



ODISHA SOCIETY OF AMERICAS

OSA BOG MEETING MINUTES

Date:	10th Feb, 2019, Sunday
Time:	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM EST
Location:	Conference Call
Presided By	Lalatendu Mohanty
Topic:	Monthly BOG Meeting

Dial-in Number (United States): (515) 604-9034

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Host Pin - 4154

Invitees/Attendees:

[11 BOG members attended]

#	Name	Designation	Chapter	Attended
1	Lalatendu Mohanty	President	OSA	Yes
2	Sushil Panda	Vice President	OSA	Yes
3	Amar Senapati	Secretary	OSA	Yes
4	Sachi Pati	Treasurer	OSA	Yes
5	Sushant Satpathy	Immediate Past President	OSA	No
6	Kuku Das	President	OSA – CA	Yes
7	Deepak Sahu	President	OSA - Ohio	Yes
8	Soumya Mohanty	President	OSA-NE	Yes
9	Sribatsa Das	President	OSA-NJ/NY	No
10	Anjana Chowdhury	President	OSA-DC	Yes
11	Prabhat Nalini Patnaik	President	OSA- Southern	No
12	Kirti Mohapatra	President	OSA – MT. Hood (Oregon)	No
13	Debashis Panda	President	OSA - Chicago	Yes
14	Vivek Das	President	OSA - Michigan	Yes
15	Vacant	President	OSA – MD/VA	No
16	Radhagobinda Mohanty	President	Ozark - Central	No
17	Amulya Das	President	OSA – Seattle (Washington Area)	No
18	Amitabh Misro	President	OSA – South East	No
19	Sarbeswar Sahoo (Dr Sita Kantha Das)	Representative	OSA - NW Chapter	No
20	Suwendu Samal	President	OSA - Rocky Mountain	No
21	Sunanda Mishra Panda	President	CANOSA	Yes
22	Sarada Panda	President	OSA – South West	No

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Agenda:

Description
<p>* Roll-Call</p> <p>President's Address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Google Initiative - Emergency Fund - Election Result/Transition <p>VP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LTA & Guest Selection - OSA Odisha Registration Status - Mo School update <p>Secretary Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Membership Status <p>Treasurer Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Financial Status <p>New Initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Odia Learning Apps - OSA Impact Grant to Sikhya <p>Chapter Round Table</p>

Minutes:

Topic	Conclusions/Discussions
Attendance	11 BOG members attended the meeting. The attendance was low because of Saraswati Puja (on the same day) and few of the members are in India.

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<p>President Update</p>	<p>President Lalatendu Mohanty welcome all BOG members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - He congratulated the newly elected OSA national executives Kuku Das - CA (President), Anil Pattnaik – Ohio (Vice President), Vivek Das – MI (Secretary), Utkal Nayak – Washington DC (Treasurer). The new team will take over after the 2019 OSA convention. He also conveyed his gratitude to the election committee for their efforts and help to conduct the OSA election though the election was uncontested. Both the teams will start working together for smooth and effective transition. Treasurer Utkal Nayak already started helping Sachi Pati (current treasurer) over the OSA financials starting with 2019 Convention related tasks. All BOG members praised and wished the newly elected team for taking over the OSA for next 2 years. - President updated on the OSA fund release towards the family of Kohinoor Banarjee who passed away few weeks back in USA. With BOG’s approval OSA helped the family for flying over to USA from Toronto for the cremation. BOG approved not to ask back the released fund from the devastated family. President stated OSA with the help of all BOG members will try to generate the money through different sponsorships and help. Copy of the air tickets are attached at the bottom. - President also updated on the Google Odia translation initiative. 60 plus volunteers are helping the translation. He requested all BOG members to spread the message among the chapter Odia’s to come forward in helping this great initiative. Please see below for some details and valuable links.

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Vice President Update	<p><u>LTA Guidelines</u> VP Susil Panda briefed the BOG members on the LTA guidelines being formulated and will be shared with BOG members for approval through email before it can be circulated with all OSA members.</p> <p>Attaching the LTA guidelines below for future reference.</p> <p><u>2019 Convention Guest Selection</u> Susil Panda updated the BOG members on the progress status on the guest selection for convention. The deadline for the guest selection request was 1/31 and more than 20 nominations been submitted for Chief guest and chief speaker. The youth speaker is yet to be decided.</p> <p><u>OSA Awards</u> The OSA awards committee is working on finalizing on the guidelines for all 6 OSA awards. The awards committee is preparing to submit requests to make the nomination forms through google forms for easier submission in web. They will submit the details to EC for next actions.</p> <p><u>India Bank Account</u> Susil updated the BOG on the plan to open OSA as a charitable trust back in Odisha. This will help OSA to open a legitimate bank account in Odisha for OSA fund generation and distribution for any OSA initiatives. Susil is working with a CPA on this and it should be accomplished within next few months. After the new bank account is opened the old OSA bank account can be closed.</p> <p><u>Mo School</u> Susil also updated on the “Mo School” initiative and shared his feedback from his last India trip last month. He said the initiative is not making any good progress because of the Odisha government logistical slowness. The PWD department is in charge of the execution and the process is very slow for the contributed money to be channelized to the schools. OSA is not very actively engaged with this initiative.</p> <p>Susil also updated on the redesign of the OSA website and he stated good progress has been made with the development.</p>
Secretary Update	<p>Secretary Amar Senapati updated the current OSA membership details and requested all BOG members to continue spreading the membership drive awareness for bringing in more members to the community. He also requested all BOG members to follow up with chapter elections for conducting elections to bring in new leaders to lead the chapters.</p> <p>OSA Membership Status Benefactor – 42, Patron – 52, Life – 1123, 5 / 1 Year Family – 266</p> <p>He also requested BOG members to actively participate in the monthly BOG meetings.</p>

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Treasurer Update	<p>Treasurer Sachi Pati updated BOG on few financial items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2017 OSA Tax return copy was shared with all OSA members. - Audit of 2018 Detroit convention has been completed and all financials are updated. - He requested all BOG members to send the chapter financials by end of Feb for 2018 tax preparation. He repeatedly requested BOG members to send the details asap to avoid any delay in processing the tax submission.
OSA Impact, Odia Learning Apps	<p>President Lalatendu Mohanty and other BOG members discussed on few OSA initiatives i.e. OSA Impact and Odia Learning Apps. It was discussed and proposed to BOG for approval of remaining \$800 to the OSA impact team. OSANE president Soumya Mohanty shared few good feedbacks how the initial objective of this initiative is being fulfilled because of lack of involvement or interest from other Odiya youth volunteers. BOG discussed extensively how to create more interest among the next generation youth to be more involved with OSA activities.</p>
50th Convention Update	<p>In the absence of OSANYNJ President Sribatsa Das in the call Secretary Amar Senapati gave a brief status on 2019 OSA Convention.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 460 Families registered for the convention - 82% of the negotiated hotel rooms have been booked. - Cultural activities are being planned and getting started <p>OSANYNJ President shared a convention status with BOG through email.</p> <p>Link to convention update as of 2/10 - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Sqz2OVDvJPGyqEw5qBrJZBXHShhRaUQO/view?usp=sharing</p>
Chapter Round Table	<p>All BOG members congratulated Kuku Das and team for agreeing to take over the OSA national management for next few years.</p> <p>Most of the chapters celebrated Saraswati Puja during last weekend or next weekend. They are getting ready with the cultural programs planned for Convention.</p> <p>CAN OSA, CA and Ohio are planning for Utkal Divas celebrations.</p> <p>OSA CA is planning to participate in the Purab Festival in big way.</p> <p>OSA MI is planning to celebrate RDF along with Basant Utsav in April / May.</p> <p>Kuku Das and Vivek Das updated the BOG on their plans for the chapter successor.</p> <p>OSA NE president shared concern on the lower attendance and lack of interest for youth members participations with chapter events.</p>

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Next Meeting: 10th March 2019 (Sun) 7:00 PM EST

Any questions or comments please send an e-mail to secretary@odishasociety.org



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- Miles Earned
- wi-fi
- Priority Boarding

1h 52m duration
Seat: 15D, 13D | Confirm or change seats with the airline*

Total duration
4h 3m

Traveler(s)

RANJANABEN KOHINOOR BANERJI
No frequent flyer details provided

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Update traveler details and make special requests. Please confirm all requests with your airline.

Price summary

Traveler 1: Adult	\$413.55
Flight	\$309.00
Taxes & Fees	\$104.55
Traveler 2: Child	\$413.55
Flight	\$309.00
Taxes & Fees	\$104.55
Total	\$827.10

All prices are quoted in **USD**.

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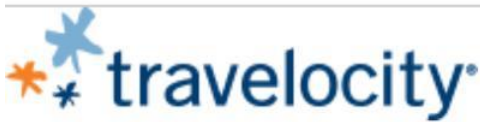
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Receipt for Toronto

Feb 2, 2019 - Feb 2, 2019

Itinerary # 7409343905799

Booked Items

Flight: St. Louis (STL) to Toronto (YYZ)

Depart: 2/2/2019
,2 one way tickets

Traveler Information

Aryan Banerji -
Child

Ticket #
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Cost Summary

Booked Date: Jan 31, 2019

Traveler 1: Adult	\$465.90
Flight	\$412.00
Taxes & Fees	\$53.90
Traveler 2: Child	\$465.90
Flight	\$412.00
Taxes & Fees	\$53.90

Total: **\$931.80**

Paid: **\$931.80**

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All prices quoted in US dollars.





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Dear All

As discussed with many of you, we will soon start the initiative “Make Google Learn Odia” to add “Odia” to Google Translate Service. Google's free service instantly translates words, phrases, and web pages between English and over 103 languages including Bengali, Punjabi and many other Indian languages. It also helps in pronouncing them.

It has a great potential helping people of Odia origin around the world to communicate openly using available digital devices and social networks.

Translate Community is a major part of Google's process to add new languages to Google Translate. In order to achieve this, we need lot of volunteers around the world to join the Odia Translate Community, The contribution from individuals involve translating English words and phrases provided by Google into Google provided Odia alphabets that anyone can type (literally) in English.

Mr Barun Pani has kindly agreed to lead this initiative **with all of you as the core members**. I hope you will provide necessary support to Barun Babu to make this project a success.

Draft Planning Document:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1O6HXe8WiCZH4bxL8NWEWRiF0-CUWw-aaxzbj92yGN3M/edit?usp=sharing>

Blog to understand the Google Community Translate process (Please play around):

<http://odishasociety.blogspot.com/2018/12/make-google-learn-odia.html>

Seeking Volunteers:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdbKxdtNbbGkq337yIL5O8RqABnwwTQGqNdUdURoIQ3NPuEPw/viewform>



LTA Award Guidelines

GENERAL POLICY AND GUIDELINES

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1. INTRODUCTION

Lifetime Achievement Award (LTA) is established to honor and recognize person of Odisha origin who has made outstanding contributions to the state of Odisha, Odias and/or Society/Human kind in general during his/her career/life time.

2. CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION

Following are criteria/requirement for individual's nomination for LTA award.

1. Person must be at least 18 years of age prior to submission of nomination by last date of nomination. Person may be living in Odisha, India, North America, or Any part of the world
2. Odia will be defined as any individual:
 - a. Born in Odisha or
 - b. Born to Odia parent or
 - c. Born to Parents domiciled in Odisha or
 - d. Belongs to Odia family living in any part of the world or

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- e. Individual spending most of his/her life in Odisha (may not be Odia by virtue of place of birth or born to Odia family)
3. Individual 's lifetime service with distinction and outstanding contribution in fields of Literature, Art, Music, Dance, Movie/theater, Developmental work for social cause, Education, Finance, Medicine, Industry leadership Science and Technology will be considered.
 4. The individual nominated for LTA award must have:
 - Highest degree of proficiency in professional disciplines with outstanding accomplishments/contribution in Literature, Art, Music, Dance, Movie/theater, Developmental work for social cause, Education, Finance, Medicine, Industry leadership, Science and Technology or similar field
 - Individual's contribution in field or fields of his distinction must be of exceptionally high standard contributing to cause/benefit of people of Odisha and/or making state of Odisha recognized globally and/or making people of Odisha proud.
 - Must be a high achiever in his/her fields becoming a true role model for future generation.

3. NOMINATION SUBMISSION

1. Any active member of OSA can only nominate based on the nomination criteria as in section 2 above
2. Self-nomination is not permitted
3. Nomination of immediate family members is not permitted, which includes parents, grandparents, children and grandchildren.
4. Nomination must be submitted in a prescribed electronic form (to be developed by Executive Committee).

4. GENERAL TIMELINE

Following timeline will be strictly followed:

1. Jan 01 - 15: Communication to all members for LTA nomination with publication of objective, requisite form and timeline
2. Jan 15 - 31 : Nomination submission by members
3. Feb 01 - 15: Selection Committee review of nominations and shortlist up to 5 qualified candidates
4. Feb 16 - 28: Electronic Vote by all active members to select final awardee
5. Award presentation will be made during the OSA Convention or at a state level ceremony in Odisha

All dates must be posted on OSA website, OSA net and other electronic social media channels. There will be absolutely no extension of deadline for submission of nomination under any circumstances.

5. GENERAL PROCESS OF SELECTION

SELECTION/JURY COMMITTEE

1. A 5-member OSA LTA Award selection committee will be constituted by the President of OSA in consultation of OSA executive members.

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2. The committee consists Vice president and 4 independent members nominated by the President.
3. Vice president will chair this committee.
4. This committee will serve for maximum of 2 years aligning OSA executive election timeline.
5. This committee must be in place by December 31st.
6. Committee members must be fully aware of objective/charter and guidelines of LTA award.

PRIVACY OF JURY

- Except OSA president & executive body, the jury committee name must not be disclosed outside
- Vice President will coordinate all the activities
- Judges should be asked not to disclose their names themselves
- Judges should provide prior-consent that under extraneous circumstances their names may have to disclosed
- Judges should be explicitly asked 'if they should see a potential conflict of interest or bias issue', if they do, they should be recused'
- A formal statement should be received from each judge highlighting the above points
- Chair of the committee has the authority to deselect judges in case of conflict of interest.

GENERAL SELECTION PROCESS

1. Vice President, as committee chair, shall communicate and solicit nominations using electronic process from general membership as per the timeline outlined.
2. There would be one primary nominator with minimum of two others recommending the nominators.
3. Once the nomination closes, the selection committee will review all nominations and short-list maximum of up to 3 qualified candidates.
4. Selection committee may decide if there is no qualifying candidate for LTA award meeting rigorous requirement for the award, even if there is nomination. Decision of selection/jury committee is final and binding, it cannot be challenged.
5. Using electronic voting process, OSA members will vote their choice from the shortlisted candidates only as selected by selection committee.
6. If there is only one candidate selected by jury committee, the person selected will qualify for award without any electronic voting.
7. Electronic voting method and procedure must be clearly defined and communicated to all members without any ambiguity.
8. For those members without access to internet, a copy of the form will be made available to download from OSA website which can be printed and can be submitted through email or post.
9. Person receiving highest votes will be selected as the awardee.
10. Vice President will inform BOG followed by President's announcement in public

6. AWARD PRESENTATION

Awardee will presented cash prize of \$2000 or Rupee equivalent and a plaque
Presentation will be done during OSA annual convention or at a state level ceremony in Odisha



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7. PUBLICITY

OSA Vice President will do the announcement of OSA LTA award winners in various electronic, TV and print media both in Odisha & overseas. Same shall be published in 'Utkarsa', OSA's e-Magazine. Award function with person receiving the award must be well publicized to bring the visibility of institution of this outstanding award by OSA.