



# ODISHA SOCIETY OF AMERICAS

## OSA BOG MEETING MINUTES

<b>Date:</b>	<b>November 18th, 2018, Sunday</b>
<b>Time:</b>	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM EST
<b>Location:</b>	Conference Call
<b>Presided By</b>	Lalatendu Mohanty
<b>Topic:</b>	Monthly BOG Meeting – November

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**Host Pin - 4154**

**Invitees/Attendees:**

**[16 BOG members attended]**

#	Name	Designation	Chapter	Attended
1	Lalatendu Mohanty	President	OSA	YES
2	Sushil Panda	Vice President	OSA	YES
3	Amar Senapati	Secretary	OSA	YES
4	Sachi Pati	Treasurer	OSA	YES
5	Sushant Satpathy	Immediate Past President	OSA	N/A
6	Kuku Das	President	OSA – CA	YES
7	Anil Patnaik / Deepak Sahoo	President	OSA - Ohio	YES
8	Soumya Mohanty	President	OSA-NE	YES
9	Sribatsa Das	President	OSA-NJ/NY	YES
10	Anjana Chowdhury	President	OSA-DC	YES
11	Prabhat Nalini Patnaik	President	OSA- Southern	YES
12	Kirti Mohapatra	President	OSA – MT. Hood (Oregon)	N/A
13	Debashis Panda	President	OSA - Chicago	YES
14	Vivek Das	President	OSA - Michigan	YES
15	Vacant	President	OSA – MD/VA	N/A
16	Vacant	President	Ozark - Central	N/A
17	Amulya Das	President	OSA – Seattle (Washington Area)	YES
18	Amithabh Mishro (Tarini Dash represented)	President	OSA – South East	YES
19	Sarbeswar Sahoo (Dr Sita Kantha Das)	Representative	OSA - NW Chapter	YES
20	Suwendu Samal	President	OSA - Rocky Mountain	N/A
21	Sunanda Mishra Panda	President	CANOSA	YES
22	Sarada Panda	President	OSA – South West	N/A
23	Nishikanta Sahoo	E-Library	E-Library Coordinator	YES

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### Agenda:

#	Description
	1. Welcome & President Update
	2. Vice-President Update - Mo School, OSA Convention National Tasks
	3. OSA E-Library Update
	4. Open OSA as a trust in Odisha
	5. Chapter Elections
	6. Vision Statement for Non-Immigrants
	7. 50th Convention Update - 2 Mins
	8. Chapter Round Table

### Minutes:

Topic	Conclusions/Discussions
<b>Attendance</b>	16 BOG members attended the meeting.
<b>Welcome &amp; President Update</b>	<p>President Lalatendu Mohanty greeted the BOG members and thanks everyone for attending the Nov BOG meeting.</p> <p>He briefed the members with the progress with the below OSA activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recent chapter visits to DC, NE, MD, DE &amp; Philadelphia for spreading the visions of OSA including welcoming members to join the OSA Golden Jubilee convention getting hosted at Harrah's Atlantic City NJ.</li> <li>• OSA 2019 Election preparation.</li> <li>• OSA Vision</li> <li>• Publication of Utkarsa</li> <li>• Odiya Google Project</li> <li>• E-Library</li> <li>• Vision Statement for Non-Immigrants</li> <li>• OSA Impact</li> <li>• Sikhya Project</li> </ul>

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<b>Welcome to new OHIO Chapter President</b>	<p>Outgoing OHIO president introduced the newly selected president Deepak Sahoo to the OSA BOG. All BOG members welcomed Deepak and extended Anil for his great work and effort heading the OHIO chapter for last 4 years. Everyone expressed their gratitude to Anil for being the one of the most active and dynamic BOG member during his tenure.</p>
<b>Vice President Update</b>	<p>Vice President Susil Panda shared the progress of the below listed OSA activities with the BOG members. You can find more details on the Mo-School at the end of this meeting minutes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mo-School Update &amp; OSA's stand</li> <li>• Progress of the Convention related OSA national activities (Guest Selection, Awards Committee etc). The same team members will continue from the last convention to carry out the tasks for the 50<sup>th</sup> NJ convention.</li> <li>• OSA National Website Re-design. He updated after evaluating multiple vendors he has decided on one vendor for the proposed redesign work.</li> <li>• He also updated on the youth activity Discord Tool Site</li> </ul>
<b>50<sup>th</sup> Convention Update</b>	<p>OSANYNJ president and 50<sup>th</sup> Convention co-covener Sribatsa Das updated the BOG on the progress and status on the various tasks planning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registrations reached to 300.</li> <li>• Hotel Room Nights booked so far 600</li> <li>• Website is up and running. Contents are still being updated for various teams.</li> <li>• Expressed his gratitude for all BOG members and local chapter members for supporting the spread the awareness and bringing in members to register for the convention.</li> </ul> <p>VP Susil Panda and few other members requested the convention team to prepare and share the plan of actions in a project plan by month for 6 months till the convention.</p>
<b>E-Library Update</b>	<p>Nishikanta Sahoo who is one of the main brain and executor of the E-Library OSA initiative joined the BOG meeting to update on the status, progress and future plans for the E-Library. At the Berhempur library already 40 kids have registered by paying \$100 monthly to use internet for job search and educational purpose.</p> <p>VP Susil Panda and Kuku Das have requested Nishikanta to share the 5 year roadmap of the E-Library and to provide more insight on the E-Library to BOG members.</p> <p>You can find more details on the E-Library toward the end of this meeting minutes.</p>



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<p><b>Treasurer Update</b></p>	<p>OSA treasurer updated the BOG on the below listed financial activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial Statement for 2017.</li> <li>• Final settlement of payment and receipt of the OSA advance paid to Detroit convention and the membership and registration fees collected part of the convention.</li> <li>• Completion of OSA 2017 tax filing. He expressed concerns about we being very late in filing the tax and requested all BOG members to share the chapter details as early as possible so that we can file on time. Few BOG members acknowledged the request and promised to send the details on time next year.</li> <li>• He also mentioned there were 2 minor issues with the 2016 tax filing and those were fixed this year. {Inclusion of India bank account in tax filing and TD Ameritrade}</li> <li>• He also updated and requested the BOG members to review and follow the benevity causes. Please refer his email details towards the end of this meeting minutes.</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
<p><b>Secretary Update</b></p>	<p>Secreatry Amar Senapati presided the BOG meeting and updated the BOG members with the new OSA members and requested all to continue drive the membership drive for bringing in more life members to make our society a stronger community.</p> <p>He also went through the chapter level elections and requested to plan and perform elections every two years to bring in new local leaders to be part of the executive body.</p> <p>He will send email to the OSA chapter representatives who are not attending BOG meetings to provide chapter related activity details.</p>

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<p><b>Round Table</b></p>	<p>BOG Roundup</p> <p>MN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Diwali celebration</li> <li>- Thanksgiving plan</li> <li>- 29<sup>th</sup> Dec – Biswa Jagannath Samilani</li> <li>- OSA Foundation proposal</li> </ul> <p>NC – Not available</p> <p>Canada – Can Utsav, 350 people, Pratibha Ray Chief Guest, literary join</p> <p>WA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Durga Puja, Youth organized, 175 families</li> <li>- Voluntary work</li> </ul> <p>MD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Thanks NYNJ Team</li> <li>- Election is postponed, working on resolving this issue</li> <li>- KP</li> </ul> <p>Nalini APa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- KP celebrated on Nov 3</li> <li>- New Members organized, Alabama members joined</li> <li>- Community involvement</li> </ul> <p>Vivek</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- KP completed – 250 people celebrated</li> </ul> <p>Kuku</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- California Fire Help</li> <li>- Boita bandhana</li> <li>- Consul General – Sanjay Panda</li> </ul> <p>NE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- KP</li> <li>- Preparing for convention</li> </ul>
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	<p>OH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- RDF</li> <li>- KP</li> <li>- Three states joined</li> </ul> <p>Chicago</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Diwali Celebration</li> <li>- Shared the Konark Chakra – was a hit</li> <li>- 2000 indian communities joined</li> <li>- Diwali &amp; Holiday Celebration in Dec</li> </ul> <p>NYNJ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- KP</li> <li>- Chapter Magazine “Aama Aaina” published</li> <li>- Commendation proposal</li> <li>- - Porposal to digital Old OSA Megazines</li> </ul> <p>Action Item</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Susil to share Mo School</li> <li>- Nishikanta to share the eLibrary &amp; Library Conference details. A 5 year eLibrary Roadmap</li> <li>- Lalatendu to form a group and discuss about OSA Mission Statements</li> </ul>

### Mo School Details

I think most of you have heard about MoSchool, a program launched by Chief Minister of Odisha, which connects alumni of schools in Odisha with their alma mater for further growth and development of the school and its students. We had shared some details in the General Body Meeting (GBM) at the Detroit Convention. More information can be found at [www.MoSchool.in](http://www.MoSchool.in) .

Over last few months, Odisha Society Executive team has been discussing with MoSchool leadership on how we can collaborate/participate at an organizational level. After all discussions, we could see 3 options to go forward, each option with its sets of goals and requirements, with full transparency as a key requirement for a partnership. Please take moment to review the options we presented to MoSchool leadership and Odisha Society Board of Governors



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MoSchool leadership discussed the options internally and chose to go with option where Odisha Society as an organization will be play the role of an Interested Party. As per this option, we will:

1. Receive (unverified) information and reports from MoSchool and share in OSA's forums with Disclaimer of no liability to OSA and direction to members to conduct their own due diligence before making contributions.
2. Connect members (donors) with MoSchool and vice-versa
3. Provide members' feedback to MoSchool

MoSchool will:

1. Share program information (booklet, posters, banners, etc.) and reports (progress, etc.) from time to time.
2. Will respond to Odisha Society member queries which we can be sent to email: [reachout@moschool.in](mailto:reachout@moschool.in).

MoSchool leadership encourages Odisha Society members to reach out to their school Head Masters/Mistresses (or Alumni Association, if any) directly. That is the fastest way to get information about the current and future needs of their schools and respond in an expedited fashion. The school authorities can help them finalize their intended

project briefs, budget breakdown, implementation timeline. If for any reason, you do not get a response from the school HM or AA, then they should send an email to [reachout@moschool.in](mailto:reachout@moschool.in) or call using the numbers provided on the website.

As MoSchool program matures, we will revisit the options to collaborate as organizations. In the meantime, members who have interest to contribute, or have any questions on the program, please reach out to MoSchool directly using email: [reachout@moschool.in](mailto:reachout@moschool.in).

## E-Library Status / Plan

Here is the latest update/status that is being captured for our reference and priority.

### 1. Brahmapur Library

- 1.1. Dr Subudhi is back after 15 days of international travel. I had a discussion with him today w.r.t. our milestones.
- 1.2. There is a scheduled seminar on 28th Nov. 9:00AM in the library. Mr Subrat Bagchi, skill development head, Odisha, founder MindTree, will be addressing
- 1.3. There are 40 student membership in the library with monthly fee of 100 INR. They are regular visitors
- 1.4. Dr Subudhi will pursue BMC for the remote video conference call testing that has been pending. Our expectation this to be done by end of this week
- 1.5. Dr. Subudhi has a list of 6 members for Library Management Committee( Himself, Surya Bhai, Prof. Manas Patra + few more ).
- 1.6. There are some books in the library, but reading section is NOT fully functional, as BMC is focused on e-library only. I had a discussion with Dr Subudhi that BMCC needs to address this, as it is a deviation from our original agreed plan and MoU. Given that maximum we will have 12 students at a time in the library. We need to make sure we need more visitors and keep them engaged with right resources of printed materials. In our plan from day one, we had three components ( reading room, broadband internet room, seminar room ).
- 1.7. Ajay Bhai and Dr Subudhi visited BMCC Mr Rathore in early November. BMCC wants the LMC to be formed ASAP.
- 1.8. Prashant Bhai and Nalini Apa pledged to bring some more local civil society members.



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1.9. Prashant Bhai contacted few of civil society members in Brahmapur who are actively involved in "Pustak Mela" in Berhampur.

1.10. I have added few more interested supporters in our BUML group

1.11. Ashok Panigrahi(OSNE) contacted his brother CA Tapan Panigrahi, Rotary Club president, Berhampur to support our cause. Need to explore how rotary club can be helpful

1.12. Debadata Behera from OSNE is willing to help via his friend who is local to Berhampur.

1.13. Kuku Das(CA) has also expressed her interest to support the library.

1.14. e-granthalay software deployment is still pending and Dr Subudhi will be following BMCC.

Dr Subudhi is requested to follow up BMCC with the overdue items during his next visit this week.

We will have more updates in the coming week. We are hoping the "remote video conference" will be functional this week.

We will have the conference call on coming 25th/26th Sunday(US time)/Monday(India time)

### **Benevity Guidelines**

HI OSA BOG Members,

Benevity is a employer donation matching service used by a lots of large organizations including Microsoft for donations to OSA.

In past we have received many recurrent volunteer time and donations received from Microsoft via Benevity ( mostly from Seattle are OSA members and donation proceeds have gone to the local chapter).

I expect Benevity to be used by some employers for matching donations to OSA for 50th convention and many other activities.

Benevity requires OSA to re-certify every year. We have received a recertification request. As part of that recertification process, I am committing OSA and all OSA affiliated chapters/activities to follow these conditions. Please carefully review the certification questions and answers. if any of OSA chapters or OSA can't follow these guidelines, as per my response, please let me know and I will change the answer/not submit for certification.

These are the answers I have prepared and will wait for your response. If I have not heard from you all in 2 weeks, I would assume all of OSA is in agreement for the certification I have prepared.

Please see the attached PDF for the responses I have prepared for the recertification.

### **Appendix:**

**Next Meeting: 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018 (Sun) 7:00 PM EST**

Next Meeting

- Discuss Mo School & OSA Library Initiative

Any questions or comments please send an e-mail to [secretary@odishasociety.org](mailto:secretary@odishasociety.org)