

VSNA BOD Meetings Minutes

Date: Sunday, August 9th, 2015

Attendees:

Elected BOD Members: Channu Kambalyal, Mamatha Hirannaiah, Leena Paul, Irappa Arabhavi, Neetha Dhananjaya, Nayantara Swamy, Yuvaraj Patil, Shivappa Palled, Vijay Kumar (Past president)

Nominated BOD Members: Girish Budibetta (FL), Mahesh Rajaghatta (GA), Savitha Shivananda (MD), Sanjeev Mungaravadi (MI), Ashwini Koratagere (NC), Jagadeesh Halyal (TX-S), Raj Galagali (DC-VA)

Invitees: G.Doddamani (BOR)

Meeting Notes:

- 1) Roll Call by Leena Paul- Quorum verified.
- 2) Prayer with a Vachana led by Yuvaraj Patil
- 3) Moment of silence: in honor for Abdul Kalam
- 4) Approval of Agenda: No objections
- 5) Approval of June meeting minutes: Mamatha Hirannaiah proposed, and Sanjeev Mungaravadi seconded
- 6) Approval of July meeting minutes: Shivappa Palled proposed, and Yuvaraj Patil seconded
- 7) General Body meeting minutes: No approvals needed, no questions or issues were raised
- 8) 2015 VSNA Convention-Thank you note by Channu Kambalyal: On behalf of BOD, Chapter Presidents and BOR, Channu thanked the NY/NJ chapters for all the efforts towards a successful convention. They made it happen in a very short time. Yuvaraj Patil and Raj Galagali also thanked the NY/NJ chapters for conducting the convention.
- 9) 2015 VSNA Convention Budget: In absence of Shiva Patil on this call, Vijay Kumar shared that although he didn't have the exact numbers, he had heard the deficit is about \$25K. More details would be provided by Shiva Patil. NY/NJ chapter is considering to raise funds to make up this gap.
- 10) Support for Basaveshwara Statue in London: Neeraj Patil has been taking help for the support of Basaveshwara Statue project in London from Basava followers in many countries. As there are people in US who are interested in this mission, Channu proposed if VSNA could collect funds on behalf of local donors and send it along to UK towards this mission. In terms of recognition, VSNA name would not appear, but Neeraj Patil had suggested phrasing as "donations by Basava followers" if over 5000 pounds are raised. Nayantara Swamy questioned that if VSNA has raised funds, why not use "VSNA" for recognition? Channu added: Neeraj Patil is of the opinion that Veerashaivism is a caste based religion, and the name VSNA may not be acceptable. Nayantara said that if funds are raised by VSNA, then VSNA name should appear. Nayantara Swamy (with clarification of Yuvaraj) proposed two parts: 1. VSNA to facilitate the collection of funds for the Basaveshwara statue project in London. 2. These funds raised should be recognized as contribution by VSNA. These proposals could not be seconded by the board. After much deliberation, Yuvaraj suggested two options: Option A: proposal 1 with recognition of VSNA, and Option 2: Proposal 1 with no name. As no decisions could be made, Channu suggested beginning collecting funds towards the mission at this time, and discussing this topic further in smaller groups.
- 11) Convention Trust Funds: Channu summarized the discussion during General Body meeting. Currently, the financial committee is managing well.
- 12) What's in A Name by Yuvaraj Patil: Yuvaraj Patil had sent a presentation earlier. Sanjeev Mungaravadi shared his opinion that although he had not heard of Veerashaivism before, he does not believe that we should worry about a name change. Leena also added that as VSNA has current issues to deal with, why rock the boat at this time. No more opinions were shared at this time, and Channu said that this will be discussed later in other brain storming sessions.
- 13) Two Year Agenda Updates:
 - a) Communications:

Newsletter: Channu said that the Newsletter will be sent out soon.
 - b) 2016-2020 Convention Planning:
 - i) 2016: Savitha Shivananda (MD Chapter) updated that they have begun working towards the convention and will have the youth take more responsibilities.
 - ii) 2017: Mahesh and Mamatha (GA) are willing to explore the option of hosting in 2017, but will confirm soon.
 - iii) 2018: Sanjeev (Detroit) will consider
 - iv) 2019: Kishore (Chicago) will consider
 - v) 2020: Toronto

- c) By-Law Committee: The committee meets via conference call on every Sunday to go through few items on the list. Channu is going to call meeting for all BOD and chapter presidents in the next two weeks to go through the first ten items.
 - d) Youth Participation:
 - i) Leena Paul had meeting with youth attended by about 14 and Laxmi Hiremath, Dada Patil, and Channu Kambalyal. The decisions were based on ideas for the next convention.
 - ii) There is a spreadsheet on Google docs that can be updated by the youth, which will be circulated.
 - e) Welcome Kit: Materials are being collected by the group at this time.
 - f) Newsletter:
 - i) Will be published soon.
- 14) Next BOD meeting and Closure: Channu and Leena thanked everyone for attending and providing input for this BOD meeting. The next meeting is on Sunday, September 13, 2015.