



OSA BOG Meeting Minutes, Sunday 9/15/2019

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| Date: | 9/15/2019, 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 |
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| Kuku Das | | President, OSA | Yes |
| Anil Patnaik | | Vice President | Yes |
| Vivek Das | | Secretary | Yes |
| Utkal Nayak | | Treasurer | Yes |
| Lalatendu Mohanty | | Imm. Past President | No |
| Sarita Jagatjita | OSA – CA | Chapter President | Yes |
| Deepak Sahoo | OSA – Ohio | Chapter President | Yes |
| Soumya Mohanty /Debadutta Mohanty | OSA – North East | Outgoing President /New 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 | No |
| Amitabh Misro | OSA – South East | Chapter President | No |
| Sarada Panda | OSA – South West | Chapter President | Yes |
| Sunanda Panda | CANOSA | Chapter President | Yes |
| Anjana Chowdhury | OSA – DC | Chapter President | No |
| Debasish Panda | OSA – Chicago | Chapter President | Yes |
| Sarbeswar Sahoo | OSA – North West (MI) | Chapter President | No |
| Sanjib Bisoyi/Mihir Behera | OSA – Rocky Mountain | Chapter President /Representative | Yes |



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Agenda

1. Welcome to BOG
2. Introducing OSA Care Activities and discussion of proposals
3. Introducing OSA Editors & Vision for Utkarsa
4. 51st Convention Update
5. Standardization of OSA Website to include common platform for Convention / Chapter updates
6. Chapter Update



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Notes

- **Introduction:** The BOG started with a brief welcome by the Secretary OSA.
- **Vision of OSA Care:** The OSA President, Ms Kuku Das gave an overview of the OSA Care for health. She told the BOG that Dr. Debashish Ray from Atlanta has approached EC about forming a Health and Wellness group under OSA umbrella. The group is formed from a network of doctors, who are OSA members. Their primary goal is to conduct health care activities in Odisha as well as Odia Community in North America. She also shared the group's vision to provide guidance, healthcare, community service. This development has been overwhelmingly welcomed by all of the BOG members. Vice President Anil Patnaik updated that EC is evaluating the details of this process; the Mission and Vision of OSA Health will be shared with all BOG members and details and Legal matters are being looked into.
- **OSA Youth:** President introduced Deepak Sahoo and discussed ideas for youth participation. Soumya Mohanty (OSA NE) suggested extending OSA Impact to include youth from more chapters. The Anil Patnaik (VP) mentioned that present OSA Impact is doing great work but they need help connecting to youths of other chapters and brainstorming is needed how to expand to other chapters and include more youth. Debashish Panda suggested pulling in youths from childhood and make them inclusive. OSA Secretary Vivek Das suggested holding an agenda item for Youth involvement in the Next BOG meeting and this was well received by leadership and many BOG members.
- **Utkarsa Update:** Utkarsa Editors Nageswar Rajanala and Babru Samal were invited to update BOG on various new initiatives. Nagesh Rajnala said currently publication is done every quarter but readership is low. He mentioned about a website version is being planned. He discussed a few ideas for increasing member engagements. There was a request to get regular updates from BOG members of each chapter to the Utkarsa editors. Babru Samal discussed ideas for archival publishing at Amazon etc. Members are active on social media and the editors are evaluating what will be the best media for reaching out to the Odia Communities across North America. President Kuku Das and Vice President Anil Patnaik requested each chapter President to send an update to Utkarsa, as they are best positioned to represent their chapter.
- **51 st Convention Update:** Vice President Anil Patnaik described about his visit to Nashville to attend their annual picnic, along with OSA past president Sushant Satpathy. They met the OSA Southern Leadership, members, visited the proposed convention site; and Anil reported that there was a lot of positive energy in the local community for hosting the convention. The last Convention in Nashville was held in 2000. There were many questions regarding hosting a convention from the local members. Nalini Patnaik (OSA Southern President) also echoed the great positive energy and involvement of the community towards the Convention. She announced that Dr. Geeta Misra was chosen as Convener for the 51st OSA convention and the Co-Conveners are Manoj Senapati and Dilip Dalei, apart from Dr. Anil Patnaik (OSA ex-officio). She reported progress on many fronts for Convention related activities.
- **Convention Website:** OSA treasurer Utkal Nayak gave update on new approach for the convention website. He proposed that in order to use the same assets (from past convention website) rather than creating everything all over again. Utkal said he will create the format for 51st convention from the 50th website will be followed. Many BOG members including the Current executive team members expressed similar sentiments. There was a common desire to use the same format and leverage the existing websites



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for all future conventions in order to use the existing facilities.

- **Chapter Presidents Update:** Vivek Das (past President of Michigan) updated BOG about chapter election and introduced Dr. Arun Tripathy as the new President of MI chapter. Arun Tripathy thanked the past leadership of Michigan and mentioned about Ganesh Puja on Sept 21. He also mentioned about Kumara Purnima being planned on October 26th.
- Sarada Panda from OSA SW also updated about the election of South West chapter and announced that Swarup Panda will be their new chapter President. Kuku Das and other BOG members thanked Sarada Panda for wonderful job as a chapter President.
- Soumya Mohanty from OSA NE updated about their election of new chapter president Devadutta (Bunu) Mohanty. BOG members thanked Soumya for his wonderful service and welcomed Devadutta. Also, Soumya mentioned about Ganesh puja celebration in OSA NE.
- Nalini Apa from OSA Southern gave details about Kumara Purnima on October 12 and mentioned interest about holding the Regional Drama Festival (RDF) there during that event. She inquired about funds for RDF and President Ms. Kuku Das mentioned that as per the guidelines for RDF, OSA will avail the funds for Southern chapter.
- Sribatsa Das, current President OSA NY/NJ mentioned Ganesh Puja celebrations and elections for new leadership. Everybody appreciated the role played by Sribatsa Das in publicity for the 50th Convention and he was requested to assist the national team.
- Satya Nanda, the OSA President from OSA Mt Hood chapter updated that they hosted Ganesh Puja for the community recently.
- OSA CA President Sarita Jagatjta hosted a dance performance by Aruna Mohanty, and they are planning to host Ganesh Puja next week.
- Debashish Panda of Chicago informed about their Annual Picnic last month. Also, he mentioned that OSA Chicago participated in India day Celebration and had a float. Ganesh Puja was celebrated last week. There was Odia Speech and participation from the Odia kids in the Ganesh Puja, which was appreciated by all.
- CANOSA president Sunanda Panda updated that they are holding Kumara Purnima on Oct last week.
- OSA Ohio President Deepak Sahoo informed picnic on August 26 at Cincinnati. Food was prepared onsite, and many Odia delicacies were made. Kumara Purnima is planned for Oct 26.
- At the end, the Treasurer Utkala Nayak informed about donations made for Cyclone Fani as per past commitments, and many Chapter Presidents appreciated the treasurer's role in transferring money to the Chief Minister's fund for relief. The ECs expressed that OSA Chapter Presidents represent OSA at the State Level and have a wealth of knowledge and experience in organizing for the community. They are experts in providing leadership to the local Community and their experience should not be lost. Many BOG members agreed, and outgoing Chapter Presidents were felicitated and resolved to continue their support to Odia Community activities and to OSA National.
- Kuku Das discussed about having the Odia Community representation at the upcoming Meeting with the Indian Prime Minister 'Howdy with Modi' in Houston. The meeting ended with a thank you from the Executive team.
- The BOG members decided to provide support to the OSA Southern Chapter for hosting the 51st Convention. The Chapter President / Convenor will make a formal request for the loan of a seed money for the purpose of holding the Convention.

Minutes by Vivek Das Secretary, OSA



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