

VSNA BOD Meetings Minutes

Date: Sunday, March 8, 2015

Attendees:

Elected BOD Members: Channu Kambalyal, Mamatha Hirannaiah, Leena K. Paul, Irappa Arabhavi, Neetha Dhananjaya, Nayantara Swamy, Yuvaraj Patil, B.S. Nanjundappa

Nominated BOD Members: Vijay Kumar Ex-President, Kishore Channabasavaiah (IL), Girish Budibetta (FL), Mahesh Rajaghatta (GA), Savitha Shivananda (MD), N. B. Patil (NE), Shiva Patil (NY), Rashmi Naikar (OH), Kevin Gangadhar (PA), Vijay Aivalli (Toronto), Raj Galagali (VA), Sanjeev Mungaravadi.

Invitees: G. Doddamani (AC-Chair Nominee), Laxmi Hiremath (BOR-Chair Nominee), Onkar Murundi and Shankar Sanikop (NY/NJ – Convention Committee).

Meeting Notes:

1. Roll Call by Leena Paul- Quorum verified.
2. Prayer with a Vachana led by Yuvaraj Patil.

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Transliteration:

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bEDidare ennoDeyana bEDuve

oDeyangeODala tOri, enna baDatanava binnaisuve,

oDeya mahadaani kUDalasangamadevarige, seragoDDi bEduve

3. Approval of Agenda: Raj Galagali suggested that status of bylaws be put before BOR updates, hence was moved in the agenda.
4. Approval of February meeting minutes: Yuvaraj Patil proposed, and B.S Nanjundappa approved them.
5. New Chapters (Indiana and Seattle Chapters) Update: As Mr. Nagaraj was not on this conference call, Channu suggested that topic would be discussed in the next BOD meeting.
6. 2015 VSNA Convention Update: provided by Shiva Patil, Shankar Sanikop and Onkar Murundi
 - a. Seed money: Irappa Arabhavi indicated that about \$17,000 is available for Convention. This amount was proposed by B.S Nanjundappa and seconded by Raj Galgali. Irappa confirmed on 3/11 that: 2014 convention trust fund earned income is \$19,000 per Shawn Kelly Shawn P. Kelly- Senior Vice President, Investment Management Consultant, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management LLC. So 90% of convention trust fund earning (\$19,000) is \$17,100. Once VSNY/NJ opens up an account, we would transfer \$17,100 to convention account.
 - b. Budget Management: All agreed that the convention budget needs to be in check and bringing down expenses, where possible.
 - c. Program Content: A list of invitees was provided by Shiva Patil on 3/8/15. For now, the Guest Speakers: Religious Leader(s) were approved:
 - i. Sri. Siddeshwar Swamiji (from Bijapur),
 - ii. Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Mahaswamiji (from JSS Mysore),
 - iii. Sri. Dr. Panditaradhya Swamiji (Teredabalu Mutt, Chitradurga Dist.),
 - iv. Sri. Shiva Murthy Murgarajendra Swamiji (Chitradurga).

Rashmi Naikar suggested Swami Nijagunda from Nishkala Mantapa at Belur--his information would be sent to NY/NJ chapter for consideration.

Artists and guest speakers were read out on the call, but the Convention Advisory group meeting in the week would discuss of approving artists and speakers. It was decided that if the Advisory group approves of the Artists, NY/NJ would come back to the BOD—in interest of time to convention.

7. BOR Updates: Updates were provided by Laxmi Hiremath on activities that BOR is involved in. This document is available on VSNA.org for further review—as BOR January meeting minutes. Topics mentioned were:
- i. Matrimonial Website,
 - ii. Fund raising,
 - iii. Scholarship applications and funds,
 - iv. Youth activity,
 - v. VSNA Woman's club, and
 - vi. Membership drive.

Laxmi requested help from BOD for their activities, especially for the youth activity. Help was also solicited for Religious Committee. Laxmi will send an email to Leena Paul to be sent along with Scholarship reminder to all Chapter Presidents.

8. By-Laws Committee Updates: Channu provided an update that the bylaw committee has started their work to compile all feedback based on 2014 task-group report as well as views being suggested to the committee. Members expressed that the committee be given time to complete their work and report the recommended version of the bylaw to BOD for review. Channu indicated that the report even in parts (few articles at a time) would be brought to BOD members for informal discussions, before decision for approval can be taken in BOD meetings.
9. Two Year Agenda Updates:
- a. Communications:
 - i. Convention notification sent to all emails IDs available to Central VSNA.
 - ii. Chapter Presidents are requested to forward any communication immediately to all their chapter members.
 - iii. Newsletter: Channu urged all Chapter Presidents to send their input by March end, for April Newsletter.
 - b. 2015 Convention Central VSNA Advisory Update:
 - i. The advisory will work with NY/NJ chapter to help them with marketing, budget management, and any advice needed.
 - c. Election Committee Update:
 - i. Currently there are four nominations for two BOD positions.
 - ii. Treasurer - Irappa will provide status of validity of the four nominations - Srishail Hadimani, Sajjan Shiva, Anuradha Burji and Shivappa Palled.
 - iii. Election Committee (Tej Kartal, Chandra Mauli and Latha Mallikarjuna) will look into the call for withdrawal after verification by Irappa.
 - d. 10-year Strategic Convention Planning:
 - i. Leena provided an update on Convention in MD in 2016. Currently venues are being checked out and budgets drafted. The chapter is getting ready to begin fund raising, and will be ready with a program to invite everyone at the NY/NJ convention.
 - ii. Channu said he will call a brainstorming session to plan for the next 5 years conventions.
 - e. Audit Committee and Investment Committee:
 - i. Irappa provided an update of funds with Morgan Stanley.
 - f. Website and Social Media:
 - i. Convention website and VSNA website has been combined.
 - g. Rejuvenate Local Chapters:
 - i. The work-group discussed ways to rejuvenate. Channu to update the presentation with input from all. Raj Galagali to send few of his recommendations to incorporate into the presentation.
 - ii. A follow-up meeting to be held at later date.
 - h. Membership Drive:
 - i. The work-group discussed briefly on ways to start membership drive. Members agreed to think through why some are motivated to be life members.
 - ii. Action Item: To conduct a survey or video record attendees of convention, the responses such as – Why I am proud of VSNA,
 - i. Scholarship Fund: Dada Patil has requested Leena to send a reminder for Scholarship to all chapter presidents.
 - j. Youth Participation: Laxmi mentioned the four (officers) for youth currently:
 - i. Youth executives: Neeta D'Souza, Meghana Eswarappa, Rachana Sannegowda, and Tanvi Kartal.
 - ii. Channu suggested, Leena and Laxmi to send their recommendations to bylaw committee to incorporate officially the provision for youth executive committee, so that formal elections be held.

- k. Welcome Kit: The work-group is yet to meet to discuss next steps.
 - l. Newsletter:
 - i. The newsletter group needs updates from chapter presidents.
 - m. Awards Committee:
 - i. The committee will led by Vijay Aivalli. Channu to identify additional nominees for the committee.
10. Next BOD meeting and Closure: Channu and Leena thanked everyone for attending and providing input for this March BOD meeting.
- a. The next meeting is on Sunday, April 12, 2015.