



OSA BOG Meeting Minutes, Sunday 11/10/19

Date:	11/10/19, Sunday
Time:	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM EST
Location:	Conference Call
Presided By:	Ms. Kuku Das
Topic:	Monthly BOG Meeting

Invitees/Attendees:

15 BOG members attended

BOG Member	Chapter	Designation	Attendance
Kuku Das		President, OSA	Yes
Anil Patnaik		Vice President	Yes
Vivek Das		Secretary	No
Utkal Nayak		Treasurer	Yes
Lalatendu Mohanty		Imm. Past President	Yes
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	OSA – South East	Chapter President	No
Swaroop Panda	OSA – South West	Chapter President	Yes
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	Yes
Arun Tripathy	OSA - Michigan	Chapter President	Yes
Vacant	OSA – MD, VA	INACTIVE	No
Vacant	OSA – Ozark	INACTIVE	No
Vacant	OSA – Grand Canyon	INACTIVE	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 Dr. Anil Patnaik, Vice President.

- **OSA Mahotsav:**

President, Mrs. Kuku Das started with briefing of the initiative OSA Mahotsav that, OSA in partnership with Department of Culture, Govt. of Odisha is starting an annual event OSA Mahotsav, the first of which is planned for Dec 22nd, 2019 at Odissi Research Center in Bhubaneswar Odisha. The objective of the event is to meet and collaborate with stakeholders in Odisha for the OSA's Public Library initiative and other OSA initiatives (such as Fani relief and rehabilitation efforts) in Odisha, as well as provide youths of North America to showcase their cultural talent in Odisha, and help them connect to the root on the field. Additionally, Govt. of Odisha has offered to provide a tour package for youths of North America to visit famous tourist places in Odisha during the last week of December as part of this initiative. Mrs. Das solicited Chapter Presidents to spread the word to all OSA members to leverage this opportunity to participate in the event and encourage youths to showcase their talent in the land where the Rich Odia Culture and Heritage was created and is celebrated. The logistics arrangement of the event is supported by the Dept. of Culture. Mrs. Das requested BOG for approval of an amount of \$3,000 towards food and some logistics expenses. This amount of was unanimously approved by BOG.

- **OSA Care:**

- The President, Mrs. Kuku Das provided following update regarding OSA Care initiative. The Health and Wellness group would be organized as a committee under OSA with its own constitution and by-laws, those are reviewed to be in alignment with that of OSA. The by-laws would further be reviewed, and any requested changes would be considered during GBM of 2020.
- Mrs. Das also updated that the group has requested to provide contacts of members who are in the field of Health Care so they can be reached to join the Health and Wellness group.
- The group has requested to have a separate bank account that would be managed by OSA Treasurer, however additional oversight would be provided from the group to manage transparency and to ensure audit compliance.
- The group is going to work with OSA Information Technology (IT) team to develop web pages that would reside under the umbrella of OSA IT.

- **51st Convention update:**

Nalini Pattnaik, President of OSA Southern chapter, updated the progress in preparation for 51st Convention. The BOG approved amount of \$20K has been transferred to convention. Convention website is going to be open for registration in November.



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- **Treasurer update:**

- Utkal Nayak, Treasurer clarified the continuation of Annual reimbursement of Chapter activities. Chapters to continue to receive an annual reimbursement of \$250 for Utkal Divas or an event to promote Odia Culture. In case the chapter hosts RDF, the chapter is entitled to claim an amount of \$750. In such case no additional amount for Utkal Divas or Event to promote Odia Culture would be reimbursed for that fiscal year. The chapters who have recently requested for expenses would be reimbursed soon as per the explanation above.
- BOG Approved additional expense of \$3,000 towards OSA Mahotsav 2019
- OSA EC is working with Health and Wellness group to set up bank account and manage funds
- OSA EC is working with 50th Convention team to close out Convention Account

- **Chapter Presidents Update:**

- Mr. Swaroop Panda, President OSA South-West, updated that Kumar Poornima event was a great success this year. About 70 families attended the event that showcased various Cultural events and a drama. There is a *Boita Bandana Utsav* was planned for the weekend of Nov 20 to celebrate Kartik Poornima rituals. Construction of Jagannath Temple and the community hall is in progress.
- Mr. Arun Tripathy, President OSA Michigan, updated that Kumar Poornima event in Michigan was a great success. About 70 families attended the event that was full of variety cultural program followed by a dinner event. A drama was presented that received good response from the audience.
- Mr. Debadutta (Bunu) Behera, President, OSA New England, updated about publication of new version of newsletter from the chapter. He emphasized on the youth initiatives started by the chapter. BOG members appreciated the chapter's effort towards this initiative.
- Mrs. Sarita Jagatjita, President, OSA California, updated about Kumar Poornima event that recently was hosted by the event.
- Mrs. Deepak Sahoo, President, OSA Ohio, also updated about Kumar Poornima event done by the chapter.

President, Mrs. Das thanked everybody for attending the BOG and concluded the meeting.