

VSNA BOD Meeting Minutes - Dec 2014

Date & Time: 12/07/2014 Sunday 12.00 PM Noon EST -1.00 PM EST

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

Participant access code: 134011

Participants:

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

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

Chapter Presidents: Raj Galagali (VA), Savitha Shivanand (MD), Mahesh Rajaghatta(GA),Shivappa Palled(NC),Shiva Patil(NY), Deepak Patil(IL), Irappa Arabhavi (NE), Karuna Hiremath(MI), Ujwal Halakatti(OH), Nayantara Swamy(FL), Siddaling Shettar (CA-N), Jagadish Halyal (TX-S), Suraj Kurthkoti(CT), Anu Benakatti(TX-S)

Other Attendees: Suresh Channarasappa, Deepak Kenkeremath, Shylendra Kumar, Laxmi Hiremath, Gadigeppa Doddamani, Vijay Patil, Leena Paul, Basavaraj Patil

Agenda & Minutes of Meeting:

1. **Roll Call:** [Please find attached call log of list of attendees.](#)
2. Approval of Nov 2014 BOD meeting Minutes : Approved
 - Proposed by Shivappa Palled and second by Shiva Patil
3. Approval of Nov 2014 Special BOD Meeting minutes : Approved
 - Proposed by Nayanatara Swamy, seconded by Channu Kamblyal
4. 2015 Convention Update from Shiva Patil (NJ).
 - At this point NY chapter is not able to host the convention in 2015 based on the discussion we had with NY chapter members
 - No member wants to take responsibilities and the experience from previous conventions is not very good, members are hesitant to take the leadership role even though some members are in favor or hosting
 - Channu/Vijay Kumar mentioned that Guru Bale may be interested in becoming convention chair, Basu Mudenur and Yuvaraj Patil clarified that convention chair appointment or recommendation should be left to hosing chapter members and not the BOD or anyone else
 - Lakshmi Hiremath mentioned that any youth can be appointed as the chair of convention
 - As a follow-up Channu and all interested members from NY will have one more meeting to convince NY chapter
5. 2014 Convention - Financial Statement status
 - Vijay Patil mentioned that financial statement will be sent to BOD
 - Total expenses \$1,56,000 and deficit of \$11,700
 - Vijay and Basavaraj Patil mentioned that deficit will be zero as one of the members has committed cover the deficit amount. Souvenir expenses are TBD, In order to close the books and recoup the TX state tax VSNA officers should send the documents requested by the convention officers.
6. Bylaw recommendations from Task Force - Next steps. - Vijay & Channu
 - President thanked Task group for their time and effort in making By-law recommendations

- Nov special meeting didn't give enough time to discuss all recommended changes, based on the discussion from BOD it is decided that BOD will meet again on 12/21/2014
- Suraj Kurthkoti/B S Nanjundappa/Basavaraj Patil asked if the Task group will be allowed to function after current BOD terms ends.
- Channu Kamblayal (president elect) mentioned that Task group will be allowed to finish it's work and provide the final report. The task group will continue to function until the final report is submitted.. Since the task force has done a tremendous job and some of the work they have done includes many good points to make our by-law stronger, the 2015-16 BOD agreed to extend the task group term until the final report is submitted to the BOD.
- Once Task group submit final report BOD will vote and decide if it should go to General Body for final voting or not.

7. Petition and complaints received to VSNA on Advisory Committee Chair's chain of e-mails.

- President mentioned that If any one has any objection on Mr.Doddamani's e-mail then they should talk directly to him and present their objections, he as a president cannot control anyone and everyone who is sending e-mails to the group. VSNA BOD is the highest authority, it should decide on when and how to communicate on matters related to VSNA to its members and not any individual officer or a member
- Basavaraj Mudenur clarified that Mr. Doddamni has sent e-mails as an Advisor committee chair not as an individual. Since he is acting on behalf of VSNA and used VSNA members list, it cannot be treated as an act of individual and BOD has to take action on the petition.
- Shylendra Kumar disagreed with the statement from the president "that he (president) do not have any power to take action", as president of VSNA he has every right to question anyone who is using the VSNA office (in this case Advisory Committee) and member list.. It is his duty as elected officer of the organization to take action on complaints received by him and BOD. Per by-law all communications should be discussed and approved by the BOD prior to sending to members at large. As an example: AC chair has sent an email to all VSNA (unknown) members announcing his appointment as the chair of AC, this email should have been communicated to BOD and BOD with the approval of his appointment should have communicated to the members at large. By taking no action on these matters means the president is approving all communications sent by AC chair.
- Shivu Basavaih reiterated by being silent president is approving AC Chair actions
- Irappa Arabhavi briefed petition and requested action against the parties responsible
- Yuvaraj Patil mentioned that AC chair should be given an opportunity to present his side of story on the petition
- Gadigeppa Doddmani mentioned that IBC is not part of New England chapter, I didn't talk about New England chapter or its members. I didn't talk about splitting VSNA, New England chapter is part of VSNA. IBC is trying to manipulate the VSNA By-law. Mr. Shylendra Kumar mentioned that, I didn't follow the by-law by not publishing AC activity reports in the annual report that is correct as I am only sending e-mails to the BOD on AC activities, I do not agree with his comments on the email I sent on the AC chair election. The past VSNA presidents elected me as chairman of the AC and I have communicated that to member at large
- B S Nanjundappa requested clarification if IBC and New England chapter are the same
- Yuvaraj Patil mentioned that BOD should be allowed to cross questioning the parties involved in the petition.
- Shylendra Kumar mentioned that officers should have investigated and presented facts to the BOD instead of turning the BOD meeting into an investigation activity, he further clarified that IBC is an initiative of VSNA and not just an activity of the New England chapter or a few individuals. From day one, all IBC activities are conducted by informing VSNA BOD the current BOD should consult

Mr. Nanjundappa the past and current treasurer as many of those communications were sent to him directly along with other BOD members.

- Irappa Arabhavi mentioned that what AC chair mentioned above is wrong and in his communication subject line “For your Information” the e-mail clearly states the words VSNA second split. IBC is an initiative by the VSNA and it is not a separate organization. Contents of the AC chair’s e-mails are unacceptable to the NE Chapter members and urged a strong action by the BOD. He also reiterated the fact that only after another email sent by Mr.Doddamani in 2013, the VSNA BOD appointed the Task group to recommend by-law updates.
- Nayanatara swamy requested to stay focused on the petition and not to diverting the topic. She added the AC Chair has made inaccurate accusations by on NE chapter and its members. As an active member of the VSNA for decades, she is not aware of any splits in the VSNA not attempts to split, so where is this 2nd split is coming from.
- Yuvaraj Patil: We all consider Mr. Doddamani as a pillar of the organization and respected senior of our community. But sending these mass e-mails with direct language was not appropriate. If AC was advising, then it should have been sent to the BOD or the president but definitely not the entire VSNA membership. Similarly reactions to his emails also not appropriate.
- Raj Galagali asked to pass the motion and do not waste the time. Also he added not to focus on a person but focus on the matter
- President mentioned that AC’s e-mail to members at large was a mistake.
- Irappa Arabhavi made a motion behalf of NE chapter “VSNA BOD formally reject e-mails sent to unknown number of VSNA members in Nov 2014 with the subject line FY1 and FY2, as these e-mails factually incorrect. Hence the VSNA BOD do not approve these e-mails and contents.”
 - i. Seconded by Shivu Basavaiah
 - ii. Raj Galagali -Y, Mahesh Rajaghatta -Y, Shivappa Palled -Y, Shiva Patil- Y, Nandeesh Dhanjay -Y , Deepak Patil -Y, Karuna Hiremath -Y, Ujwal Halakatti -Y, Nayantara Swamy -Y, Yuvaraj Patil -Y, Channu Kamblyal- Y, Jagdish Halyal -Y, Roopa Maganahalli-Y, Suraj Kurthakoti -Y, Basavaraj Mudenur-Y
 - iii. Vijay Kumar – Agreed to go with the decision of the BOD
 - iv. Savitha Shivanand – Not Voted, Sid Shettar –Not Voted, Anu Benakatti – Not Voted
 - v. B S Nanjundappa – N

Motion is approved with 17-1 votes

8. Vote of Thanks for the services of 2013-14 BOD and BOR

- Yuvaraj Patil thanked 2013-14 BOD for their support and time in serving VSNA