



# ODISHA SOCIETY OF AMERICAS

## OSA BOG MEETING MINUTES

<b>Date:</b>	<b>10th Mar, 2019, Sunday</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>7:00 PM – 8:30 PM EST</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>
<b>Presided By</b>	<b>Lalatendu Mohanty</b>
<b>Topic:</b>	<b>Monthly BOG Meeting</b>

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**Access Code: 977408**

**Host Pin - 4154**

### Invitees/Attendees:

**[12 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	No
5	Sushant Satpathy	Immediate Past President	OSA	No
6	Kuku Das	President	OSA – CA	Yes
7	Deepak Sahu	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	No
12	Kirti Mohapatra	President	OSA – MT. Hood (Oregon)	No
13	Debashis Panda	President	OSA - Chicago	Yes
14	Vivek Das	President	OSA - Michigan	
15	Vacant	President	OSA – MD/VA	No
16	Radhagobinda Mohanty	President	Ozark - Central	No
17	Amulya Das	President	OSA – Seattle (Washington Area)	No
18	Amitabh Misro / Tarini Das	President	OSA – South East	Yes
19	Sarbeswar Sahoo (Dr Sita Kantha Das)	Representative	OSA - NW Chapter	No
20	Suwendu Samal	President	OSA - Rocky Mountain	No
21	Sunanda Mishra Panda	President	CANOSA	Yes
22	Sarada Panda	President	OSA – South West	Yes

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### Agenda:

Description
<p><b>* Roll-Call</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. President Update {ERF, MNM, OSA Impact}</b></li> <li><b>2. Vice President Update {LTA, OSA Awards, OSA Guest Selection}</b></li> <li><b>3. Secretary Update {Dormant Chapters}</b></li> <li><b>4. 50th Convention Update</b></li> <li><b>5. Chapter Round Table</b></li> </ol>

### Minutes:

Topic	Conclusions/Discussions
<b>Attendance</b>	12 BOG members attended the March session held on 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2019.
<b>President Update</b>	<p>President Lalatendu Mohanty started the meeting with thanking all of the BOG members for attending the session. He updated and requested on the below listed discussion points.</p> <p><b>ERF:</b> The ERF fund approved and released for the family of Mr Kohinoor Banerjee was cleared and paid by OSA. The BOG approved amount was \$1800.</p> <p>He also updated on the ERF request for Pragyan Anshuman Pradhan and thanked the BOG members for approving the fund (\$570) for covering the funeral expenses. He requested secretary to record the BOG approvals as the meeting minute. Please refer the appendix of this meeting minutes for the BOG approval details.</p> <p>As per the current guidelines OSA can release up to 7K per event. He brought up and discussed on how to generate fund for ERF. There are few ideas were discussed by Kuku Das, Deepak Sahoo and Tarini Dash. I.e. Generate money independently for ERF, Direct portion of the membership and registration fee generated from every convention etc. It was also discussed to decide on a lower limit for ERF so that if the fund goes below the lower limit then the OSA management needs to generate more fund. At least 14K to cover two events. Nothing was decided but all agreed that this needs to be discussed in detail.</p> <p><b>MNM:</b> He updated the BOG on the latest progress and movement of MNM. The MOU is already signed by Govt of Odisha. OSA now needs to play a partnership role both with funding and logistics. Attaching the details of "MNM &amp; OSA" for reference.</p> <p><b>OSA Impact:</b> President also updated on the OSA Impact initiative status. He said OSANE is waiting on the request from the OSA Impact team to release the \$800 fund to Sikhya Organization.</p>

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<p><b>Vice President Update</b></p>	<p>Vice President Susil Panda updated all BOG members on LTA guidelines approval, Status of OSA Convention guest selection process, Status of the OSA Awards nomination processes.</p> <p><b>LTA:</b> He thanked the BOG members for approving the new OSA guidelines on LTA including nomination, funding and execution of the award. Attaching the approval for record and future reference purpose.</p> <p><b>OSA Awards:</b> OSA Awards is out and was sent to all members through OSANet and it's available in OSA website. The last date for submitting the nomination is 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019. For the first time the awards can be submitted using Google forms. He expressed his gratitude to every member of the award team for a fabulous job they have done in last 2 years. He also updated the BOG members on the new member Manasi Mishra from Detroit joining the Awards committee replacing Sujata Pattnaik, Chicago.</p> <p><b>OSA Guest Selection:</b> He updated on the status on the progress on the OSA convention guest selection process. He confirmed the nomination process is already closed and we have almost 30 nominations. Part of the next steps the guests will be contacted in the priority decided by the committee for Chief Guest and Chief Speaker for the 50<sup>th</sup> Convention.</p>
<p><b>Secretary Update</b></p>	<p>Secretary Amar Senapati expressed his concerns on the inactive OSA chapters as they do not join BOG meetings, they do not communicate, they do not send any financial statements etc. All BOG members acknowledged this as a problem and it was discussed to send emails and contact few of these members directly to find out what's going on.</p> <p>Few of these chapters are</p> <p><b>1. Ozrak 2. Maryland – Virginia 3. Mt. Hood 4. Grand Canyon Chapters</b></p> <p>He also brought to the attention of the BOG members that Minnesota – North West chapter have selected their new chapter representatives. <b>Sidharth Priyadarshi – President and Rudra Panda – Vice President.</b> It was discussed that these chapter representatives are not OSA Members yet. As per the OSA Bylaw the chapter representatives should be OSA members before they take over the chapter representation. It was discussed and president Lalatendu Mohanty will be sending an official email requesting them to be OSA members.</p> <p>It was discussed in detail that a special task force needs to be created to discuss and come up with a guidelines and regulations for valid OSA members for affiliating to a OSA chapter. Also some guidelines on inactive chapters for maintaining the minimum OSA chapter requirements.</p>
<p><b>Treasurer Update</b></p>	<p>Treasurer could not attend the BOG meeting.</p>



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2019 Convention Update	<p>OSA NYNJ President Sribatsa Das updated the BOG members on the progress on the 50<sup>th</sup> Convention to be celebrated at Atlantic City. 480 Families have registered. More than 500 hotel rooms have been booked, Cultural programs are in full swing involving most of the OSA chapters.</p> <p>Kuku Das requested some details on the cultural programs and details of the invited artists from Odisha. She also requested to share any details on any arrangements has been made for transport from nearby airports to the hotel for OSA senior members. Sribatsa to share the details.</p> <p>It was also discussed to invite the Cultural leads to the next BOG meetings for a run through of the cultural programs.</p>
Showcase Odisha Artworks	<p>Ask BOG to approve showcase Odisha artworks (not actively followed up in Convention)</p> <p>President brought the discussion to invite artists from Odisha for showcasing handicrafts during the OSA convention from OSA funding. All BOG members agreed and were excited on this proposal. After several discussions it was decided to come up with more details so that it can be discussed and approved in future BOG meeting.</p>
Round Table	<p>California, Chicago, Ohio, Canada and NYNJ are preparing for Utkal Divas celebration. Few chapters have started practicing on the cultural items for convention.</p>

### Appendix:

#### Next Meeting: 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019 (Sun) 7:00 PM EST

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

### Lifetime Achievement (LTA) Award Guidelines – BOG Approval

Electronic Approval was received from the following members –

Lalatendu Mohanty – President  
Susil Panda - VP  
Amar Senapati – Secretary  
Sachi Pati – Treasurer  
Deepak Sahoo – Ohio  
Somya Mohanty – NE  
Sribatsa Das – NYNJ  
Kirti Mohapatra – Mt Hood  
Suvendu Samal - Rocky Mountain  
Vivek Das – MI  
Kuku Das – CA



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### **ERF BOG APPROVAL for Pragy Anshuman Pradhan**

Pragy Anshuman Pradhan (Prag), Ph.D Student from Arizona State University, was found dead. Local Odias reached out to OSA to cremate his body. On Feb 27th, BOG was requested to approve a payment of \$570 from ERF.

Electronic Approval was received from the following members -

Som Mohanty, NE

Sunada Panda, Canada

Sachi Pati, Treasurer

Debashish Panda, Chicago

Nalini Patnaik, Southern

Susil Panda, VP

Sribatsa Das, NY-NJ

Sitikantha Das, MN

Anjana Chowdhury, DC

Suwendu Samal, Rocky Mountain

Amar Senapati, Secretary

Deepak Sahu, OH

Kuku Das, CA

Amitabh Mishra, SE

Sarada Panda, SW

Vivek Das, MI

Lalatendu Mohanty, President

## **MNM & OSA**

### **CONCEPT NOTE FOR OSA**

#### **Collaborating to Support Malaria Elimination in Odisha State**

##### **Background**

In 2011, India defied all odds to defeat polio by rallying an entire country to the cause. Stakeholders from all sectors came together to achieve the “impossible,” reaching 172 million children and driving out any last vestige of the



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disease in the country. With polio elimination achieved, Prime Minister Modi is now setting India's sights on ridding India of another killer disease: malaria.

Malaria is a leading cause of school and work absenteeism and places a disproportionate burden on health systems. India's success in achieving malaria elimination is critical to improving the lives of the country's most vulnerable people, especially women and children.

### **The Challenge in Odisha State**

Between 2016-2017, India marked a 24% decline in malaria cases with the eastern Indian state of Odisha leading the way. Prior to those reductions, Odisha constituted more than 40 percent of the entire malaria burden in India. In many ways, Odisha is a microcosm of the malaria challenge across India: thirteen of the thirty districts in the state have an annual parasite index of greater than ten, placing them among the highest-burden areas in all of India. Meanwhile, eight districts have an API of less than one, which means they're slated to eliminate by the end of 2020. Odisha's leadership in addressing malaria successfully in both high-and low-burden settings could hold lessons for the rest of India to follow.

The state has seen recent success in driving down malaria cases in the highest-burden districts by 80 percent from December 2016 to December 2017 through a series of investments and innovative programming. Odisha dramatically scaled up efforts to diagnose and treat malaria through its signature DAMaN initiative, which stands for Durgama Anchalare Malaria Nirakaran, or "Malaria Control in Inaccessible Areas." The program focuses upon village-wide testing and treating campaigns (along with malnutrition and other services) to substantially reduce parasite levels before the monsoon season causes mosquito population (and malaria) to spike. Malaria No More is now working with the state to build on recent successes, ensuring gains are documented, scaled, and sustained so that Odisha can achieve its 2027 elimination target.

### **Malaria No More India and OSA**

In 2016, Malaria No More began evaluating the opportunities and challenges in India by conducting a comprehensive technical, advocacy, and communications landscaping with the Clinton Health Access Initiative and support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Based on this analysis, MNM has established an ambitious program to mobilize political will and provide India the technical "surge capacity" to adopt new strategies and technologies required to eliminate malaria in the next 10 years.

In 2019, MNM and OSA formally launched a partnership to create a network of OSA campaigns to support MNM's Odisha program to eliminate malaria by 2030. The Odisha Society of the Americas (OSA) is working with Malaria No More to drive awareness about the



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burden of malaria in Odisha and help to engage with key individual and institutional stakeholders, both in Odisha and the U.S., to support and resource the Odisha program.

**As Malaria No More looks ahead, we've begun to outline just three of the transformational ways OSA can help MNM's Odisha program in 2019:**

### **SEED FUNDING INVESTMENT**

Malaria No More India is at a pivotal moment – with opportunities for programmatic scale-up, but not all of the necessary resources secured in order properly pursue. Malaria No More requests financial support at the combined level of \$50,000.00 from The Odisha Society of Americas' Leadership and Committee Members to help build momentum and work as a motivator as we work towards finalizing the Malaria Action Committee and shape our partnership with OSA members ahead of the OSA 50<sup>th</sup> Convention this July. **Financial support would:**

- Provide MNM India team with proper office equipment, computer hardware, and additional HR costs to help kick start operations in country
- Provide support for Odisha hiring process to capitalize on the growing opportunities with outside partners and Government officials for malaria elimination

### **ESTABLISH MALARIA ELIMINATION TRUST (MET)**

As we work towards our 5-year vision, the success of MNM India funding opportunities is relied heavily on the establishment of our in-country MET. Currently, MNM India needs seed funding gifts in order for outside institutions and local entities to feel confident that we are an established organization outside of MNM-US. **Your support would:**

- Help establish Malaria Elimination Trust (MET)
- Help expedite program activities and funding to MET which is crucial in order to secure initial investments in the program and MET

### **ADDITIONAL SUPPORT**

The Odisha Society of Americas could also make a meaningful contribution toward Malaria No More India needs that extend beyond financial support.

- **Support could include:**
  - Access to operational and management support, including - recruiting and/or legal assistance during in-country growth period
  - Help MNM India reach out to a local Brand Ambassador for Malaria campaign in Odisha
  - Connect Malaria No More to potential partners or funders through OSA networks and event opportunities

Malaria places a heavy financial burden on families, pushing them deeper into poverty and blocking them from benefitting from India's economic growth. **Malaria No More looks forward to working with OSA in 2019 and beyond to achieve malaria elimination in Odisha state. Thank you for your time and consideration!**