



VSNA BOD Meeting Minutes: Date: Sunday, August 13, 2017 - 9 to 10:30AM PT

Agenda Items:

1. **Savitha Mandi: Roll Call - 3 minutes**

BOD members: Laxmi Hiremath, Savitha Mandi, Karuna Hiremath, MD Patil, Channu Kambalyal, Veeresh Rudramuni, Vidya Rao, Sulochana Guggari, Srishail Hadimani, Dayanand Paramane, Nandish Dhananjaya, Dayanand Tumkur and Sandeep Hattarki

Youth: Bilva Chandra (President) and Tushar Gaddi

BOR member: Dada Patil

2. **Srishail Hadimani: Vachana Prayer - 4 minutes**

Ambigara Chowdaiah Vachana on 3 most important values for a Bhaktha – Devotion, Dedication and Commitment

3. **Laxmi Hiremath: Approval of Agenda – 1 minute**

Need to add 2 new agenda items –

- #1 – VIRC approval of charges for publication of ebooks
- #2 – Detroit - 2018 Convention planning

Agenda approved by Channu, seconded by Srishail Hadimani

4. **Laxmi Hiremath: Approval of June & July Joint BOD/BOR Meeting Minutes - 6 minutes**

June minutes - approved by Channu, seconded by Srishail Hadimani

July joint BOD/BOR Meeting minutes highlights requested by Channu

Dada and Savitha mentioned:

- President Speech for Convention should be emailed to BOD/BOR atleast a week before the convention for approval
- Election/Award committees should be elected newly for each set term (TBD)
- President should officially send an invite to chapters to host the next 5 conventions as 5 year plans
- BOD and BOR members should meet in person annually for atleast a half day workshop at the convention venues to effectively and efficiently work on bylaw amendments and discuss proposals etc..

July joint BOD/BOR Meeting Minutes approved by Channu and seconded by MD Patil

5. **Laxmi Hiremath: Post Convention Status and Upcoming To-do List;**

- Laxmi – Thanked everyone for their support and congratulated all on successfully planning and hosting the convention in less than 4 months time.
- Excited that the ratio of adults to youth attendees at 2017 convention was almost the same
- Thanked all the local Dallas families without whose help, we couldn't have hosted the convention successfully. Thanks to Prabhu Patil and family, Jyothi Hattarki and family, Anu Benakatti and family, Vidya Kondajji and family and Poonam Benakatti

- Thanks to all the VSNA officers – Leena, Savitha, Karuna, Dada Patil, Channu, MD Patil, Sajjan Shiva, Prabhakar etc..
- Thanks to Abhinav Reddy, Indira Reddy, JP Reddy and family for taking care of the all the cultural activities and guests including invitees from India.
- Thanks to Abhinav and the youth such as Tushar, Poonam, Anuj, Trishul, Varun, Bilva, Yamir – we’ve found new talents amongst them, that is very encouraging for the future of VSNA.
- To-do List – bridge the gap between local and central VSNA
- Very encouraged to have all chapter presidents attending the monthly meetings, we have full quorum in the BOD meetings since January of 2017 and have shown interest, dedication and support to central VSNA. We have 5000+ Veerashaivas in North America so need to continue to inspire and encourage them to attend and be a part of our organization.

6. [Secure Five-Year Convention Plan, Website Redesign – 15 minutes](#)

Laxmi has sent out invites to:

- Detroit Chapter inviting them to host 2018 convention,
- Chicago Chapter inviting them to host 2019 convention and
- Toronto Chapter inviting them to host 2020 convention

[Website Redesign](#) – Laxmi has discussed with Manish Hittalmani from Southern California Chapter and will need Channu and Trishul’s help to work with Manish on redesigning our VSNA.org website.

7. [Karuna Hiremath: Treasurer Report-10 minutes](#)

- 2017 Convention Budget raised \$75,000(including seed money of \$16,000, and 13 chapter donations for about \$10,000)
- 2017 Convention Expenses \$63,000 - there will be few more expense receipts to be received and there is going to be souvenir costs too.
- Karuna requested all Chapter presidents to please send the membership fees to Treasurer as so far for 2017, only 5 or 6 chapters have sent the money(\$10 membership fees). There were 3 who became life members (2 from Detroit chapter and 1 from Chicago chapter)
- Karuna will work with Dada & Channu on how to account for online Life Member enrollment and account for fees charged by paypal/sulekha.

8. [Tushar Gaddi and Bilva Chandra: Youth Participation – 10 minutes](#)

- Tushar Gaddi – 2017 Convention was very well organized and all the youth were very excited to meet each other. WE will reach out to other youth who were not able to attend this year, and we look forward to the next year’s convention.
- Bilva Chandra – Developments since the convention:
- Youth contact list is now finalized and has 100+ contacts which is very exciting
- Bilva will work with Channu offline, on how to maintain the mailing list
- Youth Board has been set up: Bilva will send the details of Board members to VSNA officers.

3 Cs:

- Charitable Giving – will select a National charity organization to donate to
- Collaboration- Newsletters will need to publish and share VSNA youth achievements
- Career Opportunities – Need to start planning on next year’s convention, youth business forum etc, so need to know how much budget is available for youth career workshop etc..

9. VIRC approval of charges – publication of ebooks – Srishail Hadimani:

- Prior to 2016 MD convention, there was a pilot project and verbal approval to convert 2 books and publish as e-books
- After looking at quotes from vendors, Strategic Information Management was chosen and at a rate of \$2.20/page, the conversion to ebooks has been completed for a total cost of \$1487.20. So need BOD approval to pay the vendor.
- Channu didn’t recall this high amount that was discussed last year, and mentioned this was above the normal \$500 budget that is normally spent conservatively. So suggested that we look for sponsors before BOD can approve. Mr Hadimani agreed and will update further in Sept BOD meeting. Approval of \$1487.20 is on hold till then.
- Mr Hadimani also updated that after these 2 books, he himself learnt and has converted 7 more books. This is a step in the right direction to make such books easily available online and mobile formats for interested youth and adult VSNA members.

10. 2018 Detroit Convention planning

- Dayanand Tumkur – President of Detroit Chapter updated that there were initial discussions and effort to look for venues is in progress. Convention is being planned for the weekend prior to July 4th as 2018 July 4th falls on Wednesday. So most likely dates are June 30th Saturday and July 1st Sunday. The kickoff meetings will be held in September with local members and he will update us more during September BOD.
- They are planning to invite JSS Swamiji to attend the convention and are looking for sponsors and are expecting about 600-800 attendees. They look forward to working with Central VSNA and the Youth

11. Updates from various Chapter Presidents in attendance

- **Chicago Chapter** – President Nandish Dhananjaya update: Have received the invite from VSNA president to host the 2019 VSNA convention. Due to summer break and vacations, we plan to meet in late September/early October and start discussing the 2019 convention with chapter members. Will have more updates in October BOD meeting.
- **Southern California Chapter** – President Dayanand Paramane: 2017 convention was very good. When souvenirs are printed, Chapter donations and members who donated to convention should be mentioned.
- Southern California chapter has organized “Dasoha” volunteering service at Orange County food bank in August 2017
- **Florida Chapter** – President Vidya Rao – There are lot of new and young members in Florida, so we have started classes for kids
- **New England Chapter** – President Veeresh Rudramuni – Since Shivarathri earlier this year, we have introduced “Vachana Aacharane” and “Vachana Vimarshe” we select vachanas and explain in Kannada and in English the meanings so the children and youth understand the Vachanas. We also discuss and explain the meaning of the vachana so everyone including

the adults understand the significance of the Vachana. During Basava Jayanti – Youth performed a Drama and Abhinav Reddy also attended this event.

- **Ohio Chapter** – Sandeep Hattarki - Community Service is our theme and we have two main events:
 - Meals on Wheels where we deliver food for the poor and needy. This is the seva both kids and adults take part where we deliver food to doorsteps.
 - YWCA – which is a women’s shelter in Columbus – members serve food, and fundraise and cook food.

12. Dada Patil: BOR Update – 5 minutes

BOR is working on a few items and will have a joint BOD/BOR meeting in the next couple of months to discuss programs, convention committees, awards etc..

13. Abhinav Reddy: Post Convention & Budget Update – 15 minutes

Abhinav joined late, so this item is postponed and will be discussed in September BOD meeting

14. Savitha Mandi: Schedule September BOD Meeting – 1 minute

Next BOD meeting is on Sept 10th 2017 at 9am PT/12 noon ET

15. Savitha Mandi: Thank you note and closure – 2 minutes

Thanks to all the attendees and especially the youth who have shown interest to attend and actively participate in the BOD meetings going forward.