



OSA BOG Meeting Minutes

Date:	Scheduled Date: 1/14/24	Meeting Type: Regular
Time:	8:00 PM – 10 PM EST	Actual Start Time: 8:05 PM
Location:	Zoom Online Video Conference	Actual End Time: 9:50 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	Yes
Rani Acharya	OSA EC	Jt. Secretary	Yes
Siddarth Parhi	OSA EC	Jt. Treasurer	No
Satyabrata Mohanty	OSA – CA	Chapter President	Yes
Bhabani Buxi	OSA – GA	Chapter President	Yes
Deepak Sahoo	OSA – Ohio	Chapter President	No
Dillip Behera	OSA-New England	Chapter President	Yes
Nilasundar Jena	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
Babaji C Behera	OSA – South West	Chapter Secretary	Yes
Kamala Kanta Behera	CANOSA	Chapter President	No
Manoranjan Sahoo	OSA – Chicago	Chapter President	No
Bibekananda Mohapatro	OSA - Chicago	Chapter V.President	Yes
Anajan Pradhan	OSA -- MN	Chapter President	Yes
Jayanti Mohapatra	OSA- MN	Elected President	Yes
Kasturi Patnayak	OSA- MN	Vice President	Yes
Dharitri Mishra	OSA- MN	Secretary	Yes
Deepak Jena	OSA – Rocky Mountain	Chapter President	No
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

Agenda

- Introduction / Roll Call
- Chapter Update
 - Minneapolis President introduction
 - Other chapter Update
 - Florida Election
 - Chapter Guideline Update & Approval
 - OSA Odia Learning
 - Hosting Chapter convention accounts
 - Chapter Finance report submission

- Convention Guideline approval
- Nashville Convention Update
- Open floor
 - Happy Hour/Informal gathering of BOG members n 27th January

Introduction

The meeting started with a brief Meet and Greet over Zoom online video conference. The session was brought to motion by the President. The session began with a great participation from all the BOG members.

Chapter Update

Minneapolis

The president of OSA-MN chapter Anjan kumar Panda introduced the incoming office bearers for 2024- 2025 to the BOG. He introduced Jayanti Mohapatra as president, Kasturi Patnayak as Vice President, Dharitri Mishra as Secretary and Padmalochan Patnaik as Treasurer. The team expressed their enthusiasm and shared the vision for the next two years.

SW Chapter. Chapter president Smaranika Rout introduced Babaji C Behera as Secretary of the chapter. She mentioned that the chapter will host their first 2025 convention kickoff meeting this month. She also mentioned that they will utilize this meeting to push for registration of 2024 convention and for OSA membership.

GA Chapter: Chapter president Bhabani Buxi requested everyone to join the virtual Avahana program on 20th Jan at 5:30pm EST. There will be singers from all the chapters singing devotional songs, yoga and spiritual talks.

OSNE : Chapter president Dilip Sahoo said OSNE will participate in the Republic Day program. They have started some youth programs. They will utilize this program to increase OSA membership.

SE : The president of SE chapter enquired about the OSA Chapter election guideline as their election is approaching soon. Vice president mentioned that he will be providing the necessary information as needed..

Florida Election update: Vice President Sharada Panda provided an update on Chapter Election. The FL Election Committee started the election process on 12/29. Few of the chapter members had some questions regarding the residency requirements on eligibility of the candidates and a concern on a typo in chapter guideline which was referring to a wrong section. The election committee provided a response, but their dissatisfaction led them to approach the OSA grievance committee. Based on the advice from the OSA grievance

committee, legal counsel was sought for guidance. Based on their input, the OSA Grievance committee suggested continuing the election and closed the grievance. In addition, The OSA Grievance committee also advised the EC to update the typo in the chapter guideline.

Chapter Guideline Update

As a subsequent step following the Grievance, the OSA EC is recommended to rectify the typo/administrative error in the chapter guideline. The President offered context for this update, while the Vice President provided a comprehensive description of the issue. The President opened the floor for additional questions and discussion. However, the team collectively acknowledged that it is a minor administrative error. Consequently, they decided to proceed with a vote on this resolution, which was unanimously passed.

Hosting Chapter convention accounts

The OSA President emphasized the need for increased vigilance regarding the organization's finances and status moving forward. She explained the need for it and requested the team to take a proactive approach by looking into their chapter accounts and provide the number of active accounts under OSA's ID in each chapter (any accounts that are opened using OSA's id) . She mentioned that we need to have a log of accounts opened and closed under OSA ID going forward. She also requested the BOG members to reach out to the past convenor/convention treasurers to figure out more on this especially where the convention is held.

Chapter Finance report submission

The OSA Treasurer indicated that it's once again time for tax submissions for the year 2023. Urging the team to be proactive, he requested the timely submission of their chapter reports. Additionally, he highlighted a new approach going forward, where a form will be utilized for submitting the chapter finance report. He provided a quick demo of the finance report submission form to the team and asked to review before putting it in action.

Approvals

Chapter Guideline Update & Approval: Vote was taken in the meeting to update an administrative error in the model chapter guideline. The resolution was passed unanimously by everyone present in the meeting.

Convention Guideline approval:

Few updates were required for the Convention guideline, prompting the formation of a dedicated team for the task. This team has been diligently working since October, meeting every Saturday morning to collaboratively enhance the guideline. Following the update and thorough review, the revised guideline was presented to the Board of Governors (BOG) for approval since the last BOG meeting. The guideline was approved by receiving votes both in meeting and in email

since few members requested 3 more days to review further.

Approval in Meeting :

OSA NE, OSA NYNJ, OSADC, OSA Seattle, OSA President, OSA Vice President,
Treasurer, Past President

Email approval

OSA -SE, OSA SW, OSA Chicago, OSA GA, OSASecretary,

OSA Odia Learning: Several chapters inquired about the operational process of the OSA Odia Learning Program. The President conveyed that Bigyani Das is the Lead Advisor for this initiative and will collaborate with Sujata Patnaik, committee Lead and others to put together further processes. The team has devised a plan for the coursework and other aspects of the program. Each chapter will adopt the course, and students can take an exam to receive a certificate. Additionally, every chapter will contribute teachers who will be mentored by the OOL lead. Few Chapters including NYNJ expressed excitement about witnessing this learning initiative.

Representation of OSA outside USA

- World Odia Language Conference

The President informed the team about receiving an invitation from the Government of Odisha for the World Odia Language Conference in Odisha. Inquiring if anyone from the team plans to visit India in February, she mentioned that the program is scheduled for February 3-5. The President requested BOG members to notify if they are available to represent OSA at the conference.

- Mandira parikrama program

The president updated the team on the OSA EC receiving an invitation from Puri Maharaj and the Government of Odisha to attend the Parikrama program. Representing OSA, Sunil Sabat from the OSA PRO team and Santwana Dash, the OSA Secretary, were part of the delegation attending this program in Puri, Odisha.

Nashville Convention Update :

- The team mentioned that they are actively working on the convention preparation. They are working on bringing some tribal artists as a first timer to the convention.
- Convention team updated that Registration is in progress, 70 families have registered so far. She requested the BOG members to spread the word in their chapter and asked the members to register for the convention.
- Based on the OSA inaugural guest selection president emphasized the guest list received from OSANet - and OSA EC will be leading this effort.

Open floor

- President thank the past president Gyana Patnaik for providing continuous guidance

- President asked everyone to join the informal BOG Team meeting on 27th of January
- President emphasized on the open OSA accounts at the chapter level,
- Treasurer shared the finance account submission form with the team - he mentioned that this will streamline the submission process.



Note: prepared by Jt.Secretary, Secretary in collaboration with EC.