

VSNA BOD Meetings Minutes

Date: Sunday, April 12, 2015

Attendees:

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

Nominated BOD Members: Vijay Kumar Ex-President, Mrutunjay Hiremath (CA-C), Renuka Puttappa (CA-N), Kishore Channabasavaiah (IL), Girish Budibetta (FL), Mahesh Rajaghatta (GA), Savitha Shivananda (MD), Sanjeev Mungaravadi (MI), Shiva Patil (NY), Ashwini Koratagere (NC), Kevin Gangadhar (PA), Raj Galagali (VA).

Invitees: G. Doddamani (AC-Chair Nominee), Laxmi Hiremath (BOR-Chair Nominee), Dada Patil (BOR), Onkar Murundi (NY/NJ – Convention Committee), Sajjan Shiva (BOD nominee), Nandi Nagaraj (IN lead)

Meeting Notes:

- 1) Roll Call by Leena Paul- Quorum verified.
- 2) Prayer with a Vachana led by Yuvaraj Patil.
- 3) Approval of Agenda: B.S. Nanjundappa proposed and Shiva Patil seconded.
- 4) Approval of March meeting minutes: Irappa Arabhavi proposed, and Yuvaraj Patil seconded, pending adding Sanjeev Mungaravadi's name to the attendance list. Irappa provided an update on seed money which is updated below in 2015 VSNA convention update.
- 5) Resignation by Mr. B.S. Nanjundappa: Nanjundappa stated two reasons for his resignation: Since he has been an elected BOD (as treasurer) for last four years and we have received three nominations for two BOD positions, he is would graciously step down at this time to give an opportunity to the BOD nominees to take up those positions; the other reason is also that he wants to serve on BOR, and will look forward for such opportunity in the future. In absence of any objection, BOD accepted Mr. B.S Nanjundappa resignation. Channu thanked him for his services and confirmed his continued services for Audit and Awards committees.
- 6) Nominations for BOD: Three approved nominees are: Sajjan Shiva, Shivappa Palled, and Srishail Hadimani
- 7) New Chapters (Indiana Chapters) Update: Mr. Nandi Nagaraj updated that they had a successful Shivarathri function with seven families (due to weather issues); they plan to meet for Basava Jayanthi and will try to get to the 12 family requirement to officially form a VSNA chapter. Channu offered his, Kishore and Rashmi's guidance and support to Nandi for any functional logistics.
- 8) 2015 VSNA Convention Update: provided by Shiva Patil and Onkar Murundi
 - a) Seed money: Irappa Arabhavi confirmed: 2014 convention trust fund earned income of \$21,760 per Shawn Kelly Shawn P. Kelly- Senior Vice President, Investment Management Consultant, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management LLC. So 90% of convention trust fund earning amounting to \$19,585 has been transferred to NY/NJ convention account.
 - b) Status Planning: Committees have been formed and working hard.
 - c) Registration Status:
 - i) Currently have about 100 registrations, but requested all chapter presidents to ask their chapter members to register. He appealed to those who had pledged previously to register and pay; and also appealed the chapter presidents to pay \$500-\$2,000 towards NY/NJ convention as a donation from chapters. Onkar Murundi stated there are currently representations from nine states; but need more registrations. NY/NJ chapter leads have visited CT, MD, and VA chapters to appeal with a presentation; they are planning to show video to Toronto chapter, and are willing to present through Skype for the other chapters, including for GA, N.CA during their Basava Jayanthi functions. Shiva will also email the slide deck and link to a video to Channu or Leena to be sent to all chapter presidents.
 - ii) Raj Galagali stated that his chapter members would like to participate in the entertainment function, and they are waiting for guidelines from entertainment committee before they can register. Shiva said that he would check with the appropriate committee.
 - iii) Registration packages: Shiva went through the packages from \$900 to \$5,000; in addition to to packages, sponsorship for lunches, dinners and breakfasts are also available.
 - d) Program Content: Guest Speakers: Religious Leader(s) who have accepted invitation:
 - i) Sri. Dr. Panditaradhya Swamiji (Teredabalu Mutt, Chitradurga Dist.),
 - ii) Ramzan Durga
 - iii) Ashok Kheni
 - iv) Mysore Nagaraj ...Waiting for others

- 9) BOR Updates: Updates were provided by Laxmi Hiremath on activities that BOR is involved in. Dada Patil presented information on Scholarship funds. There is a need to increase scholarship fund to attract more children to apply. BOR's suggestion: Each chapter to raise \$500-\$1000/chapter towards the funds, BOD to approve named Scholarships for HS and College level. Raj questioned the source of funds. Dada, Irappa and Doddmani confirmed that Scholarship amounts (of less than \$2000/year) comes either from VSNA general operational funds or donations raised, but the idea is to create a separate scholarship fund.
- 10) 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 that comes from Convention group, Channu or Leena; or through mail chimp. Some emails to mail chimp go into some promotional folder. Mamatha and Mahesh Rajaghatta talked about Wild Apricot which can be used to collect membership and communicate more effectively with members. Channu responded that once our website is up and running, we should consider using Wild Apricot.
 - iii) Newsletter: Channu urged all Chapter Presidents to send their input soon for April Newsletter.
 - b) 2016-2020 Convention Planning:
 - i) 2016: Savitha Shivananda (MD Chapter) updated that they have appointment a Convention chair, signed the contract with a venue, and are working on sub committees. They will present during 2015 convention in NY/NJ.
 - ii) 2017: Mahesh and Mamatha (GA) are willing explore the option of hosting in 2017, but will confirm in a few weeks.
 - iii) 2018: Sanjeev (Detroit) will consider
 - iv) 2019: Kishore (Chicago) will consider
 - v) 2020: Toronto
 - c) By-Law Committee: The committee (Prabhu Patil, Nagabhushana Malakla, and Prema Shankar) meets via conference call on every Sunday to go through few items on the list.
 - d) Audit Committee and Investment Committee:
 - i) Irappa provided an update of funds with Morgan Stanley.
 - e) Website and Social Media:
 - i) VSNA Website has been non-functional for last three weeks. It should be functional in one week's time.
 - f) Rejuvenate Local Chapters:
 - g) Membership Drive:
 - h) Scholarship Fund: Dada Patil and Laxmi Hiremath presented a proposal to increase scholarship funds for HS and College youth. Also a suggestion was made to introduce donations in honor of their loved ones. Both pleaded all presidents to talk about this in the chapters to increase funding. Currently, the funds come from general VSNA operating budget, no special funding has been assigned.
 - i) Youth Participation:
 - i) Leena Paul had meetings with Laxmi Hiremath, Dada Patil, and Rajeev Kumar.
 - ii) Leena mentioned that we need to classify youth into three groups: 12-18, 18-28, 28-32 yrs of age. It should be the youth in 28-32, who might have a bit more time and commitment to lead the younger youth.
 - iii) Action item:
 - (1) Leena to reach out to chapter presidents to come up with a list of youth over 18 who can potentially be the next visionaries of VSNA.
 - (2) To create a database with that list to provide it to them to formalize and provide them suggestions.
 - (3) 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.
 - j) Welcome Kit: The work-group is yet to meet to discuss next steps.
 - k) Newsletter:
 - i) The newsletter group needs updates from chapter presidents.
 - l) Awards Committee:

The committee will led by Vijay Aivalli, Anuradha Burji, and Nanjundappa. They will be sending out nomination forms for the awards.
- 11) Next BOD meeting and Closure: Channu and Leena thanked everyone for attending and providing input for this April BOD meeting.
- a) The next meeting is on Sunday, May 3, 2015.