

VSNA BOD Meetings Minutes

Date: Sunday, September 13th, 2015

Attendees:

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

Nominated BOD Members: Kishore Channabasavaiah (IL), Girish Budibetta (FL), Mahesh Rajaghatta (GA), Savitha Shivananda (MD), Sanjeev Mungaravadi (MI), N.B. Patil (NE), Shiva Patil (NY), Vijaykumar Mallangouda (Toronto), Raj Galagali (DC-VA), Vijay Kumar (Past president)

Invitees: G. Doddamani (Advisory Committee chair), Laxmi Hiremath (BOR- Chair), Dada Patil (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 of Dr. M. M. Kalaburgi. Yuvaraj Patil provided the following input:
Malleshappa Madivalappa Kalburgi was born on November 28, 1938, at Yaragall, Sindagi, in Vijayapura district. He started his career as a lecturer in Karnatak College. Later, he became the head of Kannada Study Centre in Karnatak University. He rose to become the Vice Chancellor of Kannada University, Hampi. A renowned scholar of the Vachana literature, Kalburgi was honored with the Sahitya Akademi, Karnataka State Sahitya Academy, Nrupatunga Award, Pampa award, Basava Puraskar award. His radical research items:
 - Caste system as practiced in India was brutal, lower caste people were denied education.
 - Lower caste people and Lingayats were killed enmasse in India (12th century)
 - Veerashaiva is Vedic religion, Veerashaivism is enshrined in the Shivagams.
 - Word Veerashaiva didn't exist in Kannada literature until 19th century.
- 4) Approval of Agenda: No objections- 2 agenda points were added
- 5) Approval of August meeting minutes: Vijay Kumar Proposed, and Mamatha Hirannaiah seconded
- 6) 2015 VSNA Convention Budget: Shiva Patil updated that deficit is about \$10-15K. More details would be provided in November meeting once the expenses are finalized with souvenir etc. NY/NJ chapter is considering to raise funds locally to make up this gap locally. Mamatha asked if there were any payments yet to be made and the second question she had was regarding 10% of the registration fees to be given back to life members. Shiva said that there are a few pending payments such as printing etc., and NY/NJ chapter will not be able to give 10% back to the Life members. They will reach to all with that appeal and statement. Mamatha also asked if electronic souvenir is a possibility to cut expenses. Shiva addressed that as they have promised on printing souvenir, they will have to continue doing so for this year. Savitha Shivananda asked for budget to help in Convention in MD-Shiva said that he would send something in the next 10 days.
- 7) BOR Update by Laxmi Hiremath:
 - a) BOR has worked on the bylaws and submitted to the Bylaws committee for review
 - b) Moving forward, only Laxmi Hiremath, as BOR chair needs to be invited for BOD meeting, and the Chair will forward the email to her team members appropriately.
 - c) Dada Patil wants to hand over Student Scholarship over to BOD and he will work with them to bring them up to speed and provide any support needed.
 - d) VSNA is being represented during Mr. Modi's trip to CA. Channu requested for a write up from BOR-Chair regarding VSNA representation in India PM Meeting for Newsletter.
- 8) Financial Update by Irappa Arabhavi:
 - a) VSNA's efforts in Fund Raising for Basaveshwara Project in London: Irappa Arabhavi updated that has received \$1,900 by VSNA members. Yuvaraj Patil said that he has sent \$500 check, and Raj Galgali mentioned that VA chapter members want to send \$2000. Irappa would send receipt to the members that could be used for tax deduction purposes.
 - b)

Income Overview as of September 12 th , 2015			
#	Membership Type	Count	Amount

1	Convention Trust Fund Earnings		\$ 21,760.40
2	Life Membership	8	\$ 4,000
3	Annual Membership	9	\$ 410
4	Nepal Earth Quake Relief Fund	10	\$ 925
5	2015 Scholarship Fund	8	\$ 1,489
6	Basava Statue in UK		\$ 1,903
7	Matrimonial	13	\$ 1,050
	Total		\$ 31,537

9) Basaveshwara Statue Project update by Dr. Neeraj Patil:

Ministry of External Affairs has informed Neeraj Patil that India's Prime Minister, Mr. Modi, will most probably unveil Basaveshwara Statue on November 14th at 8 am. Although unofficial, it is highly probable that he would take this task. An official confirmation is expected in the second week of October. Irappa asked if there are were other options if PM Modi could not come. Neeraj said that anyone else can unveil the statue, but hopes that Mr. Modi confirms.

10) General Input from BOD on feedback on BOD meetings:

- a) Srishail Kumar appreciated the work being done. Channu said that there are many sub committees that need work. Srishail said that he would take an initiative towards "Rejuvenate Local Chapters". He will contact two inactive chapters a month and report back.
- b) Sajjan Shiva will take a lead in Convention Trust Fund. He suggested time to be provided during the Convention to raise funds. He would also provide a write-up. Savitha Shivananda said that MD chapter will definitely accommodate this request.
- c) Shivappa Palled expressed a concern that many times, due to lack of time we tend to move to the next topic before coming to a conclusion. He would like to take a lead on the Scholarship project and other projects where needed. Channu said that there are several brain storming sessions, and only decisions are to be taken in the BOD meetings in the interest of time.
- d) Neetha Dhananjaya said that for membership for VSNA, we need come up with creative ideas to help raise central VSNA membership and local chapter memberships. She would like to take a lead and work with others.
- e) Yuvaraj Patil said there is no target or structure to the sub committees. Channu suggested that better approach may be that committees formulate their structure and target and work towards the target. He also suggested each committee be led by a BOD member.
- f) Leena suggested a rotation of four topics of the 2-yr agenda, so that the groups come up with updates every 2-3 months.
- g) Laxmi Hiremath appreciated Channu's leadership. She pointed out going digital for all print material, including the souvenir to save costs. Channu & Doddamani indicated that printed welcome kit material may add value to new members. Souvenir is the convention chapter's decision, but will work with MD chapter to go digital.

11) Two Year Agenda Updates:

a) Communications:

Newsletter: Channu requested chapter presidents to send updates. He also appealed all chapter presidents to send their chapter member list. He said that he has received only two or three chapters. Wild Apricot: Channu updated that to add contents and migrate all data will be a huge task and effort on our end. Due to lack of resources, Channu suggested to work with Sulekha.com for receiving payments Online. Yuvaraj and Mahesh volunteered to work with either with Wild Apricot or Sulekha.com and also to get more participation. Mamatha suggested that the youth representatives can write up for the Newsletter as well.

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. More will be discussed during Ganesh festival next weekend. MD chapter will be taking support from NY and VA chapters.
- ii) 2017: Mahesh and Mamatha (GA) are willing explore the option of hosting in 2017, but dependent on Navika Convention site in 2017. If on the East coast, participation may drop. If not in and around Southeastern states, GA would be willing. NB Patil (Secretary, Navika) added that currently Texas and Florida are competing for Navika 2017—confirmation will be provided soon.
- iii) 2018: Sanjeev (Detroit) will discuss during Ganesh festival next weekend and update accordingly.
- 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. First ten items have been discussed, and an update will be provided soon.

- d) Audit Committee and Investment Committee: Irappa will contact a few people who have expressed an interest during convention and begin a dialog—no update yet.
 - e) Website and Social Media: Yuvaraj and Mahesh will be taking lead to get online payments enabled.
 - f) Rejuvenate Local Chapters: Srishail will be taking lead-Channu suggested him to reach out to VA and NE chapters to mimic their working models at other chapters. For example, VA and Chicago chapters have used PayPal successfully.
 - g) Membership Drive: Four fund raising activities have been outlined in the next Newsletter, including Life Membership Drive. This may be included in local chapter meetings.
 - h) Scholarship Fund: Shivappa Palled and Leena to transition from Dada Patil.
 - i) Youth Participation:
 - i) Leena Paul updated that she has got chapter youth representatives from four or five chapters; we will need representatives from other chapters.
 - ii) There is a spreadsheet on Google docs that can be updated by the youth, which has been circulated.
 - j) Welcome Kit: Materials are being collected by the group at this time. Printing is in progress.
 - k) Newsletter: We are working on the third Newsletter.
 - l) Awards Committee: No update.
- 12) 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, October 11, 2015.