



ODISHA SOCIETY OF AMERICAS

OSA BOG MEETING MINUTES

Date:	September 16th, 2018, Sunday
Time:	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM EST
Location:	Conference Call
Presided By	Lalatendu Mohanty
Topic:	Monthly BOG Meeting - September

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	Anil Patnaik	President	OSA - Ohio	Yes
8	Soumya Mohanty	President	OSA-NE	Yes
9	Sribatsa Das (Hemanta Pradhan)	President	OSA-NJ/NY	Yes
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	No
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)	No
18	Amithabh Mishra	President	OSA – South East	Yes
19	Sarbeswar Sahoo (Dr Sita Kantha Das)	Representative	OSA - NW Chapter	Yes
20	Suwendu Samal	President	OSA - Rocky Mountain	N/A
21	Sunanda Mishra Panda	President	CANOSA	Yes
22	Sarada Panda	President	OSA – South West	No
23	Dr Uma Mishra	Convener	2019 Convention	Yes

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Agenda:

#	Description
	1. President Update - E-Library, MNM, Misc
	2. Mo School Update - VP 2 Mins
	3. Modernization of OSA Website
	4. New CT Chapter Request - OSANE President Soumya Mohanty
	5. OSA Culture Promotion Sponsorship Update
	6. 2019 - 50th Convention Update - Dr Uma Mishra (Convenor), Sribatsa Das
	7. Chapter Round Table

Minutes:

Topic	Conclusions/Discussions
Attendance	14 BOG members attended the meeting.
2019 Convention Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Convener Dr Mishra stated that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. formal registration internally started yesterday b. some issues have discovered and will be addressed before releasing to all c. various roadshows have started to reach out to chapters & sponsors - Kuku Das requested that a personalized video/audio message to all will go long way
Update By President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A MOU signed by OSA with Berhampur Municipality to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Guide and advise in implementing the best practices for successful model public library b. Work with BMC to establish well defined guideline and process to setup a public corpus fund that can receive OSA grants, Non-Resident Odia (NRO) funds, and donations and utilize funds in the interest of the model library. c. Facilitate to bring experts in the library programs, events, activities leveraging NROs and other experts. d. Provide technological guidance for making the library ICT enabled and support for growth and development of the library. e. Guide BMC in establishing "Friends of Library" to make self-sustainable. - OPLI team is planning a Public Library Conference in Odisha on Dec 26th. - Nishikanta Sahoo updated the purpose of the event and requested BOG to approve the expenses of \$3000 (\$1500 on Conference & \$1500 on grants) towards this from OSA's Library fund. - BOG showed the interest but had some reservation of giving a grant this year. It was decided to send a formal note on this to BOG to get its approval

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Update By Vice President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mo School initiative by Govt Odisha has approached OSA to partner with them for funding the alumni's school. After evaluating the current state of the initiative and its plans, EC has proposed three options <p>Option 1 – OSA as an Interested Party (OSA will receive (unverified) information and reports from MoSchool and share in OSA's forums with Disclaimer of no liability to OSA and direction to members to conduct their own due diligence before making contributions)</p> <p>Option 2 - Partnership (without MOU) (OSA will collaborate with MoSchool leadership on the program and roadmap with a need of Financial Transparency and Program roadmap with milestones)</p> <p>Option 3 - Partnership (with MOU) (Option 2 + OSA will collect donations from members through its own bank and transfer the funds to MoSchool with purpose for each donation)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At this OSA agrees to Option 1 and may opt for other option is Mo School Leadership agrees to OSA's requirement - The OSA Cultural promotion initiative is restructured. There will be three tiers and also an option to provide a refundable seed money up to \$1000 for small chapter needing a helping hand. <p>Tier 1 - \$40: Covering crowd > 5000 spanning 8 Hours with 200 volunteer Hours Tier 2 - \$250: Covering crowd > 1000 spanning 4 Hours with 80 volunteer Hours Tier 3 - \$100: No crowd constraints, spanning 2 Hours with 40 volunteer Hours</p>
Update By Secretary	
Update by Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On a philanthropic note, he mentioned about the support Huston Chapter Odias provided to an Odia couple from India for cancer treatment. The couple returned back after necessary consultation and were very thankful to our Huston friends.
Round Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Somya Mohanty, NE mentioned that few members from state of CT are interested to create a new chapter. The multiple communications are going on with them to find a common ground in order to keep the NE chapter intact. During Ganesh Puja, the NE Management team will sit down to finalize the resolution. He wanted to verify if the process followed by the chapter is in the right direction or not. BOG members agreed with the process and offered to mediate if it cannot be amicably sorted out among themselves. - Dr Sitakantha Dash, MN, mentioned about Biswa Odia Sammellan is being organized in Delhi from Dec 22nd – 23rd and again on 26th at Delhi. He requested OSA to partner with the organizing team. - Anil Patnaik, OH, mentioned that their chapter is going to organize RDF this year and now in planning stage. He confirmed that the RDF grant to chapters is back to \$750 this financial year.
BOG Proposal and Approval	OSA Website – A proposal was made by EC to facelift the current website with OSA turning 50 years soon with an estimated expense of \$1500. BOG agreed to proceed with this initiative

Appendix:



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Next Meeting:

14th October 2018 (Sun) 7:00 PM EST

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