



OSA BOG Meeting Minutes

Date:	Scheduled Date: 10/13//2024	Meeting Type: Regular
Time:	8:00 PM - 10:00 PM (EST)	Actual Start Time: 8:05 PM
Location:	Virtual	Actual End Time: 9:32 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	No
Subhransu Mishra	OSA EC	Treasurer	Yes
Gyana Patnaik	Past President	Imm. Past President	Yes
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	Yes

Chinamaya Panda	OSA-GA	Elected President	Yes
Sarthak Das	OSA-GA	Elected Secretary	Yes
Sujaya Padhiary	OSA-GA	Elected Treasurer	Yes
Sushriti	OSA-GA?	Cultural?	
Supragnya Dash	OSA – Ohio	Chapter President	Yes
Dillip Behera	OSA-New England	Chapter President	Yes
Nilasundar Jena	OSA – NYNJ	Chapter President	Yes
Mousumi Swain	OSA – Southern	Chapter President	No
Sukanta Dash	OSA – Mt Hood	Chapter President	No
Amulya Das	OSA – Seattle (WA)	Chapter President	Yes
Sourav Parida	OSA – Carolinas	Chapter President	Yes
Smaranika Rout	OSA – South West	Chapter President	No
Babaji Behera	OSA – South West	Chapter Secretary	Yes
Kamala Kanta Behera	CANOSA	Chapter President	No
Manoranjan Sahoo	OSA – Chicago	Chapter President	No
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
- Chapter update
- Miscellaneous

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 Seattle chapter president announced that plans for the Durga Puja event are underway. He also noted that the chapter's election process is long overdue and that he is actively working to establish the election committee and conduct the election accordingly.

CA chapter president Satyabrata Mohanty announced that the chapter will celebrate Kumar Purnima on October 19th. Additionally, they are preparing for Khel Odia a major sports day event for the chapter. They are also planning a picnic for the upcoming November.

Sourav Parida, the Carolina chapter President mentioned that the chapter will celebrate Kumar Purnima in early November which has many exciting activities including a felicitation ceremony to honor chapter volunteers. He also inquired about the process for awarding volunteer hours to students. In December, they will host a New Year's celebration and soon after that will release the chapter's event calendar for 2025.

A discussion took place regarding the establishment of a standardized process for recording volunteer hours and creating a uniform certificate template for cultural participation. President mentioned that we will meet again to discuss more on this topic. Another topic of discussion focused on how to manage a large number of participants for the chapter's annual cultural event. Several members proposed their current strategies to manage the high volume of participants, including prioritizing chapter members for participation, encouraging group performances, discouraging solo acts, and establishing clear participation guidelines.

The DC chapter president informed that the chapter will celebrate Kumar Purnima on October 26th, while the Georgia chapter president confirmed their celebration will take place on Sunday, October 20th.

Dilip Behera and Deepak Jena provided updates about the upcoming celebration. The president inquired if any chapters have their own membership programs. All chapters, including OSA-NE, confirmed that they do not have specific chapter memberships. OSA membership is the only membership for individuals to be considered chapter members.

The Vice President noted that some chapters are maintaining two websites. He specifically requested that OSA-NE and OSA-DC to investigate this issue and provide updates. He advised them to identify which website is currently in use so that the other can be deactivated.

Bhabani Buxi, president of the OSA-GA chapter, introduced the newly elected office bearers: Chinmaya Panda as President, Sarthak Das as Secretary, and Sujaya Padhiary as Treasurer. He announced that his last day will be October 30th. Many of the team members thanked him for his support and contributions over the past four years as a board member.

Babaji Behera, Secretary of OSA-Southwest, shared an update on the convention and the chapter's activities.

Treasurer Subhransu Mishra announced that tax filing will be completed this week and reminded that starting October 2024 a 20% deduction will apply to all company matching contributions.

Nirakara Jena, the chapter president of Florida, provided an update about the upcoming Kumar Purnima celebration in their chapter and the impact of Milton in their area. He also mentioned to verify that using Chapter_all_members distribution list only chapter executives will be able to send email.

Since it was the Dasahara week, the president expressed appreciation to everyone those who joined for prioritizing the BOG meeting and participating in the call and then adjourned the meeting 30 minutes ahead of schedule.