



## OSA BOG Meeting Minutes

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Scheduled Date: 05/12//2024</b>	<b>Meeting Type: Regular</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>8:00 PM - 10:00 PM Rescheduled Time: 9:00PM -11:00PM (Due to Mothers Day)</b>	<b>Actual Start Time: 9:05PM</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Zoom Online Video Conference</b>	<b>Actual End Time: 11:00PM</b>
<b>Presided By:</b>	<b>Ms. Leena Mishra</b>	
<b>Topic:</b>	<b>Regular BOG Meeting</b>	

### Invitees/Attendees:

<b>BOG Member</b>	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
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	Yes
Supragnya Dash	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
Sukanta Dash	OSA – Mt Hood	Chapter President	No
Amulya Das	OSA – Seattle (WA)	Chapter President	No
Sanjeeb Rout	OSA – Carolinas	Chapter President	Yes
Smaranika Rout	OSA – South West	Chapter President	Yes
Kamala Kanta Behera	CANOSA	Chapter President	No
Manoranjan Sahoo	OSA – Chicago	Chapter President	Yes
Jayanti Mohapatra	OSA -- MN	Chapter President	Yes
Deepak Jena	OSA – Rocky Mountain	Chapter President	Yes
Girija Prasad Rout	OSA Michigan	Chapter President	No
Manoj Mishra	OSA DC	Chapter President	Yes
Nirakar Jena	OSA - Florida	Chapter President	Yes
Vacant	OSA - MD/VA	INACTIVE	NA
Vacant	OSA - Ozark	INACTIVE	NA
Vacant	OSA - Grand Canyon	INACTIVE	NA

## **Agenda**

- Introduction / Roll Call
- Convention Guest Update
- Award guideline Update And Approval
- BOG Approval for upcoming GBM
  - Convention Seed Money increase to \$25,000  
Article V - Section 2
  - The Elected Officers must be representing only OSA's leadership role. The candidates should not be in a leadership role of another organization while serving throughout the two-year term for which they have been elected.  
Finance
  
- OSA Finance Report
- Secretary's Desk
  - Update on secretary meeting
- Chapter Update
  
- Miscellaneous discussion
  1. OOL (OSA Odia Learning) update..

## **Introduction**

It was Mother's day - to avail everyone's presence we rescheduled the meeting to start one hour later than regular hour. The meeting started with a brief Meet and Greet and Mother's Day wish to the Moms over Zoom online video conference. The session was brought to motion by the President.

## **Convention Guest Update**

Vice President SaradaKanta Panda informed all BOG members that we have received confirmation for the Chief Guest and Chief Speaker for the upcoming Nashville convention. The Chief Guest will be Dr. Bhanu Pratap Jena, and the Chief Speaker will be Dr. Laxmi N. Bhuyan, both prominent members of our community.

## **Award guideline Update And Approval**

Vice president Saradakanta Panda mentioned that while working with the award committee on the OSA award process and OSA OOL team on the revision of the OOL (OSA Odia Learning) program, we noticed a few discrepancies in the Award Guideline related to these programs and its operations. In order to stay synced with the current process the guideline requires an immediate update. EC reviewed these changes with the past office bearers and a few past presidents. In addition like all other competitions, EC proposed having a rolling coordinator under OOL to handle the Odia speech & vocabulary competition. A new email id for this competition is created to handle the communication instead of personal id.

1. This proposal was brought to the notice of at least past 5 presidents, OSA OOL team, past

executive team and award team - accordingly the proposal was brought to the floor for discussion and approval.

The BOG team had a thorough discussion regarding the coordinator changes. Though everyone agreed on the appointing rolling coordinator for the Speech and Vocabulary competition, some members expressed concerns about implementing the changes this year. In response, the VP mentioned that two OSA members, who are familiar with the program, will be appointed to work with the OOL team during the current tenure. He added that implementing the changes this year would ensure a smooth transition for the following year. In addition, there was also another concern regarding erasing history of speech and vocabulary competition to which we explained that all the organizational activities including all competitions are captured in OSA's annual journal. The proposal was approved with 14 out of 22 votes.

Here are the details on the vote.

<b>BOG Member</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Approvals</b>
Leena Mishra	OSA President	YES
Sarad Kanta panda	OSA Vice President	YES
Santwana Dash	OSA Secretary	YES
Subhranshu Mishra	OSA Treasurer	YES
Gyana Patnaik	OSA Immediate Past President	YES
Nilasundar Jena	Chapter President- OSA NJNY	YES
Manoranjan Sahoo	Chapter President- OSA Chicago	YES
Smaranika Rout	Chapter President - OSA South West	YES
Bhabani Buxi	Chapter President - OSA Georgia	NO ( For removing history)
Suprangyan Dash	Chapter President - OSA Ohio	YES
Sanjeeb Rout	Chapter President - OSA Carolinas	YES
Kamala kanta Behera	Chapter President - OSA Canada	YES
Jayanti Mohapatra	Chapter President - OSA MN	YES
Nirakar Jena	Chapter President - OSA Florida	Not Ready to Vote
Manoj Mishra	Chapter President - OSA Washington DC	YES
Mausumi Swain	Chapter President - OSA Southern	NO
Amulya Dash	Chapter President - OSA Seattle	YES
Deepak Jena	Chapter President - OSA Rocky Mountain	Not Ready to Vote

Dillip Behera	Chapter President - OSA New England	Not Ready to Vote
Satyabrata Mohanty	Chapter President - OSA California	Not present
Girija Prasad Rout	Chapter President - OSA Michigan	Not present
Sukanta Dash	Chapter President - OSA Mt Hood	Not present

**BOG Approval for upcoming GBM**

On another note, the President briefly informed all BOG members about adding the following items to the agenda for the upcoming GBM at the convention, bringing them to the BOG for further discussion next time:

1. Due to recurring requests for additional funds from the convention team at previous conventions, it is suggested to increase the seed money from \$10,000 to \$25,000 to prevent further requests each time.
2. Individuals serving as OSA executives should not hold a leadership position in another 501 (c)organization during their term.

**OSA Finance Report**

There was a brief discussion on the delay in the tax filing process and the extension of the timeline. Treasurer Subhramshu Mishra mentioned that we requested an extension for the tax filing because we didn't receive account statements from a few chapters on time, along with a delay in closing the convention account. He explained that we need to establish a process to ensure timely filing. Both the President and Treasurer stressed the importance of accurate account statements. If any chapter holds a CD account, they should inform the Treasurer. He also mentioned that we may need to implement a process to address delays in closing the convention account.

**Secretary's Desk**

Secretary Santwana Dash informed the BOG that, following the last discussion, a meeting was called for all the chapter secretaries. The primary purpose of this meeting was to establish effective communication and train the chapter secretaries on their basic responsibilities. During the meeting, various topics were discussed, including how chapters are being operated and the processes involved.

**Miscellaneous discussion**

President Leena Mishra discussed about the OOL program, that the OOL team will launch a certification program along with a digital app. Currently in its initial stage, the program will undergo a quarterly evaluation period until 1 year. If successful, OSA will establish the program with the understanding that committee members will rotate during every term of the OSA executives. President Mishra mentioned that initially the OOL team will get three licensed teachers for the app, costing \$120 per teacher per year. After the evaluation period, if the OOL team requires additional licenses, the OSA Executive Committee will seek BOG approval for the expenditure and go for more licenses.

