



OSA BOG MEETING MINUTES

Date:	January 11, 2015 , 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	Status
1	Tapan Padhi	President	OSA	Yes
2	Sikhanda Satpathy	Vice President	OSA	Yes
3	Sabita Panigrahi	Secretary	OSA	Yes
4	Prashanta Ranabijuli	Treasurer	OSA	Yes
5	Pramod Mohapatra	President	Southern Chapter	Yes
6	Sujata Nayak	President	OSA – MD/VA	No
7	Anil Patnaik	President	OSA - Ohio	Yes
8	Annapurna Pandey	Past President	OSA	yes
9	Simant Mishra	President	OSA – Grand Canyon	No
10	Bimal Mishra	President	OSA- Washington DC	Yes
11	Arun Mohanty	President	OSA – New England	Yes
12	Jhara Das	President	OSA - Chicago	Yes
13	Punyatoya Sarangi	President	OSA - Michigan	Yes
14	Amar Senapati	President	OSA – NYNJ	Yes
15	Radhagobinda Mohanty	President	Ozark - Central	yes
16	Sunil Sabat	President	California	Yes
17	Priyadarshan Patra	President	OSA – Pacific Northwest	No
18	Sakti Singh	President	OSA - SouthEast	Yes
19	Siddharth Behera	President	OSA-Southwest	Yes
20	Debasis Das	President	OSA - NW Chapter	No
22	Satya Patnaik	Editor		No
23	Sadhu Behera	President	OSA - Rocky Mountain	Yes
24	Abani Pattanaik/Sunanda Panda	President	CANOSA	Yes
25	Pratap Das	2015 Convener		No
26	Nishikant Sahoo	Library committee chair		Yes



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Agenda

#	Description
	Agenda items: 1. Convention update - Pratap Das/Bimal Mishra 2. Library Proposal - Nishikanta Sahoo 3. OSA logo approval 4. OSA convention guideline approval 5. Life membership promotion till convention 5. Round table

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Item	Topic	Conclusions/Discussions
1	Convention update	<p>Sikhanda Satpathy mentioned that we already have around 140 registration, which exceeded our expectation of early bird registration target 100. He also mentioned that since we got many requests, early bird registration date will be extended which will be announced soon. He mentioned that expenses will be a bit on the high side due to luxurious Gaylord resort but he is hopeful that people will understand. He mentioned that he and other OSA members had met Odisha chief minister in December and they are working pretty hard at getting support from the Odisha government. Pramod Mohapatra asked whether OSA can do anything for visa for those who want to attend Global Odisha. Tapan Padhi mentioned that OSA will be happy to give them a support letter if they need one. Sikhanda said he will talk to convention committee to update the registration site about support letter and that anyone can request if they need a letter. Amar Senapati asked about parking price and alternate availability. Sikhanda explained the details around price and coupon. Amar appreciated the update and requested to update it in website. Annapurna Pandey wanted clarification on hotel's early bird registration date regarding whether it will be extended as well. She also asked to provide some detail description on Global Odia in website. Some members asked why the hotel rate has been increased as soon as the registration early bird date finished. Pramod mentioned that hotel rate increase brought some confusion. Annapurna mentioned that some are not happy because of hotel rate increase as soon as the early bird date was gone. Amar Senapati mentioned that usually people book around March/April. Some members requested whether hotel early bird booking can be extended till April. Sikhanda requested that people should book the hotel by taking current early bird availability. He also mentioned that they are going to work with the hotel on this. Annapurna also asked the break down between Global Odisha and OSA convention around registration. She also requested to update the website with an outline around Global Odisha. Pramod Mohapatra emphasized on updating the website promptly so that people can get the details. Bimal Mishra mentioned he will take all the comments to convention committee and take a decision. He also mentioned that they are also getting some emails from OSA members. Sikhanda and Bimal will take the feedback to convention committee and will inform the members with the update in OSAnet, OSAForYou, in OSA website as well sending email to all OSA members.</p>



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2	Library proposal	<p>Library Committee chair Nishikant Sahoo reminded that he had sent the email in OSAnet on OSA's public library initiative in Odisha and its objective and guidelines.</p> <p>The key objective of this fund is to Promote/Advocate/Facilitate the Public Library Movements in Odisha and exchange Odia culture in American Libraries under OSA banner.</p> <p>Guidelines</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Interest generated on the Principal can be spent towards Public Library Initiatives by OSA in Odisha or USA <p>In 4 years the fund can have a principal of 10, 000.00 USD. (~ Rs. 6, 20, 000.00) With 9% interest, it can generate Rs. 55, 800.00 per year.</p> <p>[The interest money in Odisha can be spent in organizing Panel discussions/Seminars/Workshops by Library Experts, Recognizing/Encouraging the pioneers in Library Movement in Odisha/USA]</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The Principal should NOT be spent at any time 3. There should be less than 10% administration cost on the income generated. 4. OSA BoG approved Library committee will recommend how the fund will be spent related to Library Developments 5. This information will be documented in OSA records for reference by future executives. <p>BOG members discussed on opening account in India and various issues related to it.</p> <p>Prashanta pointed out whether we need to have a separate entity in Odisha and second do we need to have a separate account. Committee was formed with Prashanta Ranabijuli, Sakti Singh, Jhara Das and Siddharth Behera. This committee will find out and give recommendation whether we need to have a separate account, its pros and cons.</p> <p>Annapurna liked Nishikant's proposal. But she wanted more clarification.</p> <p>Radhagovind Mohanty proposed to establish OSA's public library fund as a separate entity and to keep it from Odisha Development fund. Prashanta Ranabijuli seconded it. It was approved unanimously.</p>
3	OSA logo	Sabita brought the proposal that OSA logo as in OSA website to be approved. Sikhanda seconded it. It was approved unanimously.
4	OSA convention guideline	Sikhanda will take the lead by taking input from Satya Patnaik and Sunil Sabat and send email in OSAForYou for approval.
5	OSA life membership	Prashanta Ranabijuli mentioned that last few years OSA has been giving a promotion for discounted life membership of \$200 which is applicable to those who registered for convention. He brought the motion that OSA reduce the life membership fee from \$300 to \$200 for 2015 OSA convention attendees. Sabita seconded it. It was approved unanimously.

Next Meeting

BOG Meeting has been scheduled to be on Sunday, 8, February, 2015 at 7:30PM EST.

Any questions or comments please send an e-mail to sabitapanigrahi@rogers.com or secretary@orissasociety.org