

VSNA General Body Meetings Minutes

Date: July 3, 2016

Attendees:

General Body

Meeting Notes: Meeting presided by Channu Kambalyal

- 1) Introduction of BOD officers, Elected BOD, Nominated BOD (All chapter Presidents) by Channu Kambalyal
- 2) 7 BOR members
- 3) Approval of Agenda: No objections
- 4) Introduction of new officers: Channu Kambalyal introduced the new VSNA officers for 2017-18:
 - a) President: Laxmi Hiremath
 - b) Vice President: Leena Paul
 - c) Secretary: Savitha Mandi
 - d) Treasurer: Karuna Hiremath
- 5) Introduction of elected BOD members: Two BOD members: Raj Galgali, and MD Patil;
- 6) Introduction of elected new BOR member: Dada Patil
- 7) Voice of Chapters
 - a) Presented by Harsha-NY/NJ Chapter
 - b) Presented by Kishore-Chicago Chapter
- 8) From 2015's GM meeting minutes:
 - a) Improve communication
In process: Emails have been sent periodically via mailchimp and also to all chapter presidents to forward to members. Quarterly newsletters have been published.
 - b) Convention Trust fund:
Last night more than \$50K was raised. Channu Thanked the Trust Fund Committee
 - c) Make a five member investment committee to oversee the investments and make the right decision.
Will be taken up as an action item for 2016
- 9) Financial Status: Presented by Channu Kambalyal, in behalf of Irappa Arabhavi. Report is attached. There were issues raised that the report was not sent prior to the meeting in advance for the GM to approve.
 - a) Proposal: *"Financial report needs to be made available to all members through email two weeks prior to the General body meeting. The agenda and meeting minutes of previous year GB needs to be included in welcome package for all attendees."* Vijay Aivalli proposed, seconded by Rudresh Bihalli
- 10) VIRC-Newsletter Committee: by Shrishail Hadimani
Release of two E-publications: Sharanara Samagra Kranti (in Kannada) by Ramjan Darga, and Discovering Self (in English) by Sajjan Shiva's. Rajiv Paul has helped in getting these books converted as a pilot project. There are about 200 books to be converted over time.
- 11) Action Items and needs:
 - a) Training/best practices for new Chapter Presidents
 - b) Follow up with pledges towards Convention Trust fund
 - c) More transparency in activities at Central VSNA level
 - d) By-Law committee updates
 - e) Venue for 2017 Convention
- 12) Channu Kambalyal and Leena Paul thanked everyone and adjourned the meeting.