



OSA BOG Meeting Minutes

Date:	09/13/2020 Sunday
Time:	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM EST
Location:	Zoom Online Video Conference
Presided By:	Ms. Kuku Das
Topic:	Monthly BOG Meeting

Invitees/Attendees:

19 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
Manoj Joshi	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
Sameer Senapati	OSA – South East	Chapter President	Yes
Swaroop Panda	OSA – South West	Chapter President	No
Sunanda Panda	CANOSA	Chapter President	Yes
Maushumi Pattanayak	OSA – DC	Chapter President	Yes
Anil Patnaik	OSA – Chicago	Chapter President	Yes
Sarita Patnaik	OSA -- MN	Chapter President	Yes
Mihir Behera	OSA – Rocky Mountain	Chapter Representative	Yes
Arun Tripathy	OSA - Michigan	Chapter President	Yes
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 Zoom online video conference. The session was brought to motion by the President.

- **OSA Chapter Update**

The OSA CA chapter recently celebrated Ganesh Puja. They also held a couple of Youth activities. OSA Canada It updated that the election process is underway for selecting new leadership. Ms. Sunanda Panda had a query about voting in the election, and it was clarified from many members that one has to be a member of OSA Canada in order to vote for the Chapter Elections as they are a separate entity. OSA Illinois inquired about Chapter and Member guidelines. They are also planning to celebrate Diwali and are also thinking of organizing a drama festival for their community. OSA NE celebrated Ganesh Puja and Nua Khai Juahar recently. They are planning for Kumara Purnima on October 31. OSA MT Hood updated that they celebrated Ganesh Puja and the community is safe in the recent fire. Osa MI updated that they celebrated Ganesh Puja virtually recently and that they are planning Kumara Purnima on October 31. OSA Seattle updated that they celebrated Ganesh Puja and a couple of youth activities. They are planning a virtual Durga Puja soon. OSA SE is planning a Kumara Purnima virtual session and also had questions about Chapter elections and Chapter Membership/Activity fees and voting in Chapter elections. President Kuku Das responded with a plan to have a meeting with advisors and BOG members to clarify Chapter responsibilities and Constitution guidelines. OSA Southern updated about events - Ganesh Puja, Picnic and also that they are planning for Kumara Purnima on Oct 31. OSA Ohio updated about Ganesh Puja and Youth activities. OSA NY/NJ updated about the skills addition program they are conducting in the community, and also their plans for virtual Kumara Purnima. OSA MN updated about Ganesh Puja, Gundicha Mandira Kalasha Sthapana in their community and youth forum as well as Read a Story program. OSA Washington DC updated about Ganesh Puja and Kumara Purnima.

- **Outreach Committee**

President Kuku Das informed about the interest in the community to recognize Padma Shri Haladhar Nag by providing financial assistance. Some of the proposals suggested are (1) Setting up or contributing towards a museum to store artifacts and cultural items for posterity. OSA can contribute towards such a museum. (2) Supporting the cost of Book Publication about Haladhar Nag's works with the last page carrying an OSA advertisement (3) Supporting the Orphanage founded by Mr. Nag through some donations through OSA. Members debated this. Some were in favor of the Book option while others supported the museum. Ultimately the group decided to set up a committee for outreach and take up projects like this on a case per case basis depending on resources, budget etc. Treasurer Utkal Nayak provided an update on the recent activities of OSA health and wellness group (OSA-HWG).

- **OSA Awards**

Vice President Anil Patnaik updated that not all categories of Awards have received nominations and requested chapters to give publicity about the awards in their chapters in future. He will consult with the Award Committee and update the BOG members in October.

- **OSA Global Mahotsav:**



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President Mrs. Kuku Das updated about plans for an OSA Global Mahotsav including Odia Diaspora from Australia, Dubai, Europe, UK, Malaysia, Singapore and USA, Canada as well as from India. She proposed collaborating with Odia Community leaders from all over the world and present Cultural items and entertainment programs. All BOG members supported the idea. As of now the date planned is Dec 26 for this event. BOG members welcomed the idea and suggested showing the program in local TV Channels in Odisha to publicize the event.

- **Higher Education**

Vice President Anil Patnaik updated that there is a proposal from Dr. Durga Mishra, Higher Education Minister to collaborate with Odisha Govt on (1) Subject Matter expertise and Organizing Webinars on various subjects (2) Forming or Joining a Higher Education Advisory Council with Govt of Odisha (3) International Student faculty exchange program (4) Monthly seminars on topic of interest.

- **OSA Georgia Chapter Proposal**

OSA Secretary Vivek Das updated about the application received from Georgia to start an OSA Chapter in Georgia. Earlier it was part of OSA SE, and community members felt it inconvenient to attend common events due to the long distances involved. Secretary Vivek Das confirmed that the application was in order and met all the Current OSA guidelines for Chapter formation. Vivek Das also updated that he had spoken to OSA SE and OSA Southern Presidents Mr. Sameer Senapati and Ms. Nalini Pattnaik respectively. They had no concerns in the formation of the OSA GA Chapter. Mr. Sameer Senapati had also explicitly given the No objection email of his chapter. Secretary brought this proposal to BOG and it was unanimously accepted by all BOG members present without exception. The resolution was approved and passed.

- **Treasurer Update**

Treasurer Utkal Nayak brought a proposal about forming an IT committee for OSA Website modernization. The committee will be led by Anjan Kumar Panda from California. BOG members approved this proposal.

A proposal to bring a joint secretary to assist in various initiatives was brought for discussion. BOG members sought clarification. This will be addressed subsequently in the follow up meeting.

- **Odisha Public Library**

Vice President Anil Patnaik and President Kuku Das updated about the renewal of MOU between OSA and Brahmapur Municipal Corporation in regards to Model Library project in Brahmapur , Odisha.

- **Utkarsa and Urmi**

Ms. Snigdha Hota and Ms. Sanuja Das have joined the editorial team of Utkarsa. An approval was taken by email from BOG by President Kuku Das for both of these activities.

The last leg of OSA Convention ritual will be done on October 17 as OSA Sarodiya Samaroh with following three components - (1) inauguration of Urmi - OSA Souvenir (2) OSA Award Ceremony (3) Odissi Festival.

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