



OSA BOG Meeting Minutes

Date:	Scheduled Date: 03/10//2024	Meeting Type: Regular
Time:	8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Actual Start Time: 8:05 PM
Location:	Zoom Online Video Conference	Actual End Time: 10:22 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
Lalit Barik	OSA - GA	Chapter Treasurer	Yes
Deepak Sahoo	OSA – Ohio	Chapter President	Yes
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	Yes
Amulya Das	OSA – Seattle (WA)	Chapter President	No
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	OSA – Chicago	Chapter President	No
Jayanti Mohapatra	OSA -- MN	Chapter President	No
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
 - Update on Upcoming events
 - Ohio Chapter New Representatives Introduction
 - Finance
 - Finance Report Submission
 - Secretary's Desk
 - Chapter Email Distribution List
 - Membership Clean Up
 - 2024 Convention Update
 - 2025 Convention
- Miscellaneous
- BOG Area
 - BOG Responsibility

Introduction

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

Deepak Sahoo, the President of the Ohio Chapter, introduced Mrs. Supragnya Dash as the newly elected President of the chapter. Other chapter presidents provided updates on their chapter activities. Sanjeeb Rout, President of the SouthEast Chapter, updated the team about the Regional Drama Festival held in their chapter on March 9th. He informed us that Atlanta, Nashville, Charlotte, and Raleigh participated in RDF. Dilip Behera detailed the chapter's recent activities, including the celebrations of Saraswati Puja, Shivaratri, and children's volunteering efforts. Nilasundar Jena outlined the Saraswati Puja celebrations and upcoming events such as Utkala Dibasa, graduation day, and RDF. Manoj Mishra, President of DC chapter shed some light on the upcoming plans for Utkala Dibasa. Lalit Barik shared the Georgia Chapter's participation in the RDF and their preparations for the upcoming Utkala Dibasa celebration.

Finance

Subhranshu Mishra, OSA Treasurer, reminded everyone about the time to submit the financial report for the tax submission - he mentioned that some of the chapters are already submitted the report.. He requested all remaining chapter presidents to share their finance reports so that he can file the tax on time. Additionally, he informed the team to submit the report and expense requests through the Google Form - which is housed in the Board of Governors (BOG) area of the OSA website. He reminded everyone that based on our budget this year, RDF reimbursement will be provided to three chapters and eight chapters are budgeted for Utkala Dibasa.

He also brought a continuation of another discussion from the last BOG to the floor. He brought the proposal again that from the company matching of the donation amount OSA will be keeping 25% to add to its operating expenses. 3- 4 BOG members raised concern on this while many BOG members like NYNJ, DC and few others agreed to the initiative, understanding the organization's effort and need.

Considering a recent issue in another organization on Company matching OSA EC is also thinking of streamlining this matching process in future.

Proposal went for an open floor. Many agreed to discuss more and requested for reducing the percentage.

Secretary's Desk

Mrs. Santwana Dash, the secretary of OSA, mentioned the importance of a clean membership list. She also informed me that she is working with the team to clean the membership list of the organization. She requested all Chapter Presidents to verify the chapter membership lists for the expired and 5 years membership and update when necessary. Additionally, she highlighted that the discounted rate of \$149 for life membership would soon expire - she requested all the chapter leaders to share this message in their respective chapters.

2024 Convention Update

The Vice President requested Mousumi Swain, the Southern Chapter President, to provide an update on the convention in the absence of the convention team. She mentioned that the artists have been decided upon and they are prepared to proceed with their visa applications through a third-party agency.

In addition, Vice President Sarada Panda informed all the Board of Governors (BOG) members that the OSA Executive Committee (EC) had informed the convention team well in advance this year to process visa in the name of OSA and OSA will be taking all the effort to sponsor all convention VISAs from India. He also mentioned that OSA had talked to immigration attorneys and had a team in place to handle this VISA process - however the convention team decided to go with another party to process the VISA.

On Guest, OSA is looking into bringing local guests this time.

There was a discussion on OSA's convention operation and the team re-emphasized that all the hosting chapters must know that OSA Convention is an annual function of OSA. It is encouraged to host in different chapters to introduce the organization to the new ODia families. No single chapter owns the convention.

2025 Convention

Smaranika Rout, the Chapter President of the South West, informed that Tapan Padhi will serve as the Convener for the 2025 convention and they are in the process of finding a venue. Furthermore, the chapter is currently planning to host an RDF event in Houston on May 4th.

Action Item

- BOG members are requested to validate membership of their chapter and provide inputs.

Note: prepared by Secretary, in collaboration with EC.