



## VSNA BOD Meeting Minutes: Date: Sunday , March 12, 2017

1. Savitha Mandi: Roll Call - 4 minutes  
**Elected BOD members:** Laxmi Hiremath, Leena Paul, Karuna Hiremath, Savitha Mandi, Srishail Hadimani, Channu Kambalyal, Nayantara Swamy,  
  
**Nominated BOD members:** Prashanth, Prabhakara, Vidya Rao, Jyothi Hattarki, Raj Galagali, Sulochana G, Nandish Dhananjaya, Mamatha H, Arun Mahadevappa, Sandeep, Veeresh, Narendra Hadimani  
**BOR member:** Dada Patil  
**Invited Guest:** Prabhu Patil
2. Srishail Hadimani: Vachana Prayer - 4 minutes  
Allamaprabhu vachana – what we see in the world is that we are all attached to 5 sensory pleasures– and our relationships is very much attached to these and we keep crying for these and keep chasing these unnecessarily throughout our lives, although they bring no value or virtue to us in our lifespan instead of focusing on what truly matters.
3. Laxmi Hiremath: Introduction, Greet New Members if any - 4 minutes  
First time in 40 years of VSNA – Youth Chapter will be hosting the 40<sup>th</sup> Central VSNA convention hosted at Dallas.  
Introduced: Jyothi Hattarki, President of Dallas Chapter  
Sulochana Guggari, President of Maryland Chapter
4. Laxmi Hiremath: Approval of March Agenda – 1 minute  
Nayantara – requested – to add an agenda item – to discuss availability of books and resources that can be borrowed from VSNA library  
Added the new agenda item. Srishail Hadimani duly proposed the March agenda and Nayantara S – seconded the approval of the agenda
5. Laxmi Hiremath: Approval of February Meeting Minutes - 4 minutes  
Nayantara- Amended: corrections need to be recorded and added to the minutes... by line numbers.  
– instead of Vidya Rao in item #6 and #15 of February minutes, it should be Vidya Kondajji from TX chapter. In general, Nayantara mentioned that - Proposals are only made by Board members so if it is anyone else, it should be recorded as recommendations or suggestions in the meeting minutes.  
Minutes were proposed by Raj Galagali and seconded by Leena contingent on amendments made
6. Laxmi Hiremath: Convention Update – 8 minutes  
First time in 40 years of VSNA – Youth Chapter will be hosting the 40<sup>th</sup> Central VSNA convention hosted at Dallas. Dallas was chosen because of its central location and affordable expenses.  
Abhinav Reddy – presented the youths role in taking on the responsibility to host the convention and will be on a lower budget convention with reasonable price and projected costs for facility and hotel costs.  
  
Nayanatara – asked if the youth will be assisted by Dallas chapter members?  
Abhinav- Dallas youth will be the core group and chair – We will not burden Dallas chapter members..  
Channu – as local chapter president requested- they will help as individuals and not as chapter members

Laxmi – chapter members will not be burdened with fund raising and we are not taking any assistance from them. So they may help as individual VSNA members but not as a Dallas chapter. So BOD and BOR members and central VSNA will need to come forward and help as our convention.

Prabhakara NE chapter – command the youth for taking this initiative, big conventions take 8-9 months planning and yet we find it hard.. but concerned as there is only 3 months to host the convention. And is concerned as youth are not meeting regularly and there is no request for our help and we adults should help them as they are distributed across the country and we shouldn't set them up for failure. So we hope it will go very well.

7. Jyothi Hattarki: Terms and Specifications, Status from local Dallas Chapter – 10 minutes

Prabhu Patil – we have a lot of good hearted people in Dallas and helping as individually and there is no lack of support. I am also a Dallas chapter member, and have experience running 4 conventions, we've identified 2 facilities and have Plans A,B, C and have discussed with Abhinav and will agree on the facility within a week – Intercontinental, Crowne Plaza and Funasia – Park Plaza which is very cost effective with couple of hotels in the parking lot. So we will coordinate and will have something by next week. Concerns are valid, and we are committing and supporting the youth and we need help from all.

Jyothi H – has communicated to the Dallas chapter which is an enthusiastic VSNA chapter however, as they have hosted a convention 2 years ago, they are not taking the burden and have resisted as a chapter. As individual persons, she, Prabhu and a few others are committed as long as there is no burden of fund raising. They will help, assist, support and encourage the youth to host the convention.

Nayanatara – we are not expecting financial commitment but there has to be a formal request to the Dallas chapter for goodwill and support for the youth chapter.

Jyothi H – mentioned that the Chapter members resisted the selection of the location to host but they will support as individuals as long as there is no burden and they will not support as Dallas chapter.

Channu – we've discussed in length and we need to be cognizant of time, and as a chapter we won't get support but local members will help and support the convention as individuals. Need to release seed money and get this approved to move forward

8. Abhinav Reddy: Central VSNA Youth Chapter Convention Presentation – 10 minutes

To address concerns on - How can youth be ready to take on this endeavor and responsibility to host this in such a short time span.

Context - Planning started in MD at last year's convention itself and the 20+ youth had already expressed interest to have a youth gathering in summer and want to continue to attend but don't see many youth oriented programs. As many chapters were not willing to come forward and host the convention this year, Abhinav reached out to the youth board who showed interest in having a smaller convention and were ready to help. So until the location and seed money was discussed, the youth were having a general conversation. Now that the location has been decided, already some youth have reached out on how they can help. Abhinav has been planning with Officers, Channu, Prabhu uncle Jyothi aunty etc.. and as they heard about the anxiety of Dallas chapter. They don't want to burden them with fund raising but are only asking them for their support and help. So we need to use the seed money and have reasonable expenses so that the fund raising will be minimum.

Raj Galagali – input – great progress we are fully behind to support

One concern – about consistent message about the convention – message should not say Youth convention as it is different than VSNA convention. It should say clearly that it is a regular VSNA convention hosted by Youth at Dallas. Abhinav so far has 126 youth names

Resolution #1:

We are excited to propose the following:

The Convention be named as: 40<sup>th</sup> VSNA convention hosted by Youth Chapter at Dallas for the year 2017

Srishaail Hadimani – (Abstain)

Nandish Dhananjaya-(Abstain)

Prabhakar – (Abstain)

Nayantara - For  
Channu-For  
Raj Galgali – For  
Karuna- for  
Sandeep – For  
Arun – For  
Prashanth – For  
Mamatha (on behalf of Sangeeta Patil)– For  
Jyothi – For  
Akkama – For  
Savitha – For  
Laxmi – For  
Vidya – For  
Narendra – For  
Sulochana- For  
NC President - For

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Motion passed with 16 Yes votes and 3 abstains

2<sup>nd</sup> resolution -

The earnings from the Convention Trust fund as seed money, be released per by laws, to the Youth Chapter to host the 2017 VSNA Convention at Dallas

Nayantara – Proposed

Channu – Seconded

Leena – Yes

Karuna-Yes

Channu- Yes

Raj G – Yes

Sandip – Yes

Arun – Yes

Prashanth- Yes

Mamatha- Yes

Jyothi – Yes

Sulochana- Yes

Savitha – Yes

Narendra- Yes

Laxmi – Yes

Prabhakar- Yes

Srishail – Yes

Veeresh- Yes

Vidya – Yes

Nayatara-Yes

Channu-Yes

Resolution passed with 19 Yes votes to release the seed money of \$16,022.

9. Karuna Hiremath: Treasurer Report Current Status – 6 minutes

Karuna to check with previous Treasurer on the interest earned on the life membership money and if there is any other account not earning any interest money, she will check with President Laxmi and invest

Channu – last year \$50K pledged, raised \$30K remaining \$20K to be raised so Channu will contact people who pledged.

Nayantara - Karuna can continue to be incharge of the seed money until a youth president is elected. Board needs to address in the next meeting, so that two BOD members can work with Youth chapter – per bylaw.

Dada - as every year, a separate account should be opened for 2017 convention to keep it separate and transfer the \$16,022

Channu suggested that youth have regular weekly meetings so that they start discussing on a regular basis.

Channu recommended that all BOD, BOR and Chapter presidents and volunteers be invited to all meetings as publicity henceforth as more communication is better.

Laxmi – will request the youth to meet often

Prabhakar – suggested 2 or 3 BOD to represent as advisors and help the youth instead of inviting everyone to the meeting all the time.

Dada – Instead of asking how you will do, please suggest “this is how to do”... and each of us should support and contribute to the success. He will be available 24x7 to Abhinav if any questions.

Sandip – Abhinav is the point person for now until the election is completed, and requests any communication as it is the key and will be good for them to help and support virtually.

10. Dada Patil: BOR Update – 5 minutes

Dada – BOR will work on two items

1. updating the Life membership contact information as it is not current. They will send information and request all BOD and chapter president’s help to update Life members contact information.
2. What is the policy when chapters don’t come forward to host conventions or bail out? –will pull the data and present the report to BOD

11. Nayantara – Availability of Books and Resources in VSNA library

VSNA – library. New enthusiastic members in FL are asking for books and resources to borrow. Books availability should be put on website as people are asking. Only publications are on there, but VIRC has taken responsibility

Srishail – reconstituting the VIRC team currently. Managing hard copies are challenging so they will make softcopies available through website so they can review. So Nayantara and Srishail Hadimani will discuss offline. There may be 100+ books so need a list. Maybe Doddamani or VIRC have possession of the books. So they should be contacted to check the inventory of books. And when members want to borrow, they will be charged for mailing costs and deposit charges. Example- if the cost of the book is \$5 then deposit amount charged will be \$25. As soon as the VIRC committee is formed, S Hadimani will be looking into facilitating the VSNA library

12. Savitha Mandi: Schedule March BOD Meeting – 1 minute

Thanked all the participants and will send minutes. If required, meetings will be scheduled weekly or bi-weekly for convention planning.

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

Next BOD meeting will be on April 9th