



OSA BOG Meeting Minutes

Date:	Scheduled Date: 08/11//2024	Meeting Type: Regular
Time:	8:00 PM - 10:00 PM (EST)	Actual Start Time: 8:00 PM
Location:	Virtual	Actual End Time: 10:12 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	Yes
Bhabani Buxi	OSA – GA	Chapter President	No

Lalit Barik	OSA- GA	Chapter Treasurer	Yes
Supragnya Dash	OSA – Ohio	Chapter President	No
Dillip Behera	OSA-New England	Chapter President	Yes
Nilasundar Jena	OSA – NYNJ	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
Sourav Parida	OSA – Carolinas	Chapter President	Yes
Smaranika Rout	OSA – South West	Chapter President	No
Kamala Kanta Behera	CANOSA	Chapter President	No
Manoranjan Sahoo	OSA – Chicago	Chapter President	No
Bibekananda Mohapatra	OSA- Chicago	Chapter V. P	Yes
Jayanti Mohapatra	OSA -- MN	Chapter President	Yes
Deepak Jena	OSA – Rocky Mountain	Chapter President	Yes
Girija Prasad Rout	OSA Michigan	Chapter President	No
Bidyashree Parhi	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
- GBM Proposal Review 2 and 3
- Convention Guideline approval
- Process for External organization Events
- Finance
 - Payments & Tax filing
- Miscellaneous
 - Secretary Report
 - Convention Update
- BOG Officials Introduction from newly appointed chapters
- Committee Introduction
 - NextGen Committee
 - Chapter Reform Committee

Introduction

The meeting started with a brief Meet and Greet over Zoom online video conference. The session was brought to motion by the President. Bibekananda Mohapatra Vice president of the Chicago chapter and Lalit Barik Treasurer from Georgia chapter represented their chapter in absence of the president. All the BOG members welcomed them. President Leena Mishra congratulate them for attending the BOG meeting and she asked to introduce both the representatives along with all the other BOG members.

Convention Guideline approval

Vice President Saradakanta Panda shared information regarding updates to the convention guidelines. He mentioned that the increase in seed money for the convention from \$10k to \$25k, as approved in the GBM, has been reflected in the guidelines, along with other updates he shared with all BOG members a few days ago for review. He asked the BOG members to provide any inputs so that they can proceed with the approval process. Dillip Behera, OSNE Chapter President, raised a query regarding the additional \$10k mentioned after the increased seed money. The Vice President clarified that this is reserved for any unavoidable emergencies. Nilasundar Jena pointed out a discrepancy in a date mentioned in the guidelines, which the Vice President agreed to correct. Satyabrata Mohanty, CA Chapter President; Dillip Behera, OSNE Chapter President; and Mousumi Swain, Southern Chapter President, inquired about the guest selection procedure. After a lengthy discussion, the OSA EC team explained that no changes to this process are included in the current version of the guidelines. They suggested that if members wish, further discussions could be held, and updates could be made later. The Vice President invited BOG members to volunteer for updating the guidelines. Satyabrata Mohanty, Dillip Behera, and Nilasundar Jena expressed their interest in volunteering. Due to some minor updates needed, it was decided that the Vice President would send a revised copy to all BOG members, and the approval would be done via email.

Finance

Treasurer Subhansu Mishra informed all the BOG members that he has received all the documents from the chapters and tax filing is currently in progress. The CPA is handling the tax filing. He also shared a timeline for one-on-one virtual meetings with chapter presidents and treasurers to review and streamline the chapter's financial workflow and processes.

Convention Update

Tapan Padhi, the convenor of the 2025 OSA Convention, presented a slide summarizing their preparations. Their mission is "EKATA RU SANSKRUTIRA PRAGATI" (Unity and Cultural Progress). He shared with all the BOG members his enthusiasm for a successful convention that aligns with OSA's objectives. He also emphasized that they are in the process of forming various teams and have structured a financial strategy for the event. At the conclusion, all the BOG members expressed their willingness to support and assist as needed.

Committee Introduction

Next-Gen Committee Lead Anoushka Das and Co-Lead Anika Mohapatra joined the meeting and presented a slide outlining their vision for upcoming events. They plan to host virtual events, including a program called "Connecting with Each Other." They requested all BOG members to share this information, which has already been posted on OSA Net, within their respective chapters so that more Next-Gen members can join the committee.

President Leena Mishra introduced a new committee named Chapter Mentorship, consisting of two members who will provide guidance to various chapters. The committee is led by Nageshwara Rajnala and Sanjeeb Rout, both former chapter presidents of NYNJ and Carolinas. During the meeting, they presented a slide explaining how they plan to support chapters, emphasizing how their mentorship combined with chapter perspectives will help uphold the mission and vision of OSA's goals. This initiative is a new effort by the OSA EC team. Following the presentation, all BOG members applauded the OSA EC team and the committee members for this initiative.

Miscellaneous

Secretary Santwana Dash shared a report in which she mentioned the membership lists that have been provided to the respective chapters upon request. She asked all BOG members to keep a record of their chapter's membership. She also informed the group that a group email ID for each chapter's membership is maintained and can be provided to chapters as needed. President Leena Mishra mentioned that they are working with the website team to enhance the membership system so that chapter presidents can view the updated membership list. Additionally, they are working on organizing the database so that when a new member joins, the chapter president is automatically informed via email, and the new member's email ID is added to the chapter's group email list. OSNE Chapter President Dillip Behera mentioned that he has worked on updating the membership list previously provided and will share the updates soon.

Vice President of Chicago, Bibekananda Mohapatra, informed all BOG members about a tragic incident involving an Odia family. In response, Chicago members Susant Satpathy and Prasant Padhy organized a bone marrow registration drive through the Gift of Life program by setting up a stall during India Day in the Naperville area.

Email Approval received for Convention Guideline

BOG Member	Chapter Name	Response	Comments
Leena Mishra	President	YES	
Saradakanta Panda	Vice President	YES	
Santwana Dash	(Secretary)	YES	
Subhransu Mishra	(Treasurer)	YES	
Gyana Patnaik	(Immediate past president)	Absent	
Satyabrata Mohanty	OSA-CA	YES	
Bhabani Buxi	OSA-GA	YES	
Supragnya Dash	OSA-OHIO	YES	
Nilasundar Jena	OSA-NYNJPA	YES	
Dillip Behera	OSA -OSNE	YES	
Mousumi Swain	OSA-SOUTHERN	No Response	
Sukanta Dash	OSA-MT.HOOD	Absent	
Amulya Das	OSA-SEATTLE	YES	
Sourav Parida	OSA-CAROLINAS	YES	
Smaranika Rout	OSA-SW	Absent	
Kamala Kanta Behera	OSA-CANADA	Absent	
Manoranjan Sahoo	OSA-CHICAGO	Absent	
Jayanti Mohapatra	OSA-MN	YES	
Deepak Jena	OSA-Rocky Mountain	YES	
Girija Prasad Rout	OSA-MI	YES	
Bidyashree Parhi	OSA-WASHINGTON DC	YES	
Nirakar Jena	OSA-FL	NO	

Proposal Approved- 15/22

