



OSA BOG Meeting Minutes, Sunday 04/12/20

Date:	04/12/2020 Sunday
Time:	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM EST
Location:	GoToMeeting
Presided By:	Ms. Kuku Das
Topic:	Monthly BOG Meeting

Invitees/Attendees:

16 BOG members attended

BOG Member	Chapter	Designation	Attendance
Kuku Das		President, OSA	Yes
Anil Patnaik		Vice President	Yes
Vivek Das		Secretary	Yes
Utkal Nayak		Treasurer	Yes
Lalatendu Mohanty		Imm. Past President	Yes
Sarita Jagatjita	OSA – CA	Chapter Representative	Yes
Deepak Sahoo	OSA – Ohio	Chapter President	Yes
Debadutta Behera	OSA – New England	Chapter President	Yes
Bijay Mohanty	OSA – NY/NJ	Chapter President	Yes
Nalini Patnaik	OSA – Southern	Chapter President	Yes
Satya Nanda	OSA – Mt Hood (OR)	Chapter President	Yes
Amulya Das	OSA – Seattle (WA)	Chapter President	Yes
Amitabh Misro	OSA – South East	Chapter President	Yes
Swaroop Panda	OSA – South West	Chapter President	Yes
Sunanda Panda	CANOSA	Chapter President	Yes
Anjana Chowdhury	OSA – DC	Chapter President	Yes
Anil Patnaik	OSA – Chicago	Chapter President	No
Sarita Patnaik	OSA -- MN	Chapter President	No
Sanjib Bisoyi	OSA – Rocky Mountain	Chapter President	No
Arun Tripathy	OSA - Michigan	Chapter President	No
Vacant	OSA - MD/VA	INACTIVE	No
Vacant	OSA - Ozark	INACTIVE	No
Vacant	OSA - Grand Canyon	INACTIVE	No



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Notes

- **Introduction & Meet & Greet:**

The BOG started with a brief Meet and Greet over the phone and welcomed by the President, OSA BOG members and members of the Executive team.

- **Updates on OSA Outreach and OSA Care :**

- **Utkala Dibasa**

President Kuku Das updated that Osa members from all over North America took part in a Utkala Dibasa organized by OSA EC via Video Conference. The meeting was a good way to spread Cheer and Celebrate the foundation day of Odisha. It provided a welcome relief to all among the Coronavirus pandemic currently spreading across the country. Members shared stories, thoughts, poems, songs, in an effort to honor and appreciate our Odia identity and culture in Odia Diaspora in North America. Approximately 70 participants joined from all over America and actively participated in the event. This was appreciated by all and there were recommendations to do similar programs in the future.

- **Initiative to raise fund to provide relief to families in distress**

An initiative named “*OSA My Family*” (#OSAMyFamily) was brought forward by the President, Mrs. Kuku Das to BOG members to form a relief fund to help community members impacted due to Corona pandemic for example job loss, loss of pay etc. A fundraiser was proposed with an initial seed fund of \$2000 from the OSA Emergency Fund Account to provide relief in the form of food / groceries to individuals / families requiring such assistance in view of the current situation. The Local Chapter President would work with OSA National to deliver the financial assistance. This would ensure the privacy of the receiving family. The BOG unanimously approved the initiative as well as the seeding fund of \$2,000.

- **OSA Bartayan (Bulletin Board via Telegram messaging app)**

Vice President Dr. Anil Patnaik proposed an app that can connect possibly to broadcast official important and urgent messages to all members of the community directly to their phone. This platform needed to solve the problem of reaching the maximum number of subscribers allowed in WhatsApp. Telegram was chosen as the choice of the app with the channel named as “*OSA Bartayan*” (Bulletin Board). Any member who wants to send a message to other members can do so via their respective chapter presidents. This group will be administered by the OSA EC.

- **2020 Convention Update**

The 2020 convention is postponed indefinitely due to the current Covid 19 situation in the country. A statement from the OSA Tennesse/Nashville chapter confirming the cancellation was read by Osa Vice President, Dr. Anil Patnaik.

- **2019 Convention Financial Report Closure**

Treasurer Utkal Nayak presented the 50th Convention Income and Expenses. BOG members expressed their concerns about the method of deriving the reported loss in the convention and the



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amount owed to OSA National from the 50th Convention. A follow up meeting was set up the following week to make the format of the report in more readable format to distinguish Convention expenses from OSA National dues and be sent to BOG for approval.

- **Chapter Updates:**

- Bijay Mohanty from NJ Chapter: NJ Chapter reached out to community members impacted due to pandemic situation. The chapter is planning to setup a zoom call with consulate and CKSG office regarding immigration and travel. NJ Chapter is continuing with video conference to connect with community members for various social and cultural activities. NJ Chapter has also started offering IT Training to the community. Mr. Mohanty also suggested to have a OSA Common Calendar to publish such events, those can be shared easily.
- Debadutta Behera from OSA NE: Conducted a session for the chapter with Embassy officials to address to the concerns related to Pandemic situation. Conducted another session about Covid 19 to connect with folks from Odisha and the local community.
- Deepak Sahoo from Ohio Chapter: Weekly virtual meetings over the weekends for Adults and youths with Antakshari, Debate, Dumb charades, scavenger hunt. Odia Quiz planned for next week. There are variety cultural programs planned up to first week of May to keep the community engaged in a positive way. Mr. Sahoo also recommended to expand the usage of the recently formed Linked In group to unite all Odias in North America to help each other out in professional field

OSA Secretary Vivek Das thanked everyone for attending the BOG and concluded the meeting.