

VSNA BOD Meeting Minutes - Nov 15th 2014

Date & Time: 11/15/2014 Sunday 12.00 PM Noon EST -1.00 PM EST

Conference dial-in number: (805) 399-1200

Participant access code: 134011

AGENDA :Review Task Group report on Bylaw Revision

Participants:

Officers: Vijay Kumar, Channu Kambalyal, Basavaraj Mudenur, B S Nanjundappa

Board of Directors: Shivu Basavaiah, Yuvaraj Patil, Roopa Maganahalli, Nandeesh Dhanajay

Chapter President: Irappa Arabhavi (NE), Nayantara Swamy(FL), Mahesh Rajaghatta(GA), Raj Galagali (GA), Savitha Shivanand (MD), Karuna Hiremath(MI), Manu Swamy (CA-S), Suraj Kurthkoti(CT), Nithin Doijod (PA)

Other Attendees: Suresh Channarasappa, Deepak Kenkeremath, Shylendra Kumar, Laxmi Hiremath, Gadigeppa Doddamani

Minutes of Meeting:

1. Roll Call: Complete please find attached call log
2. Special BOD Meeting is called to Review proposed By-law changes by the Task Group
3. Shylendra Kumar requested to attend the meeting (since it affects IBC) was approved by President, as per the by-law but explained he cannot vote on the matter.
4. President made introductory remarks – History of the IBC concept, which evolved in the 2011 convention and announced officially at the VSNA 2011 and 2012 convention by past president Dr. Pallegar. The bylaw changes recommended in 2012 were not approved by General body with current BOD approval a new Task group was formed under the leadership of Nayanatara Swamy, Deepak Kenkeremath and Suresh Channarasappa. Initial framework was proposed and got approval of BOD. President thanked the TG for their efforts and gave the floor to Nayantara and Task Group to make their presentation.
5. Nayantara – was able to make introductory statements - she stated that the TG revisions of the bylaws were aimed to make these laws more inclusive, practical, fair and democratic, as well as clarify existing ambiguities, and contradictions. Inclusion of 'Affiliated Centers Article' as proposed by TG would encourage these centers to grow, while keeping VSNA free of legal and financial liabilities.
6. Reference was made to Mr G.Doddmani's 2 letters sent to the membership accusing NE chapter of 'conniving, robbing and splitting VSNA'. Shylendra Kumar objected on behalf of NE chapter, to these statements as false and defamatory. He stated that New England chapter started the IBC initiative as a VSNA endorsed plan. The money in question was the funds raised by the NE chapter, during the convention, and IBC/NE chapter is not splitting the VSNA.
7. Yuvaraj Patil said he is prepared to discuss only the part related to affiliated centers. Task group wanted to start review with page 1 and go thru all the recommendations one by one. Members would be able to discuss the merits, and approve or disapprove each one.
8. Channu, Dhananjaya, Rupa, Karuna, Mahesh thought that the TG was asked to update by-law for affiliated centers and focus should be only on center related by-law updates not other changes.
9. Deepak Kenkeremath clarified that many of the changes recommended, directly and indirectly affect the inclusion of the new affiliated centers. Asked to please allow them to start the presentation.
10. Shylendra mentioned that By-law changes recommended by Task group needs to be looked holistically as they are interconnected.
11. Lakshmi asked why new by-law committee formed. President reminded that the previous bylaw committee, like any ad hoc committee, is not a permanent committee, and once task is completed, all such committees are dissolved. Previous by-law committee does not exist, and new TG was appointed by current BOD to revise the bylaws in 2013.
12. Suraj said that we should allow the TG to make their presentation, and explain what they have identified, and why they are proposing the change.
13. Yuvaraj mentioned overall good effort. Cultural center should be changed to religious center, and why we cannot associate with Matha, Loan cannot appear in non-profit org, VSNA wants to have all rights except any responsibility in centers why is it.
14. Nayanatara clarified that Task group has based this report on the initial framework, that the BOD had approved, and the following recommendations that the BOD also had approved.

15. Channu mentioned that only issue we need to address are by-laws that are related to affiliated centers. We need to show how local chapter can own the property/legal entity. VSNA needs to support morally IBC to become successful. VSNA shouldn't control IBC also VSNA should not be liable for any actions of IBC.
16. Raj Galgali mentioned that we should look at Task group recommendation; review the merits of each recommendation, rather than telling them to concentrate on only certain parts. Also requested everyone read all documents and come prepared.
17. Nayanatara clarified that Task group provided initial framework, presented all to Chapters and it's presidents.
18. Roopa mentioned that all the hard work has been done and Task group should explain each recommendation
19. Suraj mentioned that all recommendations by Task group should be heard, debated and then voted on, and not pick only on affiliated center changes
20. Suresh Channarasappa suggested that maybe we should start with Article 10 although we will be going back and forth which will not be helpful.
21. President said the Board will regroup and discuss By-law revisions and adjourned