OSA BOG Meeting Minutes, Sunday 8/11/19

Date:	8/11/19, Sunday
Time:	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM EST
Location:	Conference Call
Presided By:	Ms. Kuku Das
Topic:	Monthly BOG Meeting

Invitees/Attendees:

16 BOG members attended

BOG Member	Chapter	Designation	Attendance
Kuku Das		President, OSA	Yes
Anil Patnaik		Vice President	Yes
Vivek Das		Secretary	Yes
Utkal Nayak		Treasurer	Yes
Lalatendu Mohanty		Imm. Past President	Yes
Sarita Jagatjita	OSA – CA	Chapter President	Yes
Deepak Sahoo	OSA – Ohio	Chapter President	Yes
Soumya Mohanty	OSA – North East	Chapter President	Yes
Sribatsa Das	OSA – NY/NJ	Chapter President	Yes
Nalini Patnaik	OSA – Southern	Chapter President	Yes
Satya Nanda	OSA – Mt Hood (OR)	Chapter President	Yes
Amulya Das	OSA – Seattle (WA)	Chapter President	Yes
Amitabh Misro	OSA – South East	Chapter President	Yes
Sarada Panda	OSA – South West	Chapter President	Yes
Sunanda Panda	CANOSA	Chapter President	Yes
Anjana Chowdhury	OSA – DC	Chapter President	Yes
Debasish Panda	OSA – Chicago	Chapter President	No
Sarbeswar Sahoo	OSA – North West	Chapter President	No
Sanjib Bisoyi	OSA – Rocky Mountain	Chapter President	No

Agenda

1. Welcome to BOG
2. Introduction of New EC
3. Introduction of Chapter Presidents
4. Goal / Vision of OSA 2019-20
5. Introducing OSA Editors & Vision for Utkarsa – *Postponed to Later Meet*
6. 51st Convention Update
7. Standardization of OSA Website to include all Chapter updates
8. Chapter Update

Notes

- **Introduction**: The BOG started with a brief welcome by the Secretary OSA. This was followed by brief introduction of New EC team and their individual background as well as Chapter Presidents' brief introduction.

- **Vision of OSA EC Team for 2019-2021**: The OSA President gave an overview of the Vision of the EC 2019-2021 that highlighted - OSA care, an initiative for providing senior care to the members and their families, Need for Women empowerment, Importance of Connecting to the Youth of OSA, and improve effectiveness of hotline service for people in need.

- **Convention Update**:

Vice President Anil Patnaik summarized the EC efforts to explore possible hosts for the 51st Convention.

  o President Mrs. Kuku Das and Vice President Mr. Anil Patnaik, reached out to Austin, TX (OSA South West) Chapter members regarding hosting convention there. After a few deliberations with the community, the team regretted that they would not be able to host in short notice but expressed interest in hosting the OSA Convention 2022 onwards.
  o However, in the meetings with OSA Southern chapter, after deliberations with Mrs. Kuku Das and Mr. Anil Patnaik, and their chapter members, Mrs. Nalini Patnaik (President, OSA Southern) informed that they are ready to host the convention at Nashville.

Mrs. Nalini Patnaik requested information as well as suggestions about funding and other financial matters. Many National Executives of OSA, both current and past assured all help needed in hosting the convention by Southern Chapter. Immediate Past President, Mr. Lalatendu Mohanty expressed his gratitude for Mrs. Patnaik's contributions to the Community, as well as appreciated her assistance towards library in Brahmapur, Odisha.

- **Website Standardization**: Mr. Utkal Nayak, OSA Treasurer, spoke about upcoming changes to website as well as proposed standardization of OSA website, that would make it easy for chapters to maintain chapter specific information available for easy access by members. He elaborated the next steps to implement this by –
  o Forming a committee of member volunteers to look after IT infrastructure, as well as content collaborators
  o Carrying forward the work started by previous EC team to create a new website that is much more responsive to increased demands for information exchange via website
  o Building a template that would enable chapter presidents to easily capture and distribute chapter specific information in standardized chapter pages under one website to provide consistency of content as well as reduce operational cost of managing multiple websites
  o Converging various independent IT infrastructure to under one roof to reduce redundant IT cost

- **Chapter Updates:**

- o Mr. Amitabh Misro (President, OSA South East) spoke about difficulty in mobilizing people for Chapter activities. He also updated about the community's preparation for upcoming Kumar Purnima Event in October.
- o Mr. Deepak Sahoo (President, OSA Ohio) spoke about difficulty in engaging Youth for Chapter activities. Many other chapter Presidents expressed this sentiment.
- o Mr. Amulya Das (President, OSA Seattle) appreciated OSA National help for the past OSA Seattle Convention. Mr. Das also updated about OSA Seattle's Annual Picnic to be a great get together and the enthusiasm around upcoming Durga Puja event. He also provided highlighted about Youth activities in the community.
- o Mr. Soumya Mohanty (President, OSA NE) shared updates about visit by the famous Sand Artist, Mr. Sudarshan Patnaik for an International Competition. He also updated about the chapter's preparation for Ganesh Puja.
- o Mr. Vivek Das (President, OSA Michigan) updated about a new President election in Michigan Chapter. Mr. Vivek Das also shared details of the assistance received from OSA National for the OSA 49th Convention held at Detroit.
- o Mr. Satya Nanda (President, OSA – Mt. Hood) updated about Celebration of Ratha Jatra and its preparation for Ganesh Puja.
- o Mrs. Sunanda Panda (President, CANOSA) updated about CANOSA's Annual Picnic and Celebration of India's Independence Day.
- o Mr. Sribatsa Das (President, OSA NY/NJ) updated about participating in an American Community event where OSA NY/NJ had a stall that promoted Odia Food.
- o Mrs. Sarita Jagatjita (President, California) provided a quick update about the newly formed chapter. She made a suggestion to provide a platform to share success stories from various chapters. This idea was welcomed by many attendees

In the end, the President thanked everyone for their commitment towards this volunteer work and sacrifices made to personal time to make the community stronger.

Minutes by Vivek Das Secretary, OSA