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Elected Team for 2013 – 2015

- Tapan Padhi** – President (top Left)
Sikhanda Satpathy – Vice President (top right)
Sabita Panigrahi – Secretary (bottom left)
Prashant Ranabijuli – Treasurer (bottom right)

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President's Message

Dear Fellow OSA Members,

Welcome to this special issue of the newsletter about OSA 2013 election results. The 2013 election was held for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer for OSA. The OSA Election Committee members consisting of Dr Haralal Chowdhury (chair), Dr. Duryodhan Mangaraj and Dr. Jay Narayan Bhuyan (members) has completed the election process and submitted the results to OSA Executives. OSA Executives presented the results to BOG members in a special BOG meeting, which has accepted and approved the election results.

We thank the OSA Election Committee members consisting of Dr Haralal Chowdhury (chair), Dr. Duryodhan Mangaraj and Dr. Jay Narayan Bhuyan (members) for a job so well done! The election planning and process takes several months; it has been a long, arduous process and the committee members took it in the spirit of noble voluntary service for OSA. We are grateful to the Election Committee for this vital contribution to the smooth functioning of our organization.

Following is the list of the newly elected OSA executives for 2013-2015:

- Tapan Padhi - President
 Dr. Sikhanda Satpathy - Vice-President
 Sabita Panigrahi - Secretary
 Prasanta Ranabijuli- Treasurer

On behalf of OSA Executives and the BOG, I congratulate all the newly elected OSA officials for 2013-2015 and wish them well. I would also like to commend all the candidates for participating in the democratic electoral process. That is the strength of our organization - the smooth transition from one group of elected officials to the other.

I would also like to thank the OSA secretary Leena Mishra and the OSA treasurer Sushant Satpathy who guided and helped the Election Committee in conducting the smooth electioneering process with great success. I thank all the members of OSA who participated in the election. I request all the OSA members to extend support to the newly elected OSA officials.

With warm regards,
 Dr. Annapurna Devi Pandey
 President, OSA

OSA BOG MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: 05/12/2013

Meeting Location: Conference Call

Recorded By: Leena Mishra

Meeting Location

No	Name	Title	Organization	Present
1	Annapurna Pandey	President	OSA	Yes
2	Kuku Das	Vice President	OSA	Yes
3	Leena Mishra	Secretary	OSA	Yes
4	Sushant Satpathy	Treasurer	OSA	Yes
5	Pramod Mohapatra	President	Southern Chapter	Yes
6	Sujata Nayak	President	OSA – MD/VA	No
7	Arata Tran Rout	President	OSA - Ohio	No
7	Bigyani Das	Past President	OSA	Yes
8	Simant Mishra	President	OSA – Grand Canyon	No
9	Prakash Sahu	President	OSA- Washington DC	Yes
10	Nihar Nanda	President	OSA – New England	No
11	Jhara Das	President	OSA - Chicago	Yes
12	Pitabasa Panda	President	OSA - Michigan	No
13	Prabhat Mohapatra	President	OSA – NYNJ	No
14	Radhagobinda Mohanty	President	Ozark - Central	Yes
16	Sunil Sabat	President	OSA – California	Yes
17	Priyadarshan Patra Sandip Dasverma	President Representative	OSA – Pacific Northwest	no Yes
18	Sampurna Srabani Mohapatra	President	OSA - SouthEast	No
19	Mrutyunjay Pani	President	OSA-Southwest	No
20	Debasis Das	President	OSA - NW Chapter	No

Conference Call

Meeting Start

Meeting Schedule Start: 10:00 am Eastern time

Actual Start Time: 10:06 AM Eastern Time

Agenda

- OSA Election 2013 Result Approval

Meeting Details

Annapurna Pandey welcomed everyone to the meeting.

OSA 2013-2015 Election Committee Members:

1. Harlal Choudhury (Chair)
2. Jay Narayan Bhuyan (Member)
3. Duryodhan Mangaraj (Member)

The following members were present during the Ballot Counting for OSA 2013-2015 Election counting:

1. Saswata Mohapatra (Representative for Tapan Padhi)
2. Satya Pattanaik (Representative for Amar Pani)
3. Swadhin Pattanaik (Representative for Amar Pani)
4. Arata Rout (Independent observer)

President & Vice President

Candidates Name (P & VP Candidates #1 P & VP Candidate #2)

	Tapan Padhi	Amar Pani	
No. of votes received	536	256	
No. of Returned Ballots			24
Votes disqualified			0
Total Cast			792
Late Ballots			0
Returned Envelopes			12

Padhi is declared winner.

Secretary

Candidates Name (P & VP Candidates #1 P & VP Candidate #2)

	Sabita Panigrahi	Debashish Panda	
No. of votes received	520	263	
No. of Returned Ballots			24
Votes disqualified			1
Total Cast			783
Late Ballots			0
Returned Envelopes			12

Panigrahi is declared winner.

Treasurer

Candidates Name (P & VP Candidates #1 P & VP Candidate #2)

	Prashant Ranabijuli	Sridhar Rana	
No. of votes received	458	324	
No. of Returned Ballots			24
Votes disqualified			0
Total Cast			782
Late Ballots			0
Returned Envelopes			12

Ranabijuli is declared winner.

A motion to approve the election result was brought to the floor By Prakash Sahu. Sunil Sabat and Promod Mahapatra seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously by the board members present in the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

OSA 2013 Election Result

▪ Action Items:

- Annapurna Pandey to post the result in OSANet

Meeting Actual End: 10:30 pm

Location: Conference call – phone

Elected Candidates

Tapan Padhi (President 2013-2015)

Acceptance by Tapan Padhi: Announcement in OSA net (May 12, 2013)

Dear OSA members,

Thank you for your strong support and the trust in our ability to lead this esteemed organization. We will try our best to live up to your expectations. At the same time, we humbly seek your continued active support, involvement and guidance in every step of the way in order to be successful. As you will appreciate, the success of our organization will depend not only on the office bearers but also on active participation of all our members.

I personally want to thank Dr. Amar Pani babu for his volunteering spirit, passionate appeal and the desire to contribute to the growth of OSA. Our small association is like an extended family, which will be stronger when differing opinions are respected, evaluated, and accepted for implementation whenever appropriate. Therefore, we seek full support of Pani babu, and request him and his team to continue to serve the community with the same volunteering spirit that they have exhibited thus far.

The glory of any organization is built by its members, and we feel honored to have been entrusted with the responsibility as facilitators. We promise to you that during our tenure in this esteemed organization, all our activities will be totally transparent and will be without any hidden agenda.

The fact of the matter is that most of us are professionals, and are busy with job and personal responsibilities. Our schedules are often demanding to spare time for other volunteering activities - we understand this very well. However, my sincere appeal to you all is to seriously consider allocating some time for volunteering for OSA as a community service. I can assure you all that this will be very satisfactory and rewarding. By your action you will not only have made a difference in the life of our community members but also feel satisfied by your participation. We respectfully encourage you to come forward and help nourish the good activities that our organization is currently pursuing, and to add innovative ideas to make OSA stronger and vibrant. Together, we will take this organization to a level that we all can be proud of.

Regards
Tapan Padhi
Sikhanda Satapathy
Sabita Panigrahi
Prasanta Ranabijuli

OSA 2013 Election Results

Election Committee Members:

1. Harlal Choudhury (Chair)
2. Jay Narayan Bhuyan (Member)
3. Duryodhan Mangaraj (Member)

OSA Volunteers Present during Ballot Counting:

1. Saswata Mohapatra
2. Satya Pattanaik
3. Swadhin Pattanaik
4. Arata Rout

President & Vice President

- Candidates Name: Tapan Padhi & Sikhanda Satpathy , Amar Pani and Saswati Mishra
- No. of votes received. *Padhi: 536 Pani: 256*
- No. Of returned Ballots: *24*
- Votes disqualified: *0*
- Total cast: *792*
- Late Ballots: *0*
- Returned Envelopes: *12*
- Result of the election: *Padhi is declared winner.*

Secretary

- Candidates Name: Sabita panigrahi vs Debashis Panda
- No. of votes received. *Panigrahi: 520 Panda: 263*
- No. Of returned Ballots *24*
- Votes disqualified *1*
- Total cast *783*
- Late Ballots: *0*
- Returned Envelopes: *12*
- Result of the election: *Panigrahi is declared winner.*

Treasurer

- Candidates Name: Prasanta Ranabijuli vs Sridhar Rana
- No. of votes received. *Ranabijuli: 458 Rana: 324*
- No. Of returned Ballots *24*
- Votes disqualified *0*
- Total cast *782*
- Late Ballots *0*
- Returned Envelopes *12*
- Result of the election: *Ranabijuli is declared winner.*

Conceding Letter by Dr Amar Pani: Announcement in OSAnet (May 16, 2013)

Fellow OSA Members: I apologize for the delayed response. I just got back home after a very busy week out of the country with limited access to phone and internet.

Our Team: I'd like to thank Mrs. Saswati Misra, TX; Mr. Debashis Panda, AZ; and Mr. Sridhar Rana, NJ for their unwavering support to stand with me in this non-political election. Their selflessness and willingness to volunteer for the Odia society will be the force to free OSA's image from devaluation and division.

Election Committee (EC): I'd like to thank the committee for their sacrifice to serve the society. In the end, it was a job well done, free of court, criticism & corruption!

The Moderators: Thank you Mr. Manoj Padhi, TX and all the anchors of Radio "Utkal Prabha" New Jersey for your leading role on moderation of 2013 OSA election.

My Representatives: I'd also like to thank Mr. Satya Pattanaik and Mr. Swadhin Pattanaik, both Ohio natives, for representing me in my absence from the counting of ballots. I am indebted to you both.

My Supporters: I want to thank those 256 voters for your support. I would also like to thank Mr. Tushar Mohanty, TN for his open and honest opinion. To OSA members who emailed, faxed or called me after voting, I commend your courage and trust. There's a lot of glamour behind your names and personalities.

New Team: Congratulations to all of you. I am sure Mr. Tapan Padhi and his newly formed teams are going to take OSA to new heights. I'd like to thank you all for your participation in this election and I wish you all luck on your SYSCO.

Cheers,
Amar

Conceding Letter by Sridhar Rana: Announcement in OSAnet (May 12, 2013)

Dear OSA members,

I am herewith conceding the election of OSA Treasurer to Prashant Ranabijuli. Even though I do not know him closely, it is evident from his communication as well as from other communication regarding him, he is honest and sincere. Moreover, he believes in transparency and so, I believe, OSA's financial health will be in similar progressive path for another two years.

I sincerely thank all who believed in me. I can assure you that this outcome is not going to affect my passion for being an Odia volunteer.

For those who did not, maybe we will get a chance to know each other in future.

Regards,
Sridhar Rana