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OUR IDENTITY

2017 Convention Summary

- Statements from Siddharth Behera - Last Treasurer
- Direct any questions to Siddharth - ipt@odishasociety.org
- Total Convention Income -34,558.83
 - OSA National Souvenir Share - 448.00
- Total Expenses - 34,529.69
- NET Income - 477.14