



# ODISHA SOCIETY OF AMERICAS

## OSA BOG MEETING MINUTES

<b>Date:</b>	<b>February 11th, 2018, Sunday</b>
<b>Time:</b>	7:00 PM – 8:45 PM EST
<b>Location:</b>	Conference Call
<b>Presided By</b>	Lalatendu Mohanty
<b>Topic:</b>	Monthly BOG Meeting

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**Host Pin - 4154**

### Invitees/Attendees:

**[20 BOG members attended along with Dr Sishir Senapati, Convenor 2018 OSA Convention, Detroit]**

#	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	Yes
6	Kuku Das	President	OSA – CA	Yes
7	Anil Patnaik	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	Kirti Mohapatra	President	OSA – MT. Hood (Oregon)	N/A
13	Debashis Panda	President	OSA - Chicago	Yes
14	Vivek Das	President	OSA - Michigan	Yes
15	Vacant	President	OSA – MD/VA	N/A
16	Radhagobinda Mohanty	President	Ozark - Central	N/A
17	Amulya Das	President	OSA – Seattle (Washington Area)	Yes
18	Shankar Baral/Tarini	President	OSA – South East	Yes
19	Sarbeswar Sahoo (Dr Sita Kantha Das)	Representative	OSA - NW Chapter	Yes
20	Suvendu Samal	President	OSA - Rocky Mountain	N/A
21	Sunanda Mishra Panda	President	CANOSA	Yes
22	Sarada Panda	President	OSA – South West	Yes
23	Sishir Senapati	Convenor	2018 OSA Convention	Yes

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### Agenda:

#	Description
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>Roll-Call</b></li> <li>* <b>President Update – Membership drive, Women Help and support, Regional consular support, OSA impact.</b></li> <li>* <b>2018 Convention Update</b></li> <li>* <b>VP Update – Award Committee, Guest Selection Committee.</b></li> <li>* <b>Secretary Update – Chapter election, Inactive chapters, Member address clean-up in the OSA directory.</b></li> <li>* <b>Membership Drive – Reducing Life Membership \$, Making student free, New Non-Voting Member</b></li> <li>* <b>Any important items from any BOG members.</b></li> <li>* <b>Chapter Round Table</b></li> </ul>

### Minutes:

Topic	Conclusions/Discussions
Attendance	20 BOG members attended the meeting.
Detroit Convention Update	<p>Dr Sishir Senapati joined and briefed the BOG members on the convention preparation. The convention preparation is going on in full swing. The website is fully functional and ready for registration.</p> <p>Dr Senapati requested all BOG members to convey the message to all members / non-members at chapter level to do early registration for attending the convention.</p> <p>Dr Senapati shared a suggestion on printing the names of all the deceased Odia members in the convention directory. It needs to be discussed and approved in next BOG.</p> <p>Convention team also briefed on a new guideline they have decided for all members attending the convention must buy food coupons for all the 3 days.</p> <p>Kuku Das, CA, brought the discussion and requested convention team and OSA,VP to include her and start the planning the kids Odia competitions at the convention.</p>

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Update By President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President, Lalatendu Mohanty, summarized the Membership action report which was shared with BOG members. He mentioned that there were two categories of recommendation by the committee a) Membership Restructure b) OSA Branding &amp; Image Transformation</li> <li>• He also emphasized on work needs to be done to attract more members by building a stronger OSA profile collecting last 10 years work of OSA</li> <li>• He also want the BOG to consider in building support groups for members and non-members. As the first stage, he wants big chapters to take initiative to form a) Indian Consumer Help Group b) Women's Support group</li> <li>• He also updated that OSA Impact grant of \$4k was disbursed to KrushCo – a single-window platform for farmers to obtain inputs, technical supports and selling their outputs. Earlier plan of granting it to clean water supply had some issues and therefore, the grant was withdrawn. This was an OSA NE Youth initiative and a eKutir collaboration.</li> </ul>
Update By Vice President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VP, Susil Panda, updated the status of 50th Convention Selection Committee. The committee is meeting with all three aspirants and will advise their finding by end of this month for BOG to vote.</li> <li>• He also stated the Convention Guest selection committee have met and they will soon finalize the chief guest selection.</li> <li>• The award committee team will be finalized in a day or two and they will work on OSA National Awards soon.</li> </ul>
Update By Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secretary, Amar Senapati, requested BOG members to look at the chapter elections and update any changes.</li> <li>• He also informed the BOG that 2018 Convention Team is in process of printing the directory. All members will be getting "Address Verification" emails with their address as in OSA records for confirmation. He also encourages the members to pass on the messages through local chapter email group.</li> </ul>
Update by Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Treasurer updated that the 2017 financial status which will be printed in coming Utkarsa edition</li> <li>• He also requested all chapters to submit their financial statements by 31<sup>st</sup> March for OSA Tax filing</li> </ul>
Update By Dr Sitakantha Dash	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Dash discussed on two initiatives he coordinated on behalf of OSA back in Odisha. a) Birth Anniversary of Vyaskabi Fakir Mohan Senapati b) Sub-International Conference on Lord Jagannatha.</li> </ul>
Round Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During the BOG round table each chapter President/Representative shared the details of their chapter events and activities.</li> </ul>

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Membership Action Committee recommendation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lalatendu Mohanty stated that OSA membership is sluggish and a drastic measure is needed to attract new members. He recommended the following –               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ BOG to vote on -                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Reduce Membership rate \$200 Until 2018 Convention. Bring it to 2018 GBM for permanent reduction</li> <li>▪ Reduce Student Membership to \$0 for full time students</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• IPP, Sushanta Satpathy had constitutional concern about any reduction in membership fee. He also agreed that similar reduction happened in last five years, after the new constitution took into effect.</li> <li>• Lalatendu agreed to revisit the constitution and submit the temporary membership reduction proposal directly to BOG via email at a later time</li> <li>• BOG Members discussed about the pros &amp; cons of new membership category “Non-Voting Member” recommended by the Membership Action Committee</li> <li>• BOG Members requested additional information from the Membership Action Team and would like to talk to them, if it can be arranged. Here are some clarification they would like to have for further discussion -               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Rights of NVM (ie. Handling local finances, nominating members for elective positions, voting in GBM etc.)</li> <li>○ Request to identify the changes needed to constitution to accommodate NVM</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

### Appendix:

### Next Meeting:

**11<sup>th</sup> March 2018 (Sun) 7:00 PM EST**

Any questions or comments please send an e-mail to [secretary@odishasociety.org](mailto:secretary@odishasociety.org)