

VSNA BOD Meetings Minutes

Date: Sunday, October 11th, 2015

Attendees:

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

Nominated BOD Members: Kishore Channabasavaiah (IL), Girish Budibetta (FL), Mahesh Rajaghatta (GA), Savitha Shivananda (MD), Sanjeev Mungaravadi (MI), Ashwini Koratagere (NC), Raj Galagali (DC-VA)

Invitees: G. Doddamani (Advisory Committee chair)

Meeting Notes:

- 1) **Roll Call** by Leena Paul- Quorum verified.
- 2) **Prayer with a Vachana** led by Yuvaraj Patil
- 3) **Approval of Agenda:** No objections
- 4) **Approval of August meeting minutes:** Irappa Arabhavi Proposed, and Mamatha Hiranniah seconded
- 5) **BOR Updates:** No attendance
- 6) **2015 VSNA Convention Budget:** Channu updated on behalf of Shiva Patil. NJ/NY chapter is working on the souvenir at this time. Any deficits will be made up by the chapter members. They had a "Thank You" party attended by over 100 people to thank all the volunteers.
- 7) **2016 Convention Preparation:** Savitha Shivananda provided the updates as follows:
Convention chair and co-chair, G. Jagadeesh and Shashidhar Nagenalli have been working very hard along with 19 sub committees. Venue has been secured with down payment. They are working on Logo, theme, and brochure will be sent by end of the month for BOD approvals. Fund raising is in progress; web committee is taking help from NY/NJ chapter to have it running by mid-November. Channu asked for meeting with the MD chapter representatives and central VSNA –BOD and chapter presidents by end of October or beginning of November. Yuvaraj asked about the recommendations regarding the Logo; and the amount of deposit paid. The Logo has been modified per Yuvaraj's recommendations, and a deposit has been made. More details will be available by next BOD meeting. Channu requested MD chapter to send a copy of the contract and a written request for release of funds as seed money from Central VSNA. Irappa said that he can get some rough estimate of available funds by the end of the year. When asked, Savitha also clarified that at this time they are hoping to have 700-800 people attend the convention.
- 8) **Basaveshwara Statue Project update:**
Irappa Arabhavi said that we have received \$3,204 as of 10/11/15. The deadline to collect funds is Nov 7th. PM Modi is planning to be for unveiling of the Basaveshwara statue, not will be confirmed soon. Channu asked if anyone was planning to attend the event, they could represent VSNA.
- 9) Financial status update: by Irappa Arabhavi:

| Income Overview | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|-------|------------------|
| # | Membership Type | Count | Amount |
| 1 | Convention Trust Fund Earnings | | \$ 21,760.40 |
| 2 | Life Membership | 9 | \$ 4,500 |
| 3 | Annual Membership | 11 | \$ 410 |
| 4 | Nepal Earth Quake Relief Fund | 10 | \$ 925 |
| 5 | 2015 Scholarship Fund | 10 | \$ 1,489 |
| 6 | Basaveshwara Statue | | \$ 3,204 |
| 7 | Matrimonial | 15 | \$ 1,150 |
| | Total | | \$ 33,438 |

| Expenses Overview | | | |
|--------------------------|---|--|--------------|
| 1 | NY/NJ Convention Trust fund earnings | | \$ 19,584.36 |
| 2 | Tax Filing charges | | 1250 |
| 3 | 2015 Scholarship | | 3000 |
| 4 | Gloss Mahogany Plaque, Black Teardrop Plate | | 234.89 |

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| 5 | Nepal Earthquake Relief fund to UNICEF | | 925 |
| | | | 291.79 |
| | Total | | \$ 25,286.04 |

10) VIRC-Newsletter Committee: Channu updated:

- a) Historically: The committee consisted of ad hoc members. Supriya Antin was editor and newsletters have been published for last 3 years. Now that there are more contributions, there have been concerns in regards to having a structured committee and process to review the published material. A meeting was called to discuss the same and also talk about the role of VIRC and its effectiveness. According to the Bylaws, VIRC is responsible for printed materials, publications, and record keeping. Its tasks are outlined.
- b) In the meeting last weekend called for the Newsletter committee, a five member group was created—Yuvaraj Patil, Sajjan Shiva, Srishail Hadimani, Rohini Mensinkai, and Supriya Antin for article selections for both printed and online publications. A suggestion was made for this committee to include VSNA President and BOR chair. Supriya will become an Annual member to be eligible to be part of the committee. A director needs to be selected/nominated—which is needs to be approved by BOD.
- c) Nayanatara Swamy suggested that VIRC which is Virtual Information Resource Center should be separate committee than the Newsletter committee, as the purpose for each group is different. VIRC's purpose is to collect all Veerashiava related materials and make it available Online. Yuvaraj, Raj, Shrishail and Channu clarified that this group of seven members would support both VIRC and Newsletter publications at the moment, but if further help is needed they can then involve more volunteers and/or create separate groups. Process and tasks of both VIRC (as written in the Bylaws) and the editorial committee will be clearly defined by this new group. After further input from Girish Budibetta, Shivappa Palled and several others, it was thought that the committee should get started with the current plans to see how it goes. A nomination for Director will be presented by next BOD meeting.

11) 2017-Convention Readiness: Update by Mahesh Rajaghatta

Mahesh updated that GA is willing to 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 to consider. Irappa commented that Navika is going through committee changes—confirmation will be provided soon.

- 12) 2018-Convention Readiness: Sanjeev (Detroit) has discussed with in the chapter—they will provide a decision in the near future.
- 13) By-Law Committee & Progress: First five out of ten items have been discussed, and an update will be provided soon. The next five items will be discussed next weekend.
- 14) Welcome Kit: Materials are being collected by the group at this time. Printing is in progress.
- 15) Youth Conference Call Status: Leena Paul provided the update:
Youth conducted the last meeting highly professionally. Meeting minutes of the last youth conference call is on website. Leena thanked the chapter presidents who have sent their youth representatives' names—those have been forwarded to the Youth committee. She further clarified that the amount of work for these youth representatives is as much as they want to do with an idea of increasing the youth subscription. Youth representatives would act as a liaison between central VSNA and chapter level youth. Channu mentioned that changes in the Bylaws will be brought forward in regards to the exec board for the youth. The Youth President will be part of BOD.
- 16) Convention Trust Fund: Sajjan Shiva has come up with one page write up—it will be published in the Newsletter, and notification will be sent to all.
- 17) Website update:
 - a) Yuvaraj: In process
 - b) Mahesh: Will recruit a few volunteers to help with the feasibility of Wild Apricot.
 - c) Mamatha: Matrimonial: Payment of \$150 will be made once the site has been tested.
- 18) Rejuvenate Local Chapters:
- 19) 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.
- 20) 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, November 8th, 2015.