



OSA BOG Meeting Minutes

Date:	10/08/2023	Meeting Type: Regular
Time:	8:00 PM – 10 PM EST	Actual Start Time: 8:05 PM
Location:	Zoom Online Video Conference	Actual End Time: 10:10 PM
Presided By:	Ms. Leena Mishra	
Topic:	Regular BOG Meeting	

Invitees/Attendees:

BOG Member	Chapter	Designation	Attendance
Leena Mishra	OSA EC	President, OSA	Yes
Saradakanta Panda	OSA EC	Vice President	Yes
Santwana Dash	OSA EC	Secretary	Yes
Subhransu Mishra	OSA EC	Treasurer	Yes
Gyana Patnaik	Past President	Imm. Past President	No
Rani Acharya	OSA EC	Jt. Secretary	No
Siddarth Parhi	OSA EC	Jt. Treasurer	No
Satyabrata Mohanty	OSA – CA	Chapter President	No
Bhabani Buxi	OSA – GA	Chapter President	No
Deepak Sahoo	OSA – Ohio	Chapter President	Yes
Bishwa Bhusan Sahoo	OSA – New England	Chapter President	Yes
Dillip Behera	OSA-New England	Elected President	Yes
Nagesh Rajanala	OSA – NY/NJ	Chapter President	Yes

Mousumi Swain	OSA – Southern	Chapter President	Yes
Sukant Dash	OSA – Mt Hood	Chapter President	No
Amulya Das	OSA – Seattle (WA)	Chapter President	Yes
Sanjeeb Rout	OSA – South East	Chapter President	Yes
Smaranika Rout	OSA – South West	Chapter President	Yes
Kamala Kanta Behera	CANOSA	Chapter President	No
Manoranjan Sahoo (Interim)	OSA – Chicago	Chapter President	No
Anajan Pradhan	OSA -- MN	Chapter President	No
Deepak Jena	OSA – Rocky Mountain	Chapter President	Yes
Girija Prasad Rout	OSA Michigan	Chapter President	No
Manoj Mishra	OSA DC	Chapter President	Yes
Vacant	OSA - MD/VA	INACTIVE	No
Vacant	OSA - Ozark	INACTIVE	No
Vacant	OSA - Grand Canyon	INACTIVE	No
Vacant	OSA - Florida	INACTIVE	No

<u>Committee Name</u>	<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Grievance	Ashutosh Dutta	No
Grievance	Eva Mohanty	Yes
Grievance	Sourya Mohapatra	Yes

Agenda

- Introduction / Roll Call
- Chapter Update
- Budget Approval for Upcoming Year
- Florida Chapter
- Miscellaneous
 - Tax Filing
 - 2025 Convention
- Updates on 2024 Convention
- Committee Introduction
 - Grievance Committee

Round Table

Introduction

Many members were missing in this session. The meeting started with a brief Meet and Greet over Zoom online video conference. The session was brought to motion by the President.

Chapter Update

Bishwa Bhusan Sahoo, President of OSNE introduced the newly elected president of OSNE, Dillip Behera to the team. Dillip Behera introduced himself and updated about their chapter activity. The other chapter representatives shared their chapter activities including Ganesh puja, and Picnic and a combined Nukhai in some chapters. Most highlighted was how they involved kids in cleaning activity, food donation camp etc. Along with that they updated their upcoming events like sports activity, OSA Odia Learning program and Kumar Purnima celebration. Satya Das from CA and Bhabani Buxi from GA informed the EC about their absence for this meeting.

Budget Approval for Upcoming Year

The proposal of the Budget was shared with all the BOG by OSA Treasurer prior to the meeting. In the call line items were explained however some members of the team mentioned that they have not got enough time to review the budget - so it was agreed to give some time to the team to review the budget and take the approval in email.

Florida Chapter

Manoj Mishra emailed Mrs Mishra and confirmed that he didn't hear back from her. The BOG team agreed that we can start the election process by giving an email to all the life members of the Florida chapter to come forward and nominate to form an election committee under the supervision of the VP of OSA.

Miscellaneous

The conclusion of the discussion in the Florida chapter was disheartening, as several members of our Board of Governors, including one from our Executive Committee, disclosed receiving phone calls from an individual who accused them of meddling with the election process. As a team, we strongly condemned this conduct, especially when we are genuinely committed and working

towards resolving the issue.

Tax filing

The OSA Treasurer reported that he has received all financial reports from the chapters and submitted them for tax filing. Both the Treasurer and the President emphasized the importance of submitting these documents on time in the future to ensure we can file taxes ahead of schedule.

2025 Convention

Over the past three months, the OSA Executive Committee has received numerous requests from the South West chapter, urging approval to host the 2025 convention. The President of the South West chapter also presented compelling reasons for why their chapter should be chosen as the host. She, along with several chapter members, emphasized that they had previously sought to host the 2024 convention as well.

The President of the DC Chapter noted that there is interest among some of their members in hosting the 2025 Convention. Consequently, they requested additional time to prepare and submit their request. Although the Executive Committee initially considered taking more time to reach a decision, the South West chapter members insisted on a prompt response (either Yes/No), given their need for a two-year planning period. After a thorough discussion within the team, which involved conversations with both chapter presidents, the decision was reached to proceed with the current proposal from the South West chapter for approval, rather than delaying any further.

The team discussed putting a motion for approval to which BOG members agreed. The VP brought a motion, seconded by the southern chapter president and motion was approved with over 2/3rd majority.

Dillip Behera (President Of OSNE) - Yes
Deepak Sahoo (President of Ohio) - Yes
Nagesh Rajanala (President of NJNY) - Yes
Smaranika Rout (President of South West) - Yes
Sanjeeb Rout (President of South East) - Yes
Deepak Jena (President of Rocky Mountain) - Yes
Manoj Mishra (President of DC) - No
Mousumi Swain (President of Southern) - Yes
Girija Rout (President of Michigan) - Yes
Satyabrata Mohanty (President of California) - Yes
Amulya Das (President of Seattle) - Yes
Bhabani Buxi (President of Georgia) - Yes
Sukanta Dash (President of Mt Hood) - Yes
Kamala kanta Behera (President of Canada) - Yes
Santwana Dash (Secretary) - Yes
Subhransu Mishra (Treasurer) - Yes
Sarada Panda (Vice President) - Yes
Leena Mishra (President) - Yes

With 16/21 (Yes) and 1/21 (No) this motion is approved for the 2025 OSA convention.

Committee Introduction

Grievance committee Member Eva Mohanty And Sourjya Mahapatra Joined the meeting, and addressed everyone.

2024 Convention Update

All the leaders of the convention committee convened for a meeting and introduced themselves. The chapter initially received a seed fund of \$10,000 from OSA. However, they have now submitted a request for an additional \$15,000 from OSA. In response, the Executive Committee requested a justification along with a proposed budget, which was duly provided by the convention team. The team cited a recent precedent to further support their request. Following this, the Executive Committee presented the request to the Board of Governors for approval.

Taking the risk factor into consideration, the members of the Board of Governors requested that the convention team provide a detailed plan, budget, and a written statement outlining the timeline for repaying the loan.

The BOG team never received a timeline of loan repayment but in response the Southern Chapter president mentioned the following .

We (OSA Southern Chapter) want to assure you all that we are fully committed to return the loan amount as soon as the convention has enough funds. Once the registration and other payments starts flowing, we anticipate to raise enough funds before the convention itself. At that point it must not be a challenge.

Based on this we brought a motion to approve the loan amount (additional 15k) and the request had the following response.

Dillip Behera (President Of OSNE) - Yes

Deepak Sahoo (President of Ohio) - Yes

Nagesh Rajanala (President of NYNJ) - Yes (asked for timeline of loan repayment but never received, also suggested to consider increasing loan amount for future)

Smaranika Rout (President of South West) - Yes

Sanjeeb Rout (President of South East) - Yes

Deepak Jena (President of Rocky Mountain) - Yes

Mousumi Swain (President of Southern) - Yes

Amulya Das (President of Seattle) - Yes

Bhabani Buxi (President of Georgia) - Yes

Kamala kanta Behera (President of Canada) - Yes

Sukanta Dash (President of Mt Hood) - (asked for a timeline of loan repayment)

Manoj Mishra - (Washington DC) asked for more information

Santwana Dash (Secretary) - Abstained

Subhransu Mishra (Treasurer) - Yes

Sarada Panda (Vice President) - Yes

Leena Mishra (President) - Abstained

This motion is approved with (12/21 votes) simple majority.

Round Table

All BOG members are requested to find time to attend the BOG meeting every month. Please add it to your calendar as it is always the 2nd Sunday of every month.

General Topics

Action Item

- Treasurer will take email approval from the BOG members on the proposed budget.
- OSA EC will start the election process in the Florida Chapter under the supervision of VP.

Note: prepared by Secretary, in collaboration with EC.