



OSA BOG Meeting Minutes

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| Date: | Scheduled Date: 05/11/2025 | Meeting Type: Regular |
| Time: | 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM (EST) | Actual Start Time: 8:05 PM |
| Location: | Virtual | Actual End Time: 9:53 PM |
| Presided By: | 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 |
| Chinmaya Panda | OSA – GA | Chapter President | No |

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| Supragnya Dash | OSA – Ohio | Chapter President | Yes |
| Dillip Behera | OSA-New England | Chapter President | Yes |
| Nilasundar Jena | OSA – NYNJ | Chapter President | Yes |
| Gautam Giri | 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 | 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 | 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
- Constitution Amendment
 - Appointment of Advisory Board
 - OSA Odia Learning Committee
- Proposal for BOG Approval
 - No Reduction of Membership Fee
- Chapter update
 - Rocky Mountain Chapter New Officer Introduction
- Finance
 - Linking all the chapter's Financial accounts to QuickBooks
- Miscellaneous

Introduction

The meeting started with a brief Meet and Greet over Zoom online video conference. The session was started by President Leena Mishra.

Leena Mishra opened the floor by discussing the proposed changes to the role and term of the Advisory Committee, which had been introduced during last month's meeting. She noted that although there were initial plans to bring the proposal forward for further discussion, after further consideration, along with time constraints and some miscommunication, it was decided to table the proposal. During this discussion on the advisory committee, some of the BOG members raised a concern of not rotating the OPLI committee positions.

Proposal for Constitution Amendment

Adding a Mandatory OSA Odia Learning Committee of OSA.

Bylaw V (Duties & Responsibilities of the Executive Committee) wrong section

Section 1: Powers, Functions, & Removal of the President

The President, with the assistance of other members of the Executive Committee, shall appoint members to at least the following OSA committees to conduct various functions: Advisory/Planning, Election, Finance, Odisha Development, Education, Cultural, and Convention Audit Committees.

We propose the above should be:

The President, with the assistance of other members of the Executive Committee, shall appoint members to at least the following OSA committees to conduct various functions: Advisory/Planning, Election, Finance, Odisha Development, Education, Cultural, OSA Odia Learning (OOL), and Convention Audit Committees.

Leena Mishra shared that this proposal was first brought up by the OOL team last year, and they reminded us about it again this year. She explained that due to limited time, it wasn't discussed last year. However, everyone agreed that the proposal supports OSA's vision and mission and should be added to the

constitution. The BOG members present unanimously agreed on the proposal to present at the GBM.

Proposal for BOG Approval

No Reduction of Membership Fee

Proposal: The OSA Life Membership fee shall be set at a minimum of \$200.

Leena Mishra reminded the team that in a past BOG the one of the past presidents, Sushant Satpathy, joined the meeting and explained the assumptions behind the membership share for the chapter since it was introduced during his time. He mentioned that the chapter's share of the membership fee was introduced considering that the membership would not go below \$300, which was at that time.

Leena Mishra added that in today's time, when the cost of everything is rising, reducing the OSA membership fee year after year sends a negative message about the organization's value. She pointed out several issues with lowering the fee: first, it's unfair to those who joined at a higher rate outside the discount period; second, it creates an expectation that fees will drop, causing potential members to delay joining in hopes of a lower rate. As a result, membership growth slows down after the discount period ends. Additional points were discussed, including the fact that in today's world, a \$200 lifetime membership is not an unreasonably high amount. If someone is unwilling to pay it upfront, they should be allowed to experience what OSA offers first—once they see its value, they'll likely join without hesitation. All BOG members present agreed and approved the proposal.

Finance

OSA Treasurer Subhramsu Mishra stated that the audit of the Nashville Convention account is currently in progress. Due to the involvement of a new CPA, the tax filing is taking longer than expected, but it is expected to be completed by the end of this month. He informed the BOG that linking all chapter accounts to QuickBooks would greatly streamline record-keeping and ensure accurate, timely tax filings. As OSA operates under a single EIN number, this integration would benefit the organization as a whole. He also mentioned that OSA has sufficient QuickBooks licenses to cover all chapters. Additionally, he requested that all chapter leaders provide email approval to their respective chapter treasurers for any chapter-related expenditures. This practice will ensure transparency and that all chapter leaders remain informed about their chapter's financial activities.

Chapter update

The Rocky Mountain Chapter election has been completed, and the newly elected members have joined the BOG. All BOG members welcomed Rajat Pradhan as the President and Bijan Padhi as the Treasurer of the Rocky Mountain Chapter. Leena Mishra informed the BOG that the Ozark Chapter is in the process of being reactivated, and the election process is going on.

Due to time constraints earlier in April, we did not take the approval for the convention guideline. Here are the approval details for the convention guideline.

Convention Guideline Approval

| BOG Member | Chapter Name | Response |
|---------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| Leena Mishra | President | YES |
| Saradakanta Panda | Vice President | YES |
| Santwana Dash | Secretary | YES |
| Subhransu Mishra | Treasurer | |
| Gyana Patnaik | Immediate past president | YES |
| Satyabrata Mohanty | OSA-CA | |
| Chinmaya Panda | OSA-GA | YES |
| Supragnya Dash | OSA-OHIO | YES |
| Dillip Behera | OSA-OSNE | |
| Nilasundar Jena | OSA-NYNJPA | YES |
| Gautam Giri | OSA-SOUTHERN | |
| Sukanta Dash | OSA-MT.HOOD | YES |
| Amulya Das | OSA-SEATTLE | |
| Sourav Parida | OSA-CAROLINAS | YES |
| Smaranika Rout | OSA-SW | YES |
| Kamala Kanta Behera | OSA-CANADA | |
| Manoranjan Sahoo | OSA-CHICAGO | YES |
| 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 | |

Approved by 15/21

