



VSNA BOD Meeting Minutes: Date: Sunday , June 11, 2017

Savitha Mandi: Roll Call

Elected BOD members: Leena Paul, Savitha Mandi, Karuna Hiremath, Channu Kambalyal, MD Patil, Srishail Hadimani

Nominated BOD members: Narendra Hadimani, Dayanand Paramane, Sulochana Guggari, Nandish Dhananjaya, Omkara (representing NY/NJ), Naveen (representing Pittsburgh), Jyothi Hattarki,

Youth – Poonam Benakatti, Abhinav Reddy

Guests – Vijay Aivalli and from MI Chapter: G Doddamani, Shankar Parakal, Mahantesh Halakatti, and Sunita Kore

AGENDA:

Leena presiding as Laxmi is in India due to family emergency.

Vachana Prayer

Srishail Hadimani –

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ಸಮರಸವಾಗಬಲ್ಲದೇ ಅಯ್ಯಾ? ಶಿವಜ್ಞಾನವಿಲ್ಲದೆ ಅಖಂಡೇಶ್ವರಾ.

What if one keeps a pot of buttermilk over pot of milk?
Will it curdle unless mixed?
What if one wears Linga on the body?
Can there be union with the Linga
Without the knowledge of Shiva, Akhandeshwara

This vachana by Shanmukha Shivayogi beautifully describes the importance of Linga (Ishtalinga) in one's spiritual journey. By wearing a Linga anyone can become 'Lingavanta' (person wearing a Linga) But if one has to become one with the Linga (Lingayata) he must have the knowledge of Shiva (Shoonya). That's the journey of a soul starting with devotion, worshipping of only Istalinga; which will lead to the unification of devine soul (Paramatma)

Leena Paul: Approval of Agenda

Addition of one item: Vijay Aivalli – Update on 2017 VSNA Annual Service awards
Agenda proposed by Srishail Hadimani – and seconded by Nandish Dhananjaya

Leena Paul: Approval of May Meeting Minutes

Nandish Dhananjaya – 1 change – 9th item - convention budget has been presented but not published yet. It should be sent a week before the convention, must be put in the agenda and in the board meeting – Abhinav shared it, so change the word to “**verbally presented**”

Minutes proposed by Srishail Hadimani and Seconded by Karuna Hiremath

Narendra Hadimani: Michigan to Host 41st Chapter Convention 2018 update

Chapter members introduction by Narendra Hadimani, Detroit chapter president
Doddamani, Mahantesh Halakatti, Sunita Kore, presentation slides being prepared for Dallas convention
Convention Chair is Dayanand Tumkur and Convention co-chair is Sunita Kore

Srishail – Detroit came forward themselves. We should all be very proud of them, other chapters should do the same.

Nandish Dhananjaya - For 2019 – Chicago chapter is discussing and will confirm in the next month or so
Vijay Aivalli for 2020, Toronto chapter we are not yet- need to discuss with board and chapter president
Everyone on the call agreed that the sooner we decide and take on the hosting, the better we can all plan

Vijay Aivalli – 2017 VSNA Awards

Invites sent 4 weeks ago to call for nominations – Awards are 4 categories:

Professional Award – 3 nominations: Shylendra Kumar(Boston), Basavaraj Ullagaddi(N.CA), Prakash Mahadevappa(N.CA),

Outstanding Service - Men - Doddamani (has requested to remove his name)

Outstanding Service - Women – Rohini Mensinkai-BOR (Toronto)

Outstanding Service - Youth – Not received any nomination yet – will send a reminder once again today

Nayantara Swamy and Nandish Dhananjaya – requested Vijay Aivalli to send the criteria for selection of winners

Sulochana Guggari – requested Vijay to share the past winners of youth category so they don't send repeat nominees

Vijay Aivalli requested for a meeting next week – to announce the award winners, once all the nominations are received . He will send the request for youth nomination again today

Karuna Hiremath: VSNA financial status

Karuna – Financial reports have been sent out to all BOD and BOR that will be shared and presented at the convention too. Everyone is encouraged to ask questions so we are well prepared before the General Body meeting at the convention

Financial statements for 2016 and from Jan through May 31st . 2017 has been sent out.

Overall outlook where we stand in 2016:

PNC accounts – 4 accounts

- Day to day checking
- Savings
- Another checking account and
- A student scholarship CD

Morgan Stanley – investment account – 4 accounts

- Main convention account
- VSNA Trust Fund 1
- VSNA Trust Fund 2 and
- Board of Regents account

In March 2017 in PNC – we made changes and now have:

- Checking,
- Savings,
- Student scholarship CD stays the same –
- We opened 1 new account for 2017 convention purpose – this is temporary for 2017 convention only and will be closed after the convention expenses is balanced

In 2017 for Morgan Stanley – out of 4 accounts we now have 2 accounts:

- VSNA Main convention account and
- VSNA Trust Fund 1 - rolled funds from other 2 accounts and the high balance into Trust Fund 1

The MD convention 39K surplus will move to Trust Fund 1 and the Life membership fees will roll into Trust Fund 1

So far we've earned 30K interest in just 5 months (from stock price, dividends and interest)

The seed money for 2017 convention is about 16K and for 2018 convention will be about 18K

The Seed money released is only the dividend and interest earned in 2016 for 2017 convention

So the interest earned seed money in 2017 will be 18K and will be released for 2018 convention

Most of the investments is in preferred securities and JP Morgan stocks – with an annual avg of 6%

When two Convention Trust Funds were rolled into one, we got about 105K, that was distributed with 25 K each so the interest keeps growing.

Life members (\$10) for 2017 - so far have received only from – OH, CT, NY, and Chicago chapters

Srishail Hadimani – suggested that the chapter presidents should send the membership fees and not individuals to the treasurer. This way the president can keep track of the local members paid members.

Nandish asked the fund shown for – Lambeth Basaveshwara foundation – why it is an odd number? and not rounded. This is on 2016 statement so Irappa responded this was the donation amount by all members that was collected in 2015 and sent to UK in 2016. So Nandish requested Karuna to add notate to show as income in 2015.

Omkara from NY – enquired about the receipts for \$10 fees for Central VSNA.

When local chapter members pay the fees, chapter treasurers need to give out the receipts as it is not sent from Central VSNA.

Everyone agreed when new members join, chapter presidents should send the emails and contact info of members and families to Central VSNA so we can update membership and add emails to mailchimp

Dada Patil: BOR Update – skipped as Dada could not attend today

Convention Status and Preparation

Karuna – 2017 Convention Registration status - \$41,300 collected via registration and donations so far.

Plus 16, 218 – seed money

Registration 101 adults, youth 6-29 years - 69 and 1 child below 6 = 171 total

Chapter donations – out of 22 - TX, MD, NY, Southern CA and Central CA chapters, NE, Pittsburgh have donated. 62K is current collected budget, planned is 72K so short of about 10K

Narendra Hadimani – requested clarification on the bylaw “need to return seed money” surplus money first goes to seed money so if there is no surplus money then what?

Channu responded – There is no financial burden on hosting chapter – all of us should be self motivated and the objective is to keep the Convention Trust fund growing and not drain the money that has been saved and collected from many members from the past.

Abhinav and Poonam – chair and co-chair

Convention planning – events are getting ready, social events, networking – Dallas zoo exploration for youth (planned by Anuj) Those interested to go on the youth tour – should be there at the venue by 10am

Cultural – competitions for youth and adults being planned

Children – essay, dance, vachana recital and vachana singing,
Speech – Youth 18 and above- individual topic and Jeopardy for Youth
Need Judges for all competitions – call for adult volunteers
Cultural event – Khan brothers, Nataka Chaitra, Event by VSNA youth, and Dance activities,
Religious committee – (planned by Trishul and Varun) – Veerashaivism in America, Anubhava Gosti - Key vachanas to discuss with Swamiji – by the theme of “Vachana the guiding light”.
Registration and Fund raising activity – we are still 10K short of the budget, every small donation helps reach the goal, and so each one of us should encourage people to register and attend.

Nayantara Swamy – has suggested a Youth General Body meeting – It is a good suggestion as we have the opportunity to have this face to face, so Abhinav will poll and decide the time.

Convention Schedule is updated on the website,

Nandish suggested as this convention is planned and hosted by youth chapter, that the youth conduct and MC all the programs.

Poonam – is working on the vendors and sponsors donation with booths and will follow-up on sponsors and fund raising in the next call

Jyothi Hatarki- President TX chapter –will be taking care of all the Decoration and Food

Channu – will be taking care of the plaques for VSNA awards and invited guests – orders placed at a NJ vendor

Savitha & Anu Benakatti will be taking care of Trophies and Certificates for all competition category winners

Savitha Mandi: Thank you note and closure.

Next meeting will be the Joint meeting for BOD & BOR at the Convention on July 2nd 3:30pm Central time

Call will be set up so those not attending the convention can dial in – Invitees are BOD, Chapter presidents

BOR members and Ex-officio – Channu