



Veerashaiva Samaja of North America



VSNA BOD Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday Jan 8, 2017

Attendees:

Elected BOD Members:

Laxmi Hiremath, Leena Paul, Savitha Mandi, Karuna Hiremath, Channu Kambalyal, Mallanagouda Patil, Nayantara Swamy, Prabhakara Chippadi, Raj Galagali, Shrishail Hadimani

Nominated BOD Members:

Akkama Avanti, Veereshappa Rudramuni, Vasanth Kalale, Prashanth , Vandana Katti, Narendra Hadimani, Nandish Dhananjaya, Vidya and Savitha Nagaraja

BOR Member: Dada Patil

Minutes:

1. Nayantara Swamy requested December meeting minutes to be sent for review and approval. Once approved in the next meeting, it should be uploaded to the website
2. Central President Channu was recognized and thanked by all, for his many years of services and dedication to the organization
3. Convention update – Laxmi is planning and working with Northern California members and checked with San Ramon Marriot and venue is available. San Ramon is about 40 miles east of San Francisco. This will be the 40th anniversary of the VSNA convention
4. Convention hosting decision and venue has to be agreed and approved by all 3 chapter presidents of California.
5. July 4, 2017 being a Tuesday it was suggested that Saturday July 1 (travel date) is more convenient for out of town and East Coast travelers with Sunday July 2 and Monday July 3rd as convention dates as most people would have taken the Monday off.
6. Karuna Hiremath requested that all Chapter presidents/treasurers take the responsibility to collect the \$10 central VSNA dues and send it promptly. She will send out the tax report soon

Investment account with Morgan Stanley -- 4 different investment accounts, 1 is VSNA convention trust fund which is actively generating interest but the other 3 accounts (BOR, Convention Trust Fund 1 and 2) are without any activity returns so the Investment Advisor has suggested we combine the accounts for better management and better investment returns

BOR account has \$6000 for youth activities

7. Karuna will discuss with Morgan Stanley in regards to options and clarify on historical background of accounts and how to combine the accounts

8. Donations to India – Jalaja Siddappa from Georgia Chapter Donation to Isha Engg (15,750) through VSNA – Check was not accepted as bylaws don't allow such transactions.

9. Members are encouraged to donate to VSNA chapters and VIRC funds, Youth scholarship funds and VSNA projects

10. Dada Patil -- BOR update – BOR meeting did not have a Quorum so no meeting was held

11. The revision to the By Laws was reviewed and voted by 37 members as YES votes and 1 NO vote, to send it to the BOD for approval. Motion has been passed by General Body and is effective Jan 1, 2017

12. Chapter Presidents need to update contact information of their local chapter members to have an updated contact list and collect dues promptly

13. Voting ballots have not been sent to many members because of not having updated contact information

14. Bridging the gap between Central VSNA and Local chapters- Laxmi suggested that each BOD member take up 3-4 chapters and coordinate to work closely with those chapter presidents.

15. Nayantara Swamy requested some time to respond to this in 2-3 weeks

16. Prabhakar mentioned that we should focus on these 2 to 3 projects and drive for results

17. List of Projects should be documented such as: 1. Bridge the GAP, 2. Chapter Presidents to update Central President, 3. Website Refurbish etc..

18. Website Refurbish - Vasant Kalale from North Carolina and Nandish have offered to help

19. Annual Membership fees is \$10/per family for Central VSNA effective Jan 1, 2017

20. Life Membership should be encouraged

21. Srishail Hadimani – Basava Jayanti is on April 29, Basava Samithi is celebrating 50th anniversary There will be a one day symposium in Delhi on April 29th which will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Mr Hadimani will send out the invite

22. Next BOD meeting is scheduled for Feb 12, at 9am ET/12 noon PT