



OSA BOG MEETING MINUTES

Date:	July 2, 2015 , Thursday
Time:	10:30PM -11:30 PM EST
Location:	Face to face meeting at Gaylord Resort, Washington D. C.
Presided By	Tapan Padhi
Topic:	July Face to Face BOG Meeting

Invitees/Attendees:

#	Name	Designation	Chapter	Status
1	Tapan Padhi	President	OSA	Yes
2	Sikhanda Satpathy	Vice President	OSA	yes
3	Sabita Panigrahi	Secretary	OSA	Yes
4	Prashanta Ranabijuli	Treasurer	OSA	yes
5	Pramod Mohapatra	President	Southern Chapter	yes
6	Sujata Nayak	President	OSA – MD/VA	No
7	Anil Patnaik	President	OSA - Ohio	yes
8	Annapurna Pandey	Past President	OSA	yes
9	Simant Mishra	President	OSA – Grand Canyon	no
10	Bimal Mishra	President	OSA- Washington DC	yes
11	Arun Mohanty	President	OSA – New England	yes
12	Jhara Das	President	OSA - Chicago	yes
13	Pradeepta Mishra	President	OSA - Michigan	yes
14	Amar Senapati	President	OSA – NYNJ	no
15	Radhagobinda Mohanty	President	Ozark - Central	yes
16	Sunil Sabat	President	California	yes
17	Priyadarshan Patra	President	OSA – Pacific Northwest	no
18	Sakti Singh	President	OSA – South East	no
19	Siddharth Behera	President	OSA-Southwest	yes
20	Debasis Das /Sitakantha Dash	President	OSA - NW Chapter	yes
22	Sadhu Behera	President	OSA - Rocky Mountain	no
23	Abani Pattanaik/Sunanda Mishra Panda	President	CANOSA	yes
24	Pratap Das	2015 Convener		yes
25	Sushant Satpathy	New President – attended as observer only	OSA	yes
26	Sulochana Patnaik	New VicePresident – attended as observer only	OSA	Yes



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Agenda

#	Description
	Agenda items: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2015-2017 Executives 2. Award announcement 3. Dash Foundation 4. Ohio membership fee collection issue 5. 2015 Convention committee proposal 6. 2016 Convention

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Item	Topic	Conclusions/Discussions
1	2015-2017 Executives	Tapan Padhi welcomed and congratulated 2015 executives and introduced them to BOG members.
2	Award announcement	Sikhanda Satpathy informed the names of the recipients of various awards that were given by award committee and asked BOG members for their opinions. BOG members unanimously agreed to the recommendation given by award committee.
3	Dr. S. K. Dash Foundation	Tapan Padhi thanked Dr. S.K.Dash Foundation for instituting a \$100k OSA fund from which OSA would receive \$10k every year.



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4	Ohio membership fee collection issue	<p>Prashanta Ranabijuli reminded that "the proposal was approved by BOG members that the lost membership fee will be covered from the convention income. Convention 2014 generated a net profit of \$13,381.28. The lost revenue of \$2,520 (63x\$40) should be deducted from this profit. As a result, the adjusted profit would be \$10,861.28. This adjusted amount should then be divided equally (\$5,430.64 each) between OSA Chapter and OSA National."</p> <p>Anil Patnaik mentioned that the chapter members did not want to pay this back. He also mentioned that Ohio donors were asking to return their donation money. Jhara Das said donation money cannot be returned after issuing tax deductible donation receipt. Prashanta said that tax donation receipts have been issued to all donors. Anil said he cannot return the money to OSA as chapter members are not agreeing to it. Sabita asked him to forward the email communication to BOG members. He mentioned that it was verbal communication with his chapter members.</p> <p>BOG members discussed about the penalty if the chapter fail to meet the obligation. Tapan Padhi said the chapter should be banned and chapter president cannot participate in any voting. Sikhanda Satapathy pointed out that we can only do what the constitution says. As per constitution, 'Should the Host Chapter fail to meet its obligations under this Bylaw II, it shall not be permitted to host another Annual Convention for a period of ten (10) years'.</p> <p>Sitakantha Dash proposed to waive the penalty and send a warning to all the chapter presidents. Sabita Panigrahi seconded it. It was approved with majority.</p>



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5	2015 Convention committee proposal	<p>Convener, Pratap Das stated that there was a severe cash flow problem and the cost of hosting a convention at this venue and such scale has become pretty high. Hosting of Global Odisha Conference and the Amazing Odisha performance in Kennedy center in addition to the OSA Convention has escalated the cost. Certain unfortunate events such as last minute visa issuance and delayed donations expected from India had put the convention in a very difficult financial situation. He requested OSA to provide \$25K grant from OSA's general fund as a contingency measure. Most BOG members felt that a grant shouldn't be provided. Many suggested that a loan should be considered to solve the immediate cash flow problem. The BOG wanted to learn more about convention finance and fund raising status. The convention treasurer, Bijay Dash and Convention fund-raising committee chair, Hemant Biswal were invited to provide the status. They provided the requested information and stated that a \$25K loan would greatly help the cash flow problem, and that if all pledges were made good and the cost did not escalate, the convention account would break even. Sikhanda Satapathy mentioned that eight local members had agreed to lend the convention \$40k to solve the immediate cash flow problem, and since Sitakantha Dash has provided \$15k donation on an urgent basis as a grand sponsor of the Kennedy Center event, a \$25k loan from OSA would obviate the need to take loan from individuals. Sitakantha Das proposed OSA to provide \$25K as a loan to the Washington DC chapter. It was seconded by Pramod Mahapatra, and was approved with majority. Siddharth Behera and Sunil Sabat voted against the proposal and Prashanta Ranabijuli abstained.</p> <p>After the proposal was passed, Washington DC Chapter President, Bimal Mishra joined the meeting. He mentioned that the state of chapter finance would not permit the chapter to return any loan money should there be a net deficit in the convention. The BOG members suggested that every effort be made to contain the expenses, use the \$25k loan to manage the cash-flow problem, and return the loan along with the convention advance.</p>
6	2016 Convention	Tapan Padhi thanked the Odisha Society of New England (OSNE) to come forward to host the 2016 OSA convention in Boston area. Chapter president Arun Mohanty invited everyone and requested to encourage their local members to attend 2016 convention.

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