



## OSA BOG Meeting Minutes

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Scheduled Date: 11/10//2024</b>	<b>Meeting Type: Regular</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>8:00 PM - 10:00 PM (EST)</b>	<b>Actual Start Time: 8:00 PM</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Virtual</b>	<b>Actual End Time: 9:16 PM</b>
<b>Presided By:</b>	<b>Santwana Dash</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	No
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
Chinmaya Panda	OSA – GA	Chapter President	Yes

Supragnya Dash	OSA – Ohio	Chapter President	Yes
Nibedita Parhi	OSA-New England	Chapter Secretary	Yes
Nilasundar Jena	OSA – NYNJ	Chapter President	Yes
Mousumi Swain	OSA – Southern	Chapter President	Yes
Sukanta Dash	OSA – Mt Hood	Chapter President	Yes
Amulya Das	OSA – Seattle (WA)	Chapter President	No
Sourav Parida	OSA – Carolinas	Chapter President	No
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
Bidyashree Parhi	OSA DC	Chapter President	No
Nirakar Jena	OSA - Florida	Chapter President	No
Vacant	OSA - MD/VA	INACTIVE	NA
Vacant	OSA - Ozark	INACTIVE	NA
Vacant	OSA - Grand Canyon	INACTIVE	NA

### **Agenda**

- Introduction / Roll Call
- Chapter update
- Proposed Budget Approval
- Chapter Election
- External Artists/Visiting artists
- Chapter Membership Email Communication

## **Introduction**

The meeting started with a brief Meet and Greet over Zoom online video conference. The session was started by the OSA Secretary since the president was visiting the Carolinas Chapter Kumar Purnima Event.

### **Chapter update**

Minnesota Chapter President Jayanti Mohapatra shared that they celebrated Kumar Purnima virtually. The chapter is planning to hold a GBM in January. California Chapter President Satyabrata Mohanty informed that they celebrated Kumar Purnima along with a three-day sports event. The event received a lifetime sponsorship. He added that the chapter has a book club that celebrates works by authors of their chapter.

Southern Chapter President Mousumi Swain shared that they celebrated Kumar Purnima with cultural programs including Odia debate. The chapter also organized a food drive serving 4,000 meals, and volunteered to support veterans by distributing blankets.

Ohio Chapter President Supragnya Dash shared details about their Kumar Purnima celebration, which was held in Cleveland this year. The OSA Secretary reminded her about the appointment of other OSA officials (Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer of chapter) to which she mentioned that she is working on it and will provide updates soon.

Mt. Hood Chapter President Sukanta Dash informed that they celebrated Dussehra & Diwali. In addition to that they are Planning for New Year celebration in their Chapter. Nibedita Parhi, Secretary of the New England Chapter shared updates on their chapter activities. This year marked their 10th Kumar Purnima celebration, which included Chanda Puja, JP Song and Puchi Khela.

Rocky Mountain Chapter President Deepak Jena provided updates about their Kumar Purnima celebration. He mentioned that the Diwali celebration was canceled due to a snowstorm. The chapter is now preparing for their annual cultural event scheduled for February 2025.

Nilasundar Jena, Chapter President of New York and New Jersey, shared that they celebrated Kumar Purnima. He also highlighted a significant event—the USA visit of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi—where OSA was invited as an organization. A few chapter members, along with the OSA President, attended the program and participated in a cultural event representing OSA. Additionally, the chapter organized a service fair.

Chicago Chapter President Manoranjan Sahoo shared details about their preparation for upcoming Kumpar Purnima and Diwali celebration.

Georgia Chapter President Chinmaya Panda updated that they celebrated Kumar Purnima and are planning a Chapter GBM on December 15th. They are also organizing a service program at the Kalyan Jyoti Center for the elderly people. Vice President Saradakanta Panda reminded Chinmaya that the chapter Currently does not have a Vice president. According to the OSA election process, the President and Vice president are in one slot. He asked to appoint a Vice President for the chapter.

## Proposed Budget Approval

Since the treasurer was absent during this meeting, Vice President Saradakanta Panda brought a motion to the Board of Governors (BOG) regarding the proposed budget for the year 2024-2025. Treasurer Subhranshu Mishra had emailed the proposed budget to all BOG members a week prior to the meeting. During the session, Vice President Saradakanta Panda presented the budget and asked if there were any questions or if they could proceed to voting. Nila Sundara Jena NJ NY Chapter president suggested allocating a budget for OSA Executives to visit the chapters. Saradakanta panda brought the proposal to the floor. Secretary Santwana Dash seconded it and the BOG members shared their response. Below are the voting details.

<b>BOG Member</b>	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Leena Mishra	OSA EC	Yes	
Saradakanta Panda	OSA EC	Yes	
Santwana Dash	OSA EC	Yes	
Subhransu Mishra	OSA EC	Absent	
Gyana Patnaik	Past President	Absent	
Rani Acharya	OSA EC	Absent	
Siddarth Parhi	OSA EC	Absent	
Satyabrata Mohanty	OSA – CA	Yes	
Chinmaya Panda	OSA – GA	Yes	
Supragnya Dash	OSA – Ohio	Yes	
Dillip Behera	OSA-New England	Absent	
Nilasundar Jena	OSA – NYNJ	Yes	
Mousumi Swain	OSA – Southern	Yes	
Sukanta Dash	OSA – Mt Hood	Yes	

Amulya Das	OSA – Seattle (WA)	Absent	
Sourav Parida	OSA – Carolinas	Yes	
Smaranika Rout	OSA – South West	Yes	
Kamala Kanta Behera	CANOSA	Absent	
Manoranjan Sahoo	OSA – Chicago	Yes	
Jayanti Mohapatra	OSA -- MN	Yes	
Deepak Jena	OSA – Rocky Mountain	Yes	
Girija Prasad Rout	OSA Michigan	Absent	
Bidyashree Parhi	OSA DC	Absent	
Nirakar Jena	OSA - Florida	Absent	
Vacant	OSA - MD/VA		
Vacant	OSA - Ozark		
Vacant	OSA - Grand Canyon		

**Approved by 14/21**

### **Chapter Election**

Secretary Santwana Dash addressed the Board of Governors (BOG) regarding the Chapter Elections. She requested all chapter leaders to start the election process if their current term is coming to an end. In addition to Seattle, the next chapter elections are due for the Southern Chapter and the Southwest Chapter.

### **External Artists/Visiting artists**

This issue has been brought up for discussion in the past. Many chapter representatives have once again expressed concerns about the practice of inviting artists to the convention without prior consultation with OSA executives or BOG members. After the convention, those who bring these artists often reach out to people in the chapter and put pressure on chapter representatives to support the event. This behavior by certain influential individuals is negatively impacting the organization’s interests and has become a significant concern for many BOG members.

After a short discussion on this topic, Saradakanta Panda requested the BOG members to develop a plan for addressing it and the need to include it in the Convention Guideline.

### **Chapter Membership Email Communication**

Secretary Santwana Dash informed all BOG members that the OSA EC is planning to automate all

Chapter Email Distribution Lists (DL) with the registration process. This means that when a member joins, their email ID will automatically be added to the respective Chapter Email DL. Once implemented, she will share the updated Email DLs with the respective Chapter leaders. She also reminded all BOG members to complete the Chapter Details Google Form. (A google for is shared with all chapter representatives to capture the details about chapter operation from finances to events to processes). The goal is to find anomalies if any and standardize it.