



OSA BOG MEETING MEETING MINUTES

Date:	November 10, 2013 , Sunday
Time:	7:30 PM – 9:00 PM EST
Location:	Conference Call
Presided By	Tapan Padhi
Topic:	Monthly BOG Meeting

Invitees/Attendees:

Name	Designation	Chapter
Tapan Padhi	President	OSA
Sikhanda Satpathy	Vice President	OSA
Sabita Panigrahi	Secretary	OSA
Prashant Ranabijuli	Treasurer	OSA
Arata Tran Rout	President	OSA - Ohio
Annapurna Pandey	Past President	OSA
Prakash Sahu	President	OSA- Washington DC
Jayashree Mahapatra(on behalf of Arun Mohanty)	President	OSA – New England
Punyatoya Sarangi	President	OSA - Michigan
Prabhat Mohapatra	President	OSA – NYNJ
Sunil Sabat	President	California
Satya Patnaik	Convener	
Sanat Patnaik	Guest	

Agenda

#	Description
1	Approval of October BOG meeting minutes
2	Convention update – Arata Rout/Satya Patnaik – 10 minutes
3	Update on Phailin Relief Fundraising - Tapan Padhi- 20 minutes
4	Financial update on Phailin Relief fund - Prashanta Ranabijuli - 10 minutes
5	Annual fund raising - Prakash Sahu - 15 minute
6	OSA Open House - Tapan Padhi - 5 minutes
7	Chapter Updates/Roundtable – All - 15 mins

Minutes

Item	Topic	Conclusions/Discussions
1	October minutes	Approved.



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2	Convention update	Satya Patnaik gave an update on convention fund raising. Web site is functional. Registration is open for public. People have started registering from different parts of the country. Different committees have been formed. The hotel is a one minute walk from the theatre and is in a very good locality. A special discount price has been obtained from the hotel for OSA convention attendees. As an editor, Satya Patnaik also asked all chapter presidents to send their chapter reports to Utkarsha. Annapurna Pandey requested all the chapter presidents to register to come to the convention. Arata Rout asked who makes decisions on inviting guests. Annapurna Pandey, Tapan Padhi and Sikhanda Satapathy suggested that a committee will work on it with convention committee members.
3	Phailin Relief Fundraising	Tapan Padhi reminded all the chapter presidents to make requests to contribute to the fund raising effort in both members and non-members groups. He also emphasized contacting other communities. He informed BOG that the money would go to Chief Minister Relief Fund, which was decided in the last BOG meeting. Tapan Padhi shared that he was exploring the possibility of identifying a special project with the Odisha Government. Tapan Padhi introduced Sanat Patnaik to talk about the project. Sanat Patnaik explained different methods of disbursement. He discussed the specific allocation projects where OSA money can be distributed. He also mentioned that government would allocate a particular project to utilize OSA fund if the amount is between \$80,000 and \$100,000. Tapan Padhi thanked Sanat Patnaik for joining the meeting to update BOG and requested him to give an update on Chief Minister fund work on ongoing basis.
4	Financial update on Phailin fund raising	Prashant Ranabijuli mentioned that he is sending daily updates in OSAnet. He requested to everyone to donate. He said that only 10% of total membership has donated. He requested all chapter presidents to request their local members to donate. He mentioned that he is going to send the receipts by electronic mail. He will generate e-mail receipts by the end of December. He gave the information that a cheque of 10 thousand dollars has been sent to CM by courier.
5	Annual Fund raising	Prakash Sahu suggested that OSA should plan together to raise the fund required for relief activities instead of being reactive to a disaster or a natural calamity. Sunil Sabat said we should add it into constitution. Prabhat Mahapatra supported the idea and said he would work if we continue with fund raising events. Tapan Padhi said that unless there is a specific cause it would be difficult to raise funds. Sikhanda Satpathy suggested Prakash Sahu to bring a proposal in the next BOG and take a vote. Annapurna Pandey suggested consulting with the Legal Counsel to get the right wording. Sabita Panigrahi requested Prakash Sahu to give the proposal in a written document form so that it could be distributed and discussed in the next BOG meeting.
6	OSA Open house	Tapan Padhi identified guests who have agreed to talk in the Open house. They are Dr Laxminarayan Bhuyan, Dr Ashutosh Dutta, Dr Bigyani Das, Dr Ranjita Mishra and Dr Amiya Mohanty. He suggested inviting CM and Governor. The venue will most probably be at OUAT which will be known in a week. Sunil Sabat suggested that we should change the name to be something other than OSA Open house. Sabita Panigrahi suggested the name to be OSA for You. No decision was taken on this matter.



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7	Round Table	<p>Sunil – We are doing Phailin fund raising, puja in Jagannath Temple and a big event, Festival of Odisha in Bay Area on April 1st. We are planning for the Drama Festival to be in that period.</p> <p>Prabhat – We are focusing on relief funds. The new president of our chapter will be Amar Senapati. We had Sniti Mishra’s program and the profit will be donated to the relief fund.</p> <p>Jayashree – Gave an update on Phalin. Most of the members are from Ganjam, so they are saying that they have donated to Berhampur. We have reached out to Non-Odia members. Informed BOG about the family in New England area that met with an unfortunate accident. The chapter president and other members are helping them. Tapan Padhi offered all help possible for the family.</p> <p>Prashanta- To all chapter presidents, please work on your accounts and try to generate the report by end of the year so that OSA can file the tax return in time.</p> <p>Sikhanda – Thanked Prabhat for his active participation and contribution. Requested him to stay in one of the committees to continue. He informed BOG about the new Champu, Chhanda CD Lata Mishra is working on.</p> <p>Prakash – All the chapter events are done for the year. Fund raising effort is almost completed. Some more cheques will be sent to Prashant by next week. We are working on next year’s events such as the regional drama festival, CCO competition etc.</p> <p>Tapan – Requested all chapters to send relief funds through OSA treasurer. He asked whether OSA should mention Chicago chapter sending money directly to Chief Minister fund. Annapurna mentioned that yes OSA should mention it.</p>

Next Meeting

BOG Meeting has been scheduled to be on Sunday, Dec 08, 2013 at 7:30PM EST.

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