



VSNA BOD Meeting Minutes: Date: Sunday, Oct 8, 2017 - 9 to 10:30AM PT

## Meeting Minutes by Savitha Mandi

### 1. Savitha Mandi: Roll Call

**BOD members:** Laxmi Hiremath, Leena Paul, Savitha Mandi, Karuna Hiremath, Channu Kambalyal, Srishail Hadimani, Nandish Dhananjaya, MD Patil, Dayanand Tumkur, Sandeep Hattarki, Narendra Hadimani, Naveen Hattarki, Raj Galagali, Dayanand Paramane, Nayanatara Swamy, Vidya Rao

**Youth:** Yamir Raj, Abhinav Reddy, Bilva Chandra

**BOR member:** Dada Patil

**Guests:** Dr. Jagadeesh, Sunita Kore

### 2. Srishail Hadimani: Vachana Prayer – Allamaprabhu vachana

#### Prayer for October – 2017 BOD Meeting

ಅರಗಿನ ಪುತ್ಥಳಿಯನುರಿ ಕೊಂಡಡೆ, ಉದಕ ಬಾಯಾರಿ ಬಳಲುತ್ತಿದೆ.  
ಅಗೆಯಿಂ ಭೋ, ಬಾವಿಯನಗೆಯಿಂ ಭೋ.  
ಬಾವಿಯನಗೆದಾತ ಸತ್ತ; ಬಾವಿ ಬತ್ತಿತ್ತು.  
ಇದು ಕಾರಣ ನೆರೆ ಮೂರು ಲೋಕ  
ಬರಿಸುರೆವೋಯಿತ್ತು ಗುಹೇಶ್ವರಾ.

When a camphor statue catches fire, the well is crying for water  
Dig up the well, dig up the well.  
The digger died, the well dried up  
The reason being all from the three worlds wasted their life. Guheshwara

ನಶ್ವರವಾದ ಶರೀರವು ಅರಗಿನ ಪುತ್ಥಳಿ, ಅದನ್ನು ಕಾಲವೇಂಬ ಉರಿ ಗ್ರಹಿಸಿದೆ. ಆ ದೇಹದೊಳಗಿರುವ ಮನಸ್ಸು, ವೈಷಹಿಕ ದಾಹದಿಂದ ಬಳಲುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಈ ದೇಹ ಮತ್ತು ಮನಸ್ಸುಗಳ ಅಭಿಮಾನಿಯಾದ ಜೀವಿ, ಶಾಂತಿ, ಸೌಖ್ಯವನ್ನು ಬಯಸಿ ಬಾವಿಗಳನ್ನು ತೋಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾನೆ, ಬಾವಿ ತೋಡಿದ ಸಂತಾಪ ಅಧಿಕವಾಯಿತೆ ವಿನಾ ನೆಮ್ಮದಿ ದೊರೆಯಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಅಗದಾತ ನಿಶ್ಚಿತವಾಗಿ ಸಾಯುತ್ತಾನೆ, ಬಾವಿ ಬತ್ತುತ್ತದೆ, ದೇಹವು ಅಳಿಯುತ್ತದೆ ಆದರೆ ಯಾರ ಇಚ್ಛೆಗಳು ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣವಾಗಿ ಇಡೆರಲಿಲ್ಲ. ನೆರೆ ಮೂರು ಲೋಕದವರ (ಸ್ವರ್ಗ, ಭೂಮಿ, ಪಾತಾಳ - ಕಾಲ್ಪನಿಕ ಜಗತ್ತು) ಬದುಕು ವ್ಯರ್ಥವಾಗಿ ಹೋಗುತ್ತಲಿದೆ. ಇದು ಮಾಯೆಯ ಒಂದು ರೂಪ.

As the time goes by the body perishes like a camphor statue caught in fire. Amidst this, the body cries to fulfill all its worldly desires. Everyone who came to this world went after to fulfill their desires, but none of them were able to do so. They just wasted their precious life in chasing an illusion to fulfill their desires. This is another form of illusion (Maya).

- Laxmi Hiremath: Announced the “Ramanashree Sharana “ award:** given to VSNA by the Akhila Bharatha Sharana Saahitya Parishat, Bangalore. The award ceremony will be held on Nov 17<sup>th</sup> and Laxmi, has requested and delegated to Dr. Guruswamy Ayya to receive the award on her behalf.
- Laxmi Hiremath: Approval of October Agenda:**  
Approved by Leena Paul, Seconded by Srishail Hadimani
- Laxmi Hiremath: Approval of Attached September Meeting Minutes:**  
Approved by Srishail Hadimani, Seconded by Leena Paul

6. **Karuna Hiremath: Treasurer update:** Karuna to send summary report of accounts and balance amounts that will be shared by Nov BOD meeting.
7. **Laxmi: Update on Finance Committee:** A Finance Committee has been formed with 3 members: **Mr. Dhake, Mr. G. Ayya and Mrs. Karuna Hiremath(current Treasurer)**.  
BOD members suggested to have more members in this committee and to include Ex- Treasurer.  
Dada Patil BOR Chair suggested that Mr. Irappa Arabhavi be added to the Finance committee as he is past Treasurer and happens to be current BOR member. NayantaraSwamy suggested that BOR chair and the President be part of the financial committee.  
Nandish Dhananjaya and few BOD members enquired about roles and responsibilities of Finance committee, and the purpose of this committee as per the By-law etc. which requires further discussions, so all agreed to postpone this to another time and to have a separate meeting to address this topic
8. **Central VSNA support and financial assistance to Hurrican victims:**  
Nayanatara Swamy asked if there was any criteria set up by central VSNA when they announced the financial assistance to VSNA members/Hurricane victims in Houston and Florida. The local chapter presidents of Houston and Florida have been delegated this decision and have requested time to communicate out and check on responses from impacted members of their chapters. They will assess the damages and recommend the deserved families who need financial assistance and amount, to Central VSNA. Harish recommended the Bagali family of Houston. Vidya Rao of FL has requested time till Nov 19<sup>th</sup> 2017  
  
Due to hurricane Harvey in Houston, active VSNA members, The Bagali family has been impacted severely and has incurred damages. So, Houston chapter President, Harish Hiremath proposed that full amount of \$3000 be given to the Bagali family as financial assistance. This proposal was seconded by Nandish Dhananjaya. Harish will provide details to Treasurer, so the check can be sent accordingly.
9. **Dr. Jagadeesh: Post MD Convention Surplus disbursement:**  
Dr. Jagadeesh, Chair of MD convention, presented the surplus amount of \$20,450. As per by the law, half of the surplus or 50%, in this case \$10,225 will be returned to Central and the other 50% of \$10,225 will remain with the local chapter. This time, as part of encouraging the membership drive, Mr Jagadeesh proposed that the Life Membership fees of \$500 be reduced to \$200 for 15 new families as life members at 60% reduction for all their hard work and fund raising efforts that resulted in a very successful convention. This would be a win-win situation as there will not only be more than \$10,225 returned (+\$3000) but also will result in 15 new life members. Members agreed this was an innovative idea and proposal but requires more time to review the by-law, if it allows BOD to change or reduce Life membership fees that has been \$500 since the past 40 years. Other concerns were if we make exceptions once, then it will subsequently pave the way for other suggestions and ideas. So this proposal requires additional discussions before a decision can be made. Members agreed that for now, \$10,225 be returned to Central VSNA.
10. **Detroit Chapter: Update on 2018 Convention planning:**  
Detroit president Narendra Hadmani updated that convention committees are being formed and a convention location is being finalized. Plan is to schedule 2018 convention on the weekend of June 30<sup>th</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup>. They will have more updates in November meeting.
11. **Laxmi/Dada Patil: Insurance Policy and Liability coverage:**  
Due to time constraints, this topic was postponed and will be addressed in a separate conference call with Detroit, Michigan chapter presidents and Central VSNA officers and BOR chair.
12. **Savitha Mandi: Schedule November BOD Meeting, Thank you Note and Closure**  
Next BOD meeting is on Sunday Nov 12th, 2017 at 9am PT.