



## OSA BOG MEETING MINUTES

<b>Date:</b>	<b>OCT 11 2015 , Sunday</b>
<b>Time:</b>	7:30 PM – 9:00 PM ET
<b>Location:</b>	Conference Call
<b>Presided By</b>	Sushant Satpathy
<b>Topic:</b>	Monthly BOG Meeting

### Invitees/Attendees:

#	Name	Designation	Chapter	Attended
1	Sushant Satpathy	President	OSA	Yes
2	Sulochana Patnaik	Vice President	OSA	Yes
3	Saradakanta Panda	Secretary	OSA	Yes
4	Siddharth Behera	Treasurer	OSA	Yes
5	Tapan Padhi	Immediate Past President	OSA	No
6	Anadi Naik	Representative	OSA – MD/VA	No
7	Anil Patnaik	President	OSA - Ohio	Yes
8	Pramod Mahapatra	President	OSA Southern Chapter	Yes
9	Simant Mishra	President	OSA – Grand Canyon	INACTIVE
10	Bimal Mishra	President	OSA- Washington DC	No
11	Arun Mohanty	President	OSA – New England	Yes
12	Jhara Das	President	OSA - Chicago	No
13	Amar Senapati	President	OSA – NYNJ	No
14	Radhagobinda Mohanty	President	Ozark - Central	No
15	Sunil Sabat	President	California	Yes
16	TBD	TBD	OSA – Pacific Northwest	No
17	Sakti Singh	President	OSA – South East	No
18	Dr. Sitakantha Dash	Representative	OSA - NW Chapter	Yes
19	Sadhu Behera	President	OSA - Rocky Mountain	No
20	Abani Pattanaik	President	CANOSA	No
21	Vacant	President	OSA-Southwest	No
22	Pradeepta Mishra	President	OSA Michigan	Yes
23	Prach Mishra	Jt. Secretary	OSA (Non Voting BOG Member)	Yes
24	Utkal Nayak	Jt. Treasurer	OSA (Non Voting BOG Member)	Yes
25	Chitta Baral	Invited to speak	OSA Member	Yes

### Agenda

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	Agenda:
	1. Roll call - 5 mins
	2. Promoting Odisha Tourism through participation of our Youth -10 mins - Chitta Baral
	3 OSA Higher Education Meet in Odisha - Planning and Structure - 20 mins - Sushant Satpathy / Sulochana Patnaik / Chitta Baral
	4 Boston 2016 Convention Update - Arun Mohanty - 10 Mins
	5. Adopt a Village in Odisha - OSA Service Project with Youth - 10 mins
	6. Final updates to Sept 2015 Agenda items - 10 mins
	7. Increase OSA Membership and Strengthen OSA Finances - Ideas and suggestions - 10 mins
	8. Round Table - 15 mins



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### **Minutes**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Conclusions/Discussions</b>
1	Promoting Odisha Tourism through participation of Youth	<p><b>Chitta Baral:</b> Have the youth publish travelogue about visiting Odisha in local news papers. We will evaluate these articles; and during convention we will give awards to some of the top travelogues published. By getting these articles published, when people search for "Odisha" or "Konark" or related terms they will find these articles, which will leave a good impression about Odisha. Contributors will have to work to get the articles published with local newspaper.</p> <p>Might be difficult to get these articles published. Perhaps worth putting blog up on OSA website? Sushant said youth should send their travel stories to town news papers, county and college papers.</p> <p>Also putting together a heritage tour for OSA youth with Sanghamitra Jena to see new parts of Odisha, with Chitta, Annapurna Pandey and Kuku Das. Perhaps Kumar Purnima is a good time to promote these in each chapter.</p>
2	OSA Higher Education Meeting in Odisha	<p><b>Sushant:</b> Planning on Dec 21st or 22nd higher education meet in Odisha. Are trying to host at Uktal University. Meeting of educationists - planning on having open houses, one in Uktal U and one outside of BBSR –either Baleswar or Berhampur. Goal: to get people connected -- both researchers in the US to researchers in Odisha (creating a database now -- help people give lecture, collaborate on course curriculums) and also to get students connected to professors.</p> <p>Minister Debi Mishra had offered to organize these meetings in Odisha in collaboration with OSA; after many tries by OSA officials there was no response. Also, the minister has not responded regarding the status of MOU that was discussed and provided to him during 2015 OSA Convention.</p> <p><b>SK Dash:</b> was offered an office at Uktal University for "mentoring office." Historically we have wanted to create a stronger connection with these universities, created NROFC Center. We have a system - should be taken advantage of for this initiative.</p>
3	Boston 2016 Convention Update	<p><b>Arun:</b> have looked at 4-5 different places. Now looking into downtown Providence, Rhode Island at hotels near/attached to the convention center. Currently waiting on price estimates, and then will try to bargain price down. Starting to put teams together and have received advance ; team working on website up.</p> <p>Cultural team</p> <p>Budget - waiting on the hotel estimates to finalized budget.</p> <p>Sushant: Have sent info about past conventions. Once the budgeting is done, we can provide details</p>



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		Catering: most likely we'll have to buy-out and bring our own cooks.
	Philanthropy in Odisha	<p>Looking into a forum at philanthropy in Odisha so we can bring together everyone who is interested in giving back. We can put together a foundation.</p> <p>Sushant: Need to follow up. Want to make sure we set this up correctly, legally.</p> <p>Perhaps would be worth creating a forum at the convention.</p>
4	Adopt a Village	<p>Sushant: OSA want to take a small project to help a village. Have tentatively decided about a village in Gajapati with ~100 families. Trying to create project plan to help with a budget of \$4K per year- first trying to figure out what they might need and priority wise thinking about helping on the adult education and skill development (for women).</p> <p>We want our youth to be involved with service projects.</p> <p>SK Dash: During the cyclone, Dr. Dash adopted a small village. Built shelter homes, upgraded the schools and temples. Additionally helped with building infrastructure. Government gave some money, and Dr Dash also helped subsidize. Would like to share ideas for what we can do to give back</p>
5	Finalize Updates to Sept Agenda Items	<p>Sarada:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Budget got approved.</li> <li>- Will send updated minutes.</li> <li>- Waiting on the letter from TD Ameritrade for the transfer.</li> </ul> <p>Two options: 1) update the meeting minutes. 2) Have past executives write/sign a letter.</p> <p>Siddharth:</p> <p>BBSR account: No visibility. Tapan is in India now.</p> <p>Taxes and documents: waiting still on documents. Prasant said everything is in the email -- Siddhartha will follow up with him. We don't know the tax consequences still. Perhaps we set up a subsidiary account in India?</p> <p>SK Dash: We already have one, NROFC. Not sure why we continue opening new accounts. We should reactivate this. Ashok Rath and XX Satapati helped open this account.</p> <p>Might not be able to take the money out of India.</p> <p>Sushant: NROFC was registered as a separate organization although it may have been started as an OSA initiative. Its purpose was later redefined to include all NROs.</p>
6	Increase OSA Membership and Strengthen OSA Finances	<p>Looking for ideas to increase membership and to strengthen finances</p> <p>Send mails to their members; membership drive - with easy steps for sign-up. Wanted to create a membership promotion for the dues to \$200. Can't do that without GA. So membership will stay at \$300. The membership fee is tax-deductible.</p> <p>SK Dash: an idea to share - at every chapter, at the functions, if we recognize the kids.</p> <p>Competitions: dance, music, debate, essay, -- with money and certificates.</p> <p>Sarada: to chapter presidents - please talk to families at events.</p> <p>Sushant: everything should be integrated online for seamless registration.</p>



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		Pramod: to receive email when new member joins from chapter, or when someone moves. [to get set up] Welcome package for new members, call, emails, etc.
	Round table	<b>Sushant:</b> Trying to move the directory from DOLA to OSA. Currently don't have access to non-member directory.

### **Next Meeting**

**BOG Meeting has been scheduled to be on Nov 08, 2015 (Sunday) at 7:30 PM ET**

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