



## OSA BOG Meeting Minutes, Sunday 03/15/20

<b>Date:</b>	03/15/2020 Sunday
<b>Time:</b>	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM EST
<b>Location:</b>	Google Hangout Video Conference
<b>Presided By:</b>	Ms. Kuku Das
<b>Topic:</b>	Monthly BOG Meeting

**Invitees/Attendees:**

14 BOG members attended

<b>BOG Member</b>	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Kuku Das		President, OSA	Yes
Anil Patnaik		Vice President	Yes
Vivek Das		Secretary	Yes
Utkal Nayak		Treasurer	Yes
Lalatendu Mohanty		Imm. Past President	No
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	No
Amitabh Misro	OSA – South East	Chapter President	No
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	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 the phone and welcome by the President Kuku Das and Secretary, Vivek Das.

- **Update on OSA Care:**

OSAHW Group Updates:

1. MOU distributed to BOG and agreed upon
2. Bank account co-ownership with OSA National is now operational.
3. Website and IT Infrastructure in progress

### COVID-19 Awareness Video Conference:

A Video conference about Coronavirus awareness was hosted by OSA HW Group was presented to all OSA members. The conference was attended with over 100 people attending and participating in the discussions. In View of the ongoing pandemic, and to address questions from community members, this conference call was organized by OSA and OSA Health and Wellness group, and there were many questions following the Conference Call which the Panel members and others addressed. It was a nice effort well appreciated by all and well done by the OSA Health and Wellness team led by Dr. Devashish Ray.

### OSAMyFamily Initiative:

OSA EC suggested BOG about starting an initiative for community outreach. This initiative would provide assistance to domestic and international students who are dealing with school and dorm closures due to Corona pandemic. The plan to raise funds from the community and provide financial aid to students for food and essentials. This was vocally appreciated and approved by BOG. A campaign has since been started and BOG members are encouraged to Spread the news at local chapter level.

- **OSA Committee Formation**

Dr. Anil Patnaik, VP stated that a Guest Selection Committee for the 2020 convention has been formed. The members are Dr. Devashish Ray, Mr. Gyana Patnaik, Dr. Geeta Mishra, Dr. Ashutosh Dutta and Mrs. Smriti Panda. They will serve for the term 2020-2021. Past conveners and women members have been included to blend experience and bring about gender balance. The Guest Selection Committee will meet to select the guests over next month in alignment with OSA Convention guidelines.

An Award Committee has been formed that includes Mrs. Sujata Patnaik, Mrs. Sabita Panigrahi and Mrs. Anjana Chowdhury. This committee will take care of all the named awards during the convention 2020 and 2021.

- **OSANet Content Moderation and Path Forward:**



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President Mrs. Das updated BOG that - OSANet, the official method of communication for OSA has migrated from Yahoo Groups to Google Groups. Mr. Sunil Sabat and Mr. Prashant Padhi would continue to be the moderators of this group. Communication Ethics and OSANet guidelines now extend to social media. A proposal was made by the moderation committee and VP Dr. Anil Patnaik to amend OSA Bylaw VII (OSA Communication) to include guidelines for social media interactions and other digital communications. Dr. Patnaik sent a separate formal note to BOG for review and approval of the addendum.

- **Financial Statement and Budget:**

- Treasurer, Utkal Nayak presented the budget for 2019 - 2020. The budget was sent out to BOG for approval as a separate note to Board of Governors (BOG) Members. Highlights of the budget included: Majority of the regular earnings remains the same. On the expense side, the operational expense for tax payment and IT infrastructure is now increased to \$2000 from previous allocation of \$1000 based on actuals from previous years. Overall the budget showed a \$5k deficit. Note: OSA Convention Budget is independently managed by Convention committee with consultation of OSA EC. Hence it is excluded from the OSA National budget.

- **51st Convention Update & OSA Newsletter:**

- Mrs. Nalini Pattnaik updated about discussion about Possible invited guest list for the Convention. She also briefed about ongoing potential artists from Odisha for the convention. VP Dr. Anil Patnaik reminded that all members can propose guests and it will go through the Guest Selection committee as well as the local chapter.
- President Mrs. Kuku Das updated that the convention team and the OSA EC is closely monitoring and evaluating the emerging situation due to Corona pandemic and possible impact on the convention schedule. It was decided to make a call in April first week. The convention team is actively monitoring and assessing the situation closely.

- **Chapter Updates:**

- President Mrs. Kuku Das invited for more articles and reports for OSA Newsletter - Utkarsa
- Most Chapters have cancelled all activities in view of the coronavirus epidemic. Some chapters were planning to help senior citizens who need groceries, etc. and may not be able to go out of the home.
- Ohio Chapter had organized a Swab Collection Camp for Bone Marrow to support the Cure initiative to help DR. Mahesh Pati cure from Leukemia.
- President Kuku Das started an initiative to teach kids of the community with Odia language. The class is an online class that runs for an hour on weekdays between 2pm - 3pm Eastern. Participants vocally appreciated the effort as this timely initiative would help kids, dealing with long term school closures to pick up a new language as an additional skill.

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