



General Body Meeting - 2020

Date:	July 4th, 2020, Saturday
Time:	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM EDT
Location:	Virtual Meeting via Zoom

On the Podium:

Mrs. Kuku Das, President
Dr. Anil Patnaik, Vice President
Mr. Vivek Das, Secretary
Mr. Utkal Nayak, Treasurer
Mr. Gyana Patnaik, Parliamentarian
Mr. Gopal Mohapatra, Sergeant at Arms

Attendance:

Quorum was established and 91 OSA members attended the meeting via Zoom.

Meeting Agenda:

On 2nd July 2020 BOG met and finalized the agenda of the General Body Meeting (GBM).

1. Call to order by Sergeant-At-Arms
2. President's Introduction
3. Parliamentarian Announcement
4. President's Annual Report
5. Vice President's Report
6. Secretary's Report
7. Treasurer's Report
8. GBM Discussion

Meeting Details

1. Call to order by Sergeant-At-Arms

Sergeant at Arms Mr. Gopal Mohapatra called the GBM to order at 1PM Eastern and briefed them about the proceedings. He welcomed the Executives and requested the President to begin the proceedings.

2. President's Introduction

President Mrs. Kuku Das welcome all the members of OSA to GBM meeting and introduced Sergeant at Arms Mr. Gopal Mohapatra and the Parliamentarian of the GBM



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Meeting 2020 Mr. Gyana Patnaik. A ten seconds silence prayer was offered for Late Amiya Mohanty, Ex-President of OSA.

3. Parliamentarian Announcement

Parliamentarian Mr. Gyana Patnaik announced the house rules for the GBM and requested members to follow the orders of proceedings as suggested by the Sergeant at Arms.

4. President's Annual Report:

President Mrs. Kuku Das provided a summary of OSA's various activities over the past year.

1. Connect
 - a. Senior Care
 - b. #OSAMyFamily
2. Outreach
 - a. OSA Health & Wellness Group
 - i. Multiple Online Seminars to bring awareness about Covid 19 pandemic
 - ii. Global Odias event to unite Odias of North America and beyond
 - b. OSA Mahotsav 2019 in Odisha
 - c. Odisha Public Library Initiative
 - d. Cyclone Fani Relief Fund Disbursement
 - e. Utkal Dibas
 - f. Helping Odia Community with Vande Bharat Mission
 - g. Bhagabat Tungji
 - h. Online Antakshari
3. Youth Engagement
 - a. Let's Learn Odia
 - b. Youth Committee
 - c. Social Engagement
4. OSA 2.0
 - a. Bartayan - OSA Bulletin Board
 - b. Increase Social Media and Website Engagement
 - c. Utkarsa Online
 - d. Website Modernization

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2019 OSA Mahotsav: A holistic approach to connect with our roots!



2019 Post-Fani Activities: Post Fani financial closing/ touring the places.



Society for Women Action Development
Sakhigopal, Puri



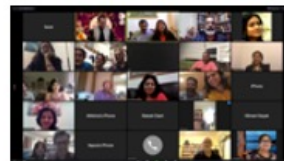
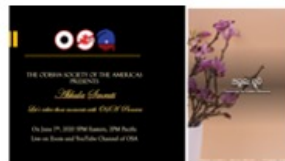
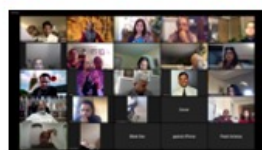
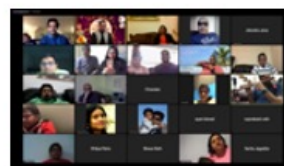
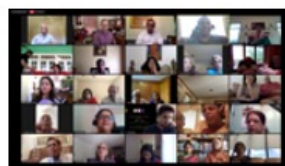
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Post-Corona Online Activities: When you are given lemon, make lemonade!



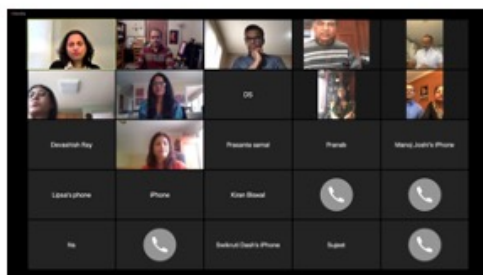
- Bande Utkala Janani project with CM's call
- Bhagbat Tungi
- Madhu Jayanti
- Musical event with OSA-NE

First-ever Online Antakshyari

- Weekly Events:**
- Let's Learn Odia
 - Bhagbat Tungi



Corona Relief OSA Wealth-Wellness: All round Meets!



- Two COVID informative Session with our OSA-HW Members.
- Helping out members in distress.

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discussion and Nashville is a front runner. He provided the context about the theme of the convention - Stay United, Stand Strong.



2020 Convention venue: Came in a full circle!



2019 Picnic at Nashville, TN

Proposing – accepting – picnic, RDF/Kumar Purnima
 – RDF and Kumar Purnima – Preparation in full swing
 – COVID –Multiple Online Meetings – Cancellations



2019 RDF and Kumar Purnima
 at Nashville, TN



2020 Convention: Now and future!



What we couldn't do yet!

Awards

- Distinguished Odia Award
- Subrina Biswal Award for Academic Excellence
- Arun Das Memorial Kalashree Award
- Utkalamani Gopabandhu Das Memorial Award
- Youth Volunteer Award
- Yuva Kala Vikas Award

Souvenir – in progress

We still have a plan:

- Virtually? Let's meet physically!
- OSA-SW Chapter is offering help.
- During ThanksGiving @Houston



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6. Secretary's Report:

Secretary Vivek Das reported on the various initiatives taken by OSA such as Pioneer Meet, OSA Youth activities, OSA Health and Wellness, OSA Care, OSA Outreach, Antakshari, Community service events. He mentioned the goals of such a program is to make it relevant and appealing to all groups and sections of our community in North America. He briefed about new youth outreach initiatives. The goals of such programs are to make it relevant to everyone in the community and increase membership thereby. OSA has 18 active chapters across America and Canada. Some new chapters are being formed. The secretary presented the changes in leadership of the state chapters since the last GBM in 2019. Vivek Das also presented the total membership of OSA NA including the breakup of members in each of the various categories. The changes in leadership at the chapter level was communicated to the audience.

Secretary Report:

- BOG and GBM Meeting minutes:
 - Every Month BOG meeting is called to order. Important matters and Chapter updates are discussed. Minutes are distributed.
- Publications and Souvenirs
 - Utkarsa is being published online with inputs provided by members.
- Content Management
 - Content Management of Website is maintained.
 - Volunteers are needed here for website management
- Chapter Representation Changes:
 - New Chapter Presidents have been elected in Illinois, Michigan, Washington DC, OSA SE, Texas as well as OSA Rocky Mountains since last GBM.
- Membership:
 - We have started many initiatives with a view to increase value of OSA membership. We hope that this will result in new members joining.

Membership Summary:

Membership Category	End of Jun 2019	End of Jun 2020	Increase
Life Members	1147	1250	103
Benefactors	42	42	0
Patrons	52	52	0
5 Yr. + Annual Members	269	239	30
Total	1510	1583	133



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7. Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Mr. Utkal Nayak presented the Budget for OSA as well as the financial report of the Last Convention.



2019 CONVENTION SUMMARY - AUDITED

Accounting Summary

■ Total Income	\$788,475
■ Total Expense	\$824,323
■ Net Loss	\$43,348

Contribution to OSA

■ Membership & Fees	\$33,849
■ 50% Share of Loss	\$(21,674)
■ Net Contribution	\$13,740



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BALANCE SHEET

Starting Balance on July 2019

- **Total Assets: \$310,620.47**
- Includes Investment Book Value \$209,991.00


Balance on July 2020

- **Total Assets: \$368,813.10**
- Includes Investment Book Value \$232,051.00
- **Net Gain 18.73%**

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

Accounts	Net Earning	Expenses	Balance
Fani Donation for Odisha	\$244,953.29	-\$212,279.07	\$32,674.22
Emergency Relief Fund	\$16,958.10	-\$1,575.00	\$15,383.10
Library Fund	\$10,001.70	\$0.00	\$10,001.70

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Income	Budget(19-20)	Actual (18-19)	Budgeted(18-19)	Comments
OSA Fees from Convention	\$ 5,000	\$ 16,525	\$ 4,975	
OSA Membership	\$ 7,000	\$ 15,410	\$ 15,000	
Convention Income - OSA Share	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Investment Income**	\$ 2,300	\$ -	\$ 7,500	
OSA Convention Chief Guest Travel and Visa	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000	
LTA Award, Visa, Ticket Sponsorship	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Other Sponsors (SB Excellence, SB Performing Arts, SSKYEC, OCC, Vocab)	\$ 6,200	\$ 6,200	\$ 4,600	
OSA Public Library Initiative Donation	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,122	\$ 2,000	
General Donations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	
Amazon Smiles + Sales	\$ 50	\$ 100	\$ 100	
Total Income	\$ 22,550.00	\$ 40,357	\$ 36,675	
Expense				
RDF (Drama Festival)	\$ 2,000		\$ 2,000	
Cultural Promotion Outreach + Utkal Divas	\$ 2,000		\$ 2,400	
Chapter Level Awards	\$ 500		\$ 500	\$50.00 per event for CCO, Speech & Vocab
Youth Mentorship Program	\$ 500		\$ 100	\$100 per chapter
Convention Advance Loan	\$ 20,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 15,000	
OSA Meeting BBSR	\$ -		\$ 2,000	Spent from OSA Development Fund
OSA Mahotsav	\$ 3,000			
Outreach Office	\$ 5,000			
OSA Chief Guest for OSA Convention	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,000	Travel and Visa expenses for Chief Guest
Awards & Plaques (Non Convention)	\$ 1,500		\$ 1,500	DG, Utkal-Mani, Youth, Volunteer and Yuva Kalash
LTA Award	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -	
Operational Expense	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,000	Website, mailing, tax filing, Finance software, \$1000 for Odia speech and Vocab \$1000 for CCO
OSA Sponsored Awards - OSA 2020 Convention	\$ 6,200	\$ 6,200	\$ 5,500	\$2000 SSKYEC \$500 OSA Visual Arts Competition - New in 2018
Election Expense	\$ -		\$ 1,000	
URMI Print Expenses - OSA Share	\$ 500		\$ 500	
Misc Expense	\$ 500		\$ 500	
Paypal Commission	\$ 300		\$ 500	
Total Expense	\$ 48,500.00	\$ 22,200	\$ 34,500	
Net	\$ (25,950.00)	\$ 18,157	\$ 2,175	

• Operational Expenses have increased from \$1000 to \$2000 for this year after evaluating actual expenses.

• Significant Factors:

- Tax Filing Fees ~ \$1000
- IT, Software Expenses ~ \$1000

MEMBERSHIP

- We welcome to 133 new members this year
- 103 of you are life members
- Congratulations to Chapter Leaders and Ex Chapter Leaders for their effort !
- Excludes memberships acquired during 50th convention and from the cancelled 51st convention at Nashville
- Kudos to Debanjan Chowdhury from Washington D.C. - Life membership fee paid with first salary of his first job



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8. GBM Discussion:

1. Proposals brought by Executive Committee:

- a. Convention 2019 Accounting Report: This was represented by the Treasurer. It was brought to motion by Dr. Durga Mishra and was seconded by Dr. Bigyani Das. This was approved by the quorum.
- b. OSA Health and Wellness Group: Executive team's request for approval of the group with its structure under OSA Umbrella was brought to motion by Dr. Durga Mishra. Mrs. Sarita Jagatjita and Mr. Dharendra Kar seconded the proposal. The structure and MOU explaining the group's power and limits to its power was discussed. The quorum agreed that approval from members will be solicited over E-voting. Any follow up questions would be answered by the Executive Committee.
- c. Social Media Policy: Extend OSANet policy to Facebook and other newer social media where OSA's account is functional. Since this requires a constitution change, a 30-day notice period is needed. This will also be sent for approval of members via electronic media later.
- d. The Election Committee selected by the Executive Committee, was brought to motion by Dr. Durga Madhab Mishra and was seconded by Dr. Bigyani Das. This was approved by the quorum.

2. Member Proposals / Suggestions submitted for GBM:

- a. Mr. Amiya Nayak and Mr. Dharendra Kar had submitted a proposal via Email - Biennial Physical Convention and Virtual Convention in the alternate year: The proposal was keeping in mind to limit the expenses. BOG met before and agreed to the point that we are losing many seniors of the committee. The convention budget can be limited. Regarding Virtual Convention, BOG suggested that this is not yet tried, hence not sure about the quality and level of engagement yet. It can be an option when physical convention is not possible. Members suggested a survey to be created and sent to all members.
- b. Mr. Amiya Nayak had submitted a proposal via Email - Virtual Chapter at Odisha - BOG unanimously had discussed previously and agreed to not proceed due to concerns about transparency of control and ability to effectively function from remote.
- c. Mr. Amiya Nayak had submitted a proposal via Email to extend EC's tenure to 3 years - BOG disagreed to three years term but proposed if EC can run for a second term. A survey is suggested asking for members' opinion on this.



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- d. “Bartayan” - Additional Electronic Bulletin board to broadcast important messages from EC to OSA members was discussed and agreed upon.
- e. Mr. Dharendra Kar had submitted a proposal via Email - Current or Ex-OSA EC do not qualify for OSA Awards - BOG had discussed before and disagreed to the proposal with generally agreeing the fact that the volunteers who stepped forward to assume the role of executives should not be penalized or marginalized from getting recognition for their service to the community. This item was decided to be sent for E-voting later.
- f. Dr. Sitakantha Dash submitted a proposal via Email - Formally conducting annual winter convention in Odisha in December- BOG recommended instead of mandating it should be called as a suggested event to make it more sustainable in future. This item was decided to be sent for E-voting later.
- g. Mr. Utkal Nayak submitted a proposal via email - OSA should have a designated executive member for IT with growing needs for managing IT, Social Media. BOG and majority members agreed to have a selected committee that is within the capacity of the Executive Committee.
- h. Mr. Arjun Purohit submitted a proposal via Email - Increase representation from different cultures and geography from Odisha instead of over representation from specific areas in OSA Events. BOG and members generally discussed that OSA events are currently inclusive of cultural representation of all regions of Odisha and event coordinators would continue to encourage participation from diverse backgrounds.
- i. Mr. Lalatendu Mohanty brought in a proposal that was originally proposed during last convention - change the words in constitution - Article II - Purpose. Item # 1 to remove the word “Odia immigrant” from the following paragraph and change it to “Odia diasporas of North America”

Form and nurture a non-political, not-for-profit, and mutually supportive environment for interaction of Odia immigrants and their families residing in the United States and Canada, as well as other individuals residing in the United States and Canada interested in Odisha and Odia culture;

This proposal was agreed to be sent to members for E-voting.

3. Suggestions brought during GBM for General Discussion:

- a. Mr. Manoj Padhi proposed - OSA Awards to extend to non-members to expand



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OSA's reach to larger Odia Diaspora in North America

- b. Mr. Manoj Padhi proposed - Artists from Odisha should not be favored by sponsors, the process should be more transparent and newer artists should be preferred ahead of repeat artists
- c. Mr. Manoj Padhi proposed - BOG can approve additional budget for cultural activities only
- d. Mr. Anjan Kumar Panda - Initiative from OSA to make aware of the organization of new Odia in North America.