

## VSNA BOR&BOD Meetings Minutes

Date: July 3, 2015; Venue: 2015 Convention

### Attendees:

BOR members: Laxmi Hiremath (chair), Dada Patil, Rajeev Kumar, Jayashree Jagadeesh

Elected BOD Members: Channu Kambalyal, Mamatha Hirannaiah, Leena Paul, Irappa Arabhavi, Neetha Dhananjaya, Nayantara Swamy, Yuvaraj Patil, Sajjan Shiva, Shivappa Palled

Nominated BOD Members: Kishore Channabasavaiah (IL), Shiva Patil (NY), Kevin Gangadhar (Pittsburg), Savitha Shivananda (MD), Raj Galagali (DC/VA), Mahesh Rajaghatta (GA)

Non-Voting: Vijay Aivalli, Prabhu Patil, G.Jagadeesh, Shylendra Kumar, N.B Patil, Dilip Shivanna, Nandish, Tej Kartal, Puttaveeraiah Prabhakar (Toronto)

### Meeting Notes: Meeting presided by Laxmi Hiremath

- 1) Roll Call by Leena Paul- Quorum verified.
- 2) Prayer with a Vachana led by Yuvaraj Patil.
- 3) Approval of Agenda: No objections
- 4) Presentation of 2015 VSNA Awards: Vijay Aivalli
  - a) VSNA Professional Achievement Award: Recommended Dr. C.S. Reshmi- eye surgeon is highly qualified person. There was discrepancy if he was presented a similar award previously. Some were of the thought that he was presented the same award and the others were of the position that it was not this award. As a decision could not be made at this time, the proposal was put to vote. Proposal stated by Yuvaraj Patil: Nomination committee has recommended Dr. C.S Reshmi. Knowing what we know thus far, does the board accept it unconditionally— “Yes” vote means to give him the award his year, “No” vote means to consider him for future years. Yes: 6, No: 12 Majority voted for against the recommendation.
  - b) VSNA Outstanding Service Award: No recommendation
  - c) VSNA Outstanding Woman’s Award: recommended **Dr. Sheetal Hubli K.** Board accepted
  - d) VSNA Outstanding Youth Award: Recommended Mangala Devi Patil. Board accepted.
- 5) VSNA Convention Stats update: Laxmi stated that so far, we have had an excellent start. Shiva Patil confirmed the attendance to be over 700 people; he thanked all who have attended, those who have contributed, and the Central VSNA for the help provided. At the moment NY/NJ chapter is still down about \$20K—Shiva will be working with his team to raise those funds. He suggested that we change the model by increasing registration amount. Several views were expressed including raising the convention registrations to \$250 to offering subsidized registrations to those who cannot afford, or keep the registrations to \$150 and raise funds.
- 6) Update on 2016 Convention: G.Jagadeesh invited everyone to the 39<sup>th</sup> convention in MD on July 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016. Venue is set at Turf Valley Resort, theme based on vachana by Akkamahadevi: Purity in Body, Mind and Thought should reflect in Action and Speech. Recommendation: Make youth central in the next convention. We need to get alternatives to attract the youth to the convention.
- 7) Youth Involvement: BOR will come with a recommendation to include them on the BOD. Everyone definitely wants youth to take more responsibilities in future conventions. Leena Paul had lunch with about 35 youth, google docs is created—she urged all to get the youth in their chapter to fill out the contacts to increase the database.
- 8) Membership Drive and Rejuvenate local chapters by Channu: Suggested the youth during the convention video tape and get input from attendees to answer: what are they proud of being a VSNA life member?
- 9) Next BOD meeting and Closure: Laxmi, Channu and Leena thanked everyone for attending and providing input for this July BOD meeting. The next meeting is on Sunday, August 9, 2015.