



ODISHA SOCIETY OF AMERICAS

OSA BOG MEETING MINUTES

Date:	23rd June, 2019, Sunday
Time:	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM EST
Location:	Conference Call
Presided By	Lalatendu Mohanty
Topic:	Monthly BOG Meeting

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Invitees/Attendees:

[12 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	Sarita Jagatjita / Kuku Das	President	OSA – CA	Yes / Yes
7	Deepak Sahu	President	OSA - Ohio	Yes
8	Soumya Mohanty	President	OSA-NE	Yes
9	Sribatsa Das	President	OSA-NJ/NY	Yes
10	Anjana Chowdhury	President	OSA-DC	Yes
11	Prabhat Nalini Patnaik	President	OSA- Southern	Yes
12	Satya Nanda	President	OSA – MT. Hood (Oregon)	Yes
13	Debashis Panda	President	OSA - Chicago	No
14	Vivek Das	President	OSA - Michigan	No
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 / Tarini Das	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

Utkal Nayak, Anil Das Pattnaik – New OSA VP, Treasurer joined the call.

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Agenda:

Description
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. President Report - India FANI Trip update 2. Vice President Report - Awards/LTA update 3. Treasurer - Cyclone Fani Fund status, Tax Filing, Transition 4. Secretary Update - Atlanta Chapter Request, GBM Agenda, Secretary Transition 5. 2019 Convention Update 6. 2020 OSA Convention Hosting 7. Chapter Round Table

Meeting Minutes:

Topic	Conclusions/Discussions
Attendance	
President Update	<p>President Lalatendu Mohanty started the meeting updating all BOG members with the details on his and VP's Odisha visit for distributing the Fani relief funds being on the ground. Below are the details which was shared in the OSA Net also.</p> <p>There was a request from Kuku Das for any possibilities on directing any fund towards the SEEDS organization. It was stated that for the existing collected fund the distribution organizations have been decided and approved by BOG. It was proposed by president that any new fund being generated can be routed but needs to be discussed and approved.</p>

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<p>Vice President Update</p>	<p>Vice President Susil Panda updated all BOG members on the 2019 OSA award winners and LTA winner.</p> <p><u>Convention Guest Selection:</u> He shared all arrangement has been made on the visit of Padma Vibhushan Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia as the chief guest of the convention. Dr. Bhagaban Prakash will be the chief speaker of the convention.</p> <p><u>OSA Awards:</u> Below are the winners of this years OSA awards.</p> <p>The Awards committee has completed the work this year for OSA Awards. Happy to share the results with you before it goes to OSANet. He and all BOG members thank the award committee members for their unconditional support in conducting the awards nominations and section in a democratic way. These winners will be awarded during the 2019 convention.</p> <p>Distinguished Odia Award - Dr. Bigyani Das (MD) Utakalmani Gopabanddhu Dash Memorial Award - Anjalika Pattanaik (CA) Arun Das Memorial Kalashree Award - Sabita Panigrahi (Canada) Yuva Kala Vikas Award - Debanshi Nikhita Chowdhury (Germantown, Maryland) Subrina Biswal Award for Academic Excellence - Isha Mohapatra (Easton, PA) Youth Volunteer Award - Alok Mohanty (MD)</p> <p><u>LTA:</u></p> <p>He also announced Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia to be the winner of the LTA award for 2019. Along with his nominations sand artist Sudarshan Pattnaik, Singer Pranab Pattnaik, Writer Pratibha Roy were the other top nominations for the final winner selection. It was a proud moment for OSA that for the first time in OSA history the LTA award was selected by the OSA members through voting.</p> <p>Below were the evaluation criteria's</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dedication during entire professional career and all adult life 2. Known across the world and/or each corner of Odisha 3. Highest degree of proficiency in respective field of work 4. Highest level of accomplishment in respective field of work 5. Outstanding Contribution/Benefit to the people of Odisha 6. Outstanding Contribution/Benefit to the Society or Humankind in general 7. High level of pride among people of Odisha (for the nominee and his/her work) 8. Brought High level of Global recognition for the state of Odisha (due to the nominee and his/her work) 9. Inspiration for future generation - inspired people to achieve high performance 10. Outstanding Role model for future generation - Gone above and beyond in their involvement with youth, demonstrating and sharing their passion for the cause

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Secretary Update	<p>Secretary Amar Senapati updated on the below items to BOG members,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 30 Odiya Families from Atlanta, GA are interested to create a new OSA chapter. Just discussions but no forma; request yet. Requested all BOG members to share any possible agenda items for GBM. Received 2 so far from members. Requested the new team to start on the transition for secretary roles and responsibilities. Declared the next BOG meeting will be held on 4th July at 10 PM in Harrah's.
Treasurer Update	<p>Treasurer Sachi Pati updated the BOG members on the 2019 Tax Filing, OSA Convention transactions and Fani fund collections and distribution plans. Please see the Appendix below for the details.</p>
Convention Update	<p>NYNJ president Sribatsa Das updated the BOG members on the progress on the planning with all activities. He invited Pradeep Mohapatra convention cultural lead to brief the BOG members with the overall cultural programs and activities.</p> <p>Sribatsa put a written request for BOG members to help support the convention with granting 20K financial help as the convention team is in a deficit meeting the overall budget. Attaching the content of the request letter down below for reference.</p>
OSA Convention 2020	<p>The host for the OSA convention for 2020 has not been decided yet. It was discussed among the BOG members. The newly elected OSA executives expressed concerns and have requested the current executives to share all the details on what has been done so far regarding finding of a host. Current team will provide all the chapters and the contacted list of people to the new team to continue with the host search. President Lalatendu Mohanty expressed that unfortunately the team got busy with Fani activities in last few months which impacted the search badly.</p>
Round Table	<p>During the round table, all chapter representatives shared the details of the FANI fund raising happening at the chapter level locally along with other non-odia groups.</p>

Appendix:

President FANI Odisha Visit Update:

Dear All

Yesterday, I reached back home after a week-long trip to Odisha with Vice President Susil Panda (still in Odisha tidying up few more open items). Our sole purpose of this visit was:

- To stand in solidarity (on behalf of OSA) with Fani affected community during the most difficult times and feel their pain,
- To make sure that the funds raised by OSA is spent in the best way to the people in need



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Both of us visited some of the worst affected areas in Puri district including: Satyabadi block, concentration Bihuti Pokhari village; Brahmagiri block, concentration Talamala village; Raghurajpur, heritage village and Puri town. We will have a detailed report soon.

We Spent 3 full days (7 am till 8pm at times 105 degree heat and 90% humidity) interacting with 300+ villagers in group setting and during clean up, 40+ volunteers at work and in their camps, Puri District Collector, Chief Secretary, Principal Education Secretary and Agriculture Secretary who is also in charge of Rebuild Odisha. Held a close discussions with MoSchool Chair Person and COO. Heard 40+ individuals representing various government departments, activists and NGOs, Panchayat and village leaders in a workshop.

We witnessed medical camps in villages, distribution of dignity and sanitary kits, volunteers cleaning streets and backyards in 105 degree heat, standing up electric poles, cutting up downed trees among others, end of the day doing *kirtan* at 9pm and eating *mudhi* masala for dinner.

Here are the key facts:

- Each and every family in the affected areas have received 50kg of rice, Rs 3000 towards incidentals, tarp from government. Slow but Government is helping distressed families towards reconstruction of houses, compensation towards Agricultural, livestock, fisheries, arts & craft damages.
- NGOs have provided water, water filters, tarpaulins, medicine, sanitary and dignity kits, chuda, solar lights and other supplies.
- Electricity has been restored to 80% of the areas, rest will be restored within 2-4 weeks.
- Government has assessed each and every family's property damage, damage to coconut trees, pan, mushroom, paddy and other cultivation, livestock including cows, goat and chicken. Per Puri Collector, they have data of each and every family along with their bank account number and phone number. They are working on the funding package for all based on the damages.
- There are 50 rural families, who lived on government land. Because of the current policy, they will not receive any government funds.
- Volunteers are quite vulnerable in the extreme weather and lack of preparations including inadequate tools

Top Concerns of Villagers:

- Lack of clean supply of water
- Government fund will not be sufficient to build pucca homes.
- There is a limit to government compensation, they will not receive full amount for their damage especially for coconut trees and livestock.
- Aided schools will not get any immediate reconstruction help
- Startup cost to restart their livelihood.



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Top 3 non-governmental needs (per Puri Collector) are:

- 50 homeless rural families who lived on Govt land, nowhere to go.
- 100s of aided schools with no infrastructure remaining
- Physically disabled including deaf, blind - get them back to some work

Need from state level: reconstruction of Odisha

We are working with some of **our key guidelines:**

1. Our members' contributions should bring maximum benefit to the affected people with zero/minimal middleman cost.
2. All funds should go towards direct material benefit, much of labor should be provided by government or NGO personnel.
3. OSA and its members contribution should be recognized by the recipients and our brand name should be visible

With all the facts from the ground, our commitment to donors, and the guidelines above, we decided the following priorities for distribution of funds:

1. CMRF Rs 50 lakhs

Beneficiary: 5 worst affected schools with 2x matching funds from MoSchool with total 1.5 Crore benefit, 30 lakhs for each school

2. CYSD (www.cysd.org) Rs 25 lakhs

Beneficiary: 50 affordable homes for 50 rural homeless families who lived on Government land.

3. MoSchool Rs 20 lakhs

Beneficiary: 8-10 aided schools with at least 50 students which are 100% damaged with no Govt. assistance. Will receive 2x matching funds from MoSchool with total benefit of 60 lakhs (6 to 7.5 lakhs per school)

4. CYSD Rs 2 Lakhs

Beneficiary: 50 volunteers with food, rake, wheel barrow , gloves, hat

5. CYSD Rs 3 lakhs

Beneficiary: 1 worst affected poor village to receive high yield and quick harvest coconut plants from Kerala

6. Raghurajpur Rs 4 lakhs

Beneficiary: 152 artist families with jump start kit for Pattachitra painting and stone craft



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7. TBD 5 lakhs

Beneficiary: Harvest coconut timber from all fallen coconut trees in a few villages as pilot project. Lakhs of coconut trees are down, they will start rotting soon after monsoon starts. Market value of 1 cubic feet of coconut timer is Rs.700. This has substantial potential of revenue for impacted farmers.

Being away for a week, my apologies for not keeping track with OSANet conversations. I hope the members respect the way the team is stretching itself out for last one and half months, spending their own time, money, away from their profession, and using own vacation times to make a difference to the people of Odisha and their perception of OSA.

Treasurer Update:

1 – 2018 Tax documents are all ready and have been sent to tax consultant. Likely he will file in the month of October. With extension, our last date to file is Nov 15.

2. Recently Transferred 3379.70 to NJ convention Treasurer. This is the 2nd Transfer. First Transfer was for 57,129.78. With these two transfers we transferred a total of **60,509.48** to OSA NJ convention team. This money came to OSA National from large donors who use giving funds like fidelity charitable or employer donation matching from corporates. They send donations to address/account listed as per IRS Tax ID, which is OSA National. As of now there is no NJ convention money in OSA National accounts

Fani Fundraising

3. An organization (external to OSA) named “Abhipsa” led by Praveen Udgata raised 17,1400 USD for Fani, requested OSA to accept that and transfer this amount to OSA Chief Minsters Fund. They did that to save on taxes by redirecting to a non-profit. They do have specific request that this be donated to CM Relief Fund. We will honor that request and make that transfer. This is separate from all Fani funds raised by OSA.

4. OSA Fani Fundrasing

Thanks to the chapters. OSA DC, OSA NE and Team Kalinga.

Atlanta Cricket Club and OSA Chicago.

Any other chapters?

Source of Donations	Amount Before Fees	Amount After Fees
Odisha Society	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
GofundMe Donations	\$46,181.00	\$44,637.01
PayPal Donations	\$30,144.00	\$29,532.91
Facebook fundraising	\$14,547.00	\$14,060.64
Direct bank transfer	\$9,512.00	\$9,512.00
Team Kalinga fundraising	\$290.10	\$290.10
OSA Washington DC Chapter	\$1,660.00	\$1,660.00
Fundraiser by External Entity - Praveen Udgata and Abhipsa	\$17,140.00	\$17,140.00
OSA NE fundraising	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00



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TOTAL Raised as of June 21	\$172,974.10	\$170,332.66
Conversion Rate	69	69
TOTAL Raised (Rupees)	₹11,935,212.90	₹11,752,953.79

Grants

		-₹5,053,905.00
CMRF Relief Fund Tranche 1	\$73,245.00	
<p>CYSD - Beneficiary: 50 affordable homes for 50 rural homeless families who lived on Government land.</p> <p>CYSD - Beneficiary: 50 volunteers with food, rake, wheel barrow, gloves, hat</p> <p>CYSD Rs 3 lakhs <i>Beneficiary:</i> 1 worst affected poor village to receive high yield and quick harvest coconut plants from Kerala</p>	\$43,478.00	30 Lakhs
Raghurajpur - Reimbursement to Lalatendu	\$5,797.10	Rs 4 lakhs
MoSchool Rs 20 lakhs		Rs 20 lakhs
<i>Beneficiary:</i> 8-10 aided schools with at least 50 students which are 100% damaged with no Govt. assistance. Will receive 2x matching funds from MoSchool with total benefit of 60 lakhs (6 to 7.5 lakhs per school)	\$28,985.00	
From Praveen Udgata and Abhipsa to CMRF	\$17,140.00	

Total Pending wire/transfer = approximately 95K.

As you see below, there is ~97K in bank including money which is coming from Facebook and GoFundMe.

There will be some money to left to spend on projects which will be equal to what's coming from OSA NE (2K matching), OSA Chicago (~20K), Atlanta KCC and Other chapters.

Bank Reconcile as of June 22, 2019

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Cash Bank Balance in Fani Account	\$80,138.53
Facebook Fundrasing Pending deposit in OSA	\$14,060.64
GoFundMe Pending Deposit in OSA	\$2,889.29
Total Cash (Actual in Bank + Pending Deposits)	\$97,088.46
Total Cash Per Book (Expected)	\$97,087.66

5. Transition Update

1. Spent an hour session with Utkal and Anil
2. Utkal has opened a new USPS PO Box with street address for new OSA Address, as Atlanta PO box rental will expire at the end august (9/6/2019 precisely).
3. Priority is for Utkal to update address in IRS, TN State, Fidelity Charitable and all other employer matching websites, so important govt communication and checks reach OSA properly.
4. Next priority is to add Utkal to bank accounts (Bank of America, Paypal and D Ameritrade).
 - a. He has all the template documents for those
 - b. Once the new EC formally in place, new President can sign documents certifying new Treasurer. That doc is needed for all bank transfers.
 - c. We plan to create and sign those docs in NJ convention. Plan is also to go BOA in Atlantic City to add Utkal to BOA
5. We started using Quickbooks as our official accounting system starting Sept 1st, 2017, which helps us generate reports in real-time. I will schedule few more sessions with Utkal to go over quickbooks, once he is finished in learning the basics of quickbooks online.
6. Goal is to finish the financial transition completely by end of August. That's a must have requirement as per our constitution and by-laws. 2 months should be more than enough in my opinion.

OSA NYNJ President Request for 20K grant for meeting convention deficit.

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To OSA BOG RE: Request to approve \$10,000 towards July 4th night dinner at OSA 50th Convention and \$10,000 towards second stage

Dear OSA BOG, Thanks for all your support and encouragement towards OSA's Golden Jubilee Convention. You will be pleased to learn that more than 200 volunteers are working tirelessly for more than a year to make the convention experience memorable for all. Many have sponsored to pay for the convention expenses. Together we have achieved a lot. Some of the achievements were never thought possible.

A brief summary of the accomplishments we have made thus far: 1. Registered largest number of families 2. Generated estimated \$15,000 in membership fee 3. Generated estimated \$16,000 in OSA Fee 4. Signed up record number of participants for the cultural programs. 5. Re-published souvenirs from 1983-2018 in Digital – Amazon.com Kindle, Google Play and Google Book. 1993-2018 souvenirs are available on Amazon.com in Print Edition. Other print editions are in progress. <https://www.osa2019.org/souvenir-re-publication/> 6. Created Google Assistant – “Ok Google, talk to Hello OSA”. Link to video <https://youtu.be/45s6FXP8-xA> 7. Created Web and SMS Chatbot – send a SMS to (973) 339-0611 8. Innovative Marketing – e-mail campaign, SMS campaign, Facebook Ad, postcard mailer, TV Ad, and Newspaper ad 9. Created a history channel on YouTube uploading 1/2 TB of videos converted from VHS, Hi8, DVDs and other media. This is worth 200 full length movies <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaUgLWD7Oz9GNUqBM0tuLrg> (973) 224-3309 | OSA2019.ORG PRESIDENT@NYNJ.ODISHASOCIETY.ORG



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Convention has created a new royalty revenue stream through the publication of souvenirs. This will benefit OSA financially in the long run. Our hope is that a day will come when the royalty revenue will pay for OSA's operating cost. OSA History created by the team will be for everyone to enjoy for generations to come. This has been possible by hard work and contribution of a sponsor. History YouTube channel has the potential to generate ad revenue through Google Ad Sense. OSA Convention tradition is for the host chapter to offer dinner to the guests on the opening night. In our case, the OSA NY/NJ chapter is expected to provide dinner on July 4th night. The cost of dinner is estimated at \$15,000 for 750 attendees. This is a large amount for any chapter to pay in full. We request OSA to contribute \$10,000 towards dinner on July 4th night. Close to 500 are participating in cultural activities. Convention needed a fully built second stage to accommodate all the programs. The audio-visual facility is "world class" for everyone to enjoy. HD quality video recording will be made available. We request OSA to contribute \$10,000 to pay for portion of cost of the second stage. As every convention faces, we are waiting on \$62,000 pending receivable. A portion of which may never be recovered due to "no shows". Most of our vendors including Harrah's requires upfront payment to enter the convention facility, set up booths, set up Audio/Visual and even deliver meals. Cost of securing VISA and travel arrangement of close to 18 artists (VISA approved for 15 and 3 are in process) from India is proving to be cost prohibitive. All these is resulting in cash crunch. I request BOG members to consider this proposal favorably and approve this amount. With warmest regards. Sribatsa Das President – OSA NY/NJ Chapter and Co-Convener, 50TH OSA Convention

Next Meeting: 4th July 2019 (Sun) 7:00 PM EST

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