



OSA BOG Meeting Minutes, Sunday 10/20/19

Date:	10/20/19, Sunday
Time:	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM EST
Location:	Conference Call
Presided By:	Ms. Kuku Das
Topic:	Monthly BOG Meeting

Invitees/Attendees:

13 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	No
Sarita Jagatjita	OSA – CA	Chapter President	Yes
Deepak Sahoo	OSA – Ohio	Chapter President	Yes
Debadutta Behera	OSA – North East	Chapter President	Yes
Sribatsa Das	OSA – NY/NJ	Chapter President	No
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 / Tarini Dash	OSA – South East	Chapter President	Yes
Sarada Panda	OSA – South West	Chapter President	No
Sunanda Panda	CANOSA	Chapter President	No
Anjana Chowdhury	OSA – DC	Chapter President	Yes
Debasish Panda	OSA – Chicago	Chapter President	Yes
Sarbeswar Sahoo	OSA – MN	Chapter President	No
Sanjib Bisoyi	OSA – Rocky Mountain	Chapter President	No
Arun Tripathy	OSA - Michigan	Chapter President	No



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Notes

- **Introduction & Meet & Greet:**

The BOG started with a brief Meet and Greet over the phone and welcome by the Secretary, Vivek Das. The OSA President, Mrs. Kuku Das opened the discussions giving an overview of her trip to Nashville along with Anil Patnaik, Vice President to attend the Regional Drama Festival. She updated BOG regarding the exciting experiences from the event and the meetings with the 2020 Convention team during the visit. Next, she acknowledged two great Odia in North America Barun Pani and Mamata Mohanty, who recently passed away. BOG was silent in prayer for a minute as a mark of respect.

- **Vision of OSA Care:**

Dr. Debashish Ray of Atlanta was invited to BOG to present mission and vision of recently formed OSA Health and Wellness Group. Dr. Ray shared his vision and conveyed that Odia doctors have a mission for serving people within North America and in Odisha. They have a vision of helping Odia community abroad as well as doing welfare projects in Odisha. Debadatta Behera (President, OSA NE) recalled an incident wherein help was needed in the past and doctors from the community had provided help. Dr. Debashish Ray mentioned that is one of the reasons why the group is formed; community service is the mission of the group. All BOG member welcomed the proposal.

Kuku Das, President OSA, mentioned about OSA outreach event at Odisha. OSA has reached out to Odisha Government to showcase the young talents from USA, Canada and at the same time, giving them an opportunity to get a glimpse of our culture and heritage over there too. It will also be a gathering of Nonresident Odias (NROs) where we could brainstorm about how to contribute back to the community in Odisha. She mentioned that the OSA Odisha public library initiative group will organize a seminar during that event. She was also excited to announce that the tourism ministry has offered to provide transportation the youths to visit different tourist places. Tarini Dash thought it was a good initiative. Anjana Chowdhury mentioned that there was some dance program wherein there were participation of kids from USA. She said that with this program the kids can get opportunity to interact with other local talents there. Nalini Patnaik supported this proposal. Amulya Das supported the idea and agreed to provide help. Everyone supported this proposal. Anil Patnaik, VP OSA mentioned that would help in the mission of connecting our youths to their roots. He mentioned through the OSA chapters, communication and promotion of this event, the participation can be increased. All Bog members supported the proposal. Debadutta Behera mentioned he could help with linking with government officials, which the OSA can avail of if needed.

- **Rabi Rout Proposal:**

Anil Patnaik updated about the proposal from OSA member Rabi Rout (MI) for award and plaque for Odia and English writing award in memory of Sachi Routray. This will carry an award of \$250 which Mr. Rout has proposed to fund for 10 years. Tarini Dash, Nalini Patnaik, Amulya Das and Debashish Panda spoke in support of the idea. In general, all members supported.

- **51st Convention update:**

Nalini Patnaik updated that progress is going well for the 51st Convention. The BOG had approved the loan of \$20,000 as seed money for the convention, in order to meet the initial expenses. Convention website will be open for registration. The local community members are eager about the convention.



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- **OSA Youth:**

Ohio President Deepak Sahoo has volunteered to spearhead the initiative of including all youths and increasing activity. He mentioned about survey he has circulated within BOG for increasing youth participation. Vivek Das shared that youth participation remains a primary focus of the Executive Committee and that Volunteering, and Community service activities may encourage greater youth participation. Many Chapter presidents stated that Youth has to be empowered. Four chapters have responded to the survey. Anjana Chowdhury mentioned grooming some youth leaders and doing an Odia Class. The participation from youth is low. Kuku Das offered to do an Odia class on skype if needed. Utkal Nayak stated ownership and delegation to youth is important. Debashish Panda of Chicago mentioned youth in Chicago get-together and brainstorming / discussing among themselves ideas they felt was important to them.

- **Treasurer update:**

Fani update. Receipt has been obtained from CMRF. Indian Association of Nebraska has made a request for sending money thru OSA for Fani. Efforts are being made to transition OSANet members from yahoo to google group. Testing is underway.

- **Chapter Presidents Update:**

- Nalini Patnaik updated about Kumara Purnima and RDF at Nashville. She discussed about the dramas/skits from Nashville, Louisville and Ohio-California. She thanked Kuku Das and Anil Patnaik for attending and participating in the event.
- Tarini Patnaik updated about Kumara Purnima. Also, he updated on their India day participation.
- Debadutta mentioned about Kumara Purnima. They have plans about doing Odia programs. They had a program for Aruna Mohanty. They have a singing program for Susmita Das, and movie release for Chabi Rani.
- Debashish Panda mentioned Kumara Purnima was done last week. Diwali is next week; they also hosted a dance program by Aruna Mohanty.
- Sarita Jagatjita updated that California celebrated Ganesh puja and also hosted Aruna Mohanty show. Consul General of San Francisco had attended the Aruna Mohanty show.
- Amulya Das Seattle had a Durga puja and lot of activities with youth participation.
- Deepak Sahoo mentioned that Kumara Purnima events were celebrated in Columbus and Cincinnati. Ohio Kumar Purnima will be celebrated next Saturday.

OSA Secretary Vivek Das thanked everybody for attending the BOG and concluded the meeting.