



## OSA BOG Meeting Minutes

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Scheduled Date: 06/08/2025</b>	<b>Meeting Type: Regular</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>8:00 PM - 10:00 PM (EST)</b>	<b>Actual Start Time: 8:05 PM</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Virtual</b>	<b>Actual End Time: 10:05 PM</b>
<b>Presided By:</b>	<b>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	Yes
Chinmaya Panda	OSA – GA	Chapter President	No

Supragnya Dash	OSA – Ohio	Chapter President	No
Dillip Behera	OSA-New England	Chapter President	Yes
Nilasundar Jena	OSA – NYNJ	Chapter President	Yes
Gautam Giri	OSA – Southern	Chapter President	No
Sukanta Dash	OSA – Mt Hood	Chapter President	No
Amulya Das	OSA – Seattle (WA)	Chapter President	No
Sourav Parida	OSA – Carolinas	Chapter President	No
Smaranika Rout	OSA – South West	Chapter President	No
Kamala Kanta Behera	CANOSA	Chapter President	No
Manoranjana Sahoo	OSA – Chicago	Chapter President	No
Jayanti Mohapatra	OSA -- MN	Chapter President	Yes
Rajat Pradhan	OSA – Rocky Mountain	Chapter President	No
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
- New Officials introduction
- Ozark New Chapter activated
- Chapter Officials Introduction (Ozark)
- OOL team update
- OPLI grievance update
- Chapter reimbursement
- Chapter Account Linking
- 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 extended a warm welcome to all the newly elected OSA officials joining the Board of Governors (BOG). In addition to the OSA Executive Committee (EC), all BOG members welcomed the new OSA executives: President Nagesh Rajnala, Vice President Utkal Nayak, Secretary Snigdha Hota, and Treasurer Sanjeeb Rout. A roundtable introduction was conducted to help everyone get acquainted. Each of the newly elected EC members took a moment to introduce themselves to the board.

The Secretary introduced the newly elected officials of the Ozark Chapter, which was reactivated after a decade. The BOG warmly welcomed the new chapter leadership. President Sushil Behera, Secretary Pradeep Nanda, and Treasurer Sujit Samal were present in the meeting, while Vice President Smita Das was unable to attend. All Ozark Chapter officials introduced themselves to the board.

## **OOL team update**

It was informed to the BOG that the Odia learning App is activated again for the upcoming year for the Odia learning class of OSA. The OOL Level 1 exam is completed in some Chapters. Many students enrolled for the OOL level 2 exam. Many new chapters are showing interest to enroll students from their chapter in this program. In addition, it was reminded to the team that a proposal to include the OOL Committee as a mandatory standing committee in the constitution was submitted to OSANET for approval at the General Body Meeting (GBM).

## **OPLI Committee Update**

Leena Mishra informed the BOG that the committee had filed a grievance against the OSA Executives. According to the email records the grievance was submitted during the second week of December; however, the Grievance Committee only informed the OSA EC in the first week of March. The main concern raised by the OPLI team was that their expenses should be reimbursed from the OSA account rather than from the OSA OPLI.

Several BOG members raised questions and concerns during the discussion. One issue was the delay in communication from the OSA Executive Committee to the BOG as it was filed in December. In response, the Vice President clarified that this matter came to EC's attention in March. In addition, many members expressed concern about why certain interested individuals had not been added to the OPLI Committee despite multiple reminders to OSA executives. Leena Mishra explained that she had

consistently requested the OPLI team to add new interested members to core group but the committee leadership mentions that the members should first show active participation and commitment to library movement before being considered for the core group.

Some BOG members also raised concerns about the past discussion of the leadership change for the OPLI Committee. Leena Mishra explained that she had been assured by the committee that leadership changes would take place after their 2024 December conference in Odisha. From January onwards, she had been trying to contact the committee regarding this transition, but instead was surprised to learn that the OPLI Committee had filed a grievance against them.

Vice President Sarada Kanta Panda further clarified to the BOG that the OPLI Committee stresses on BOG meeting minutes from 2015. He added that there is a lack of clarity regarding the formal approval of the proposal, including the reimbursement of OPLI funds in Indian rupees. He also shared that we reached out to at least four past OSA presidents about the past OPLI event reimbursement practices, and all confirmed that OSA has never directly paid such fees from OSA's main account - instead, these expenses have consistently been managed through the OSA OPLI account.

Leena Mishra wrapped up the discussion by appreciating the years long efforts of OPLI Committee for years and noted that their work could be more effective if it is better aligned with OSA's overall goals.

### **Finance**

Leena Mishra requested all chapters to clear any pending dues from this team to ensure a smooth and transparent financial handover to the incoming team. She emphasized that, as a large organization, OSA must prioritize financial transparency across all levels—including chapters and conventions—to avoid future complications. She also noted that delays in chapter financial report submissions directly impact OSA's tax filing timeline, and inadequate reporting can create long-term challenges. Treasurer Sudhanshu Mishra highlighted the advantages of integrating chapter accounts with OSA's QuickBooks system, explaining that it would significantly enhance transparency and streamline financial oversight. All chapter officials agreed to move forward with this initiative to ensure greater clarity and accountability.

### **Miscellaneous**

The OSA Executive Committee thanked all chapter officials for their continued support over the past two years. BOG members also expressed their appreciation and reflected on the strong bonds formed during this time. This marked the final virtual BOG meeting for the current OSA Executives. Everyone exchanged good wishes and looked forward to reconnecting in person at the upcoming Convention, where the final BOG meeting for this team will take place.