



VSNA BOD Meetings Minutes

Date: Sunday, November 8, 2015

Attendees:

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

Nominated BOD Members: Girish Budibetta (FL), Sanjeev Mungaravadi (MI), Shiva Patil (NY), Raj Galagali (DC-VA)

Invitees: G. Doddamani (Advisory Committee chair), Laxmi Hiremath (BOR Chair), G. Jagadeesh (2016 Convention co-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:** Mamatha Hirannaiah proposed and Shivappa Palled seconded
- 5) **BOR Updates:** Laxmi Hiremath updated: Praveen Bommanavar has been added to BOR Team to help with matrimonial page updates. Praveen will take charge of transferring the data to the new set up to best suit the youngsters. This networking website is only for the youth who are born and brought up/come for education and are currently working in the US/Canada. Youth residing in India will not be able to register in this portal. BOR is working on other short and long terms projects and are willing to help MD chapter towards the upcoming Convention.
- 6) **2015 VSNA Convention Budget:** Shiva Patil updated: NJ/NY chapter is working on the souvenir at this time. He expects to finalize the budget by end of January.
- 7) **2016 Convention Preparation:** G. Jagadeesh updated as follows:
 - i) Jagadeesh presented to both MD and VA chapters yesterday during their Deepavali functions the Convention theme, the packages and the highlights of the convention. Many from MD chapter have pledged to purchase packages and take advantage of tax deductions in this year. VA chapter members showed an interest to attend the convention and buy packages. He appealed all BOD members and chapter presidents to circulate the brochures to their members and help buy the packages.
 - ii) MD chapter has requested \$10,000 as seed money towards the convention. Irappa Arabhavi stated that although initial estimates from investments on Trust Fund are about \$18K, the final numbers will be available only end of December. Channu proposed to present \$5,000 to be on the conservative end for VSNA. Shiva Patil suggested that VSNA gives \$10,000 to MD chapter with an undertaking if there is less earning, MD chapter would return the money back to VSNA. Yuvaraj Patil and Sajjan Shiva echoed the same to move forward. Proposal by Shiva Patil: BOD should approve \$10,000 as seed money towards MD Convention with an understanding if the earnings are less than that, money would be returned to Central VSNA. Yuvaraj Patil seconded the proposal.
 - iii) Channu asked for a balanced budget—Jagadeesh said that he would work on it in the next month to present a balanced budget.
 - iv) IT/Registration/website: Jagadeesh said that the website will be available for online registrations by the end of November. Channu asked Jagadeesh to make sure that the contents from the previous conventions are not deleted or over-written, MD chapter should create a new folder. He suggested working with Basavaraj Mannikeri and copying him on emails for this project.
 - v) Next meeting: November end.
- 8) **Basaveshwara Statue Project update:** Irappa Arabhavi said that we have received \$6,205 as of 11/8/15. There are 14 donors. Guru Bale has donated directly to the foundation. Guru Bale, Ratna Bale, and Channu Kambalyal will be attending in person on November 14th. It will be broadcasted live on TV9.
- 9) **Financial status update: by Irappa Arabhavi:** No change from last month. In summary: We have nine life members, 11 annual members, and 15 members for Matrimonial site.
- 10) **VIRC-Newsletter Committee:** Shrishail Hadimani, Yuvaraj Patil, Sajjan Shiva, Rohini Mensinkai, Supriya Antin, Channu Kambalyal and Laxmi Hiremath

- i) Yuvaraj Patil proposed Shrishail Hadimani as the elected Director of VIRC to be accepted by BOD; seconded by Shivappa Palled.
 - ii) Shrishail updated that the committee has got verbal commitment from book vendors for about 25 books in soft copy to be included on our Website. He plans to meet with a few of them personally when he visits India.
 - iii) Supriya Antin will continue as the editor in chief for Newsletter, Baandhavya. The next Newsletter to be sent by the end of this month.
 - iv) The committee is working on putting guidelines for author and article selection.
- 11) 2017-Convention Readiness: Updated by Mamatha Hirannaiah
 GA is willing to explore the option of hosting in 2017, but dependent on Navika Convention site in 2017. Laxmi Hiremath said that we should not be threatened by any other organization, and we at the central level should encourage the chapters to host conventions. Shivappa Palled reminded that the last conventions held in Atlanta were hosted jointly by GA, FL, NC, AL, and TN. Channu suggested a phone call in the next two weeks with GA and NC chapter leadership, to consider a joint Convention in 2017.
- 12) 2018-Convention Readiness: Sanjeev (Detroit) updated that he will bring this topic up during Deepavali function. He will provide an update in the next BOD meeting.
- 13) By-Law Committee & Progress: The last meeting was poorly attended and decisions could not be taken. Laxmi reminded that Nagabhushana wanted to drop out of the committee; Doddmani suggested Channu to find a replacement quickly. Channu said that he would schedule a meeting invite in the next few weeks, and pleaded all to attend.
- 14) Welcome Kit: The committee has received some feedback, now the committee will work on them to finalize.
- 15) 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.
- 16) Website update:
 Mamatha updated that Matrimonial website has been updated and tested. A check of \$150 will be sent to Muthu Hiremath from money collected through the Matrimonial website. Uma Sajjan and the committee have decided to extend all memberships till end of 2016, as the website was not functioning for a few months this year.
- 17) Rejuvenate Local Chapters: Shrishail is collecting information from chapters currently; he will provide an update later on. Suggestions:
- i) Doddamani suggested that chapter presidents should circulate hard copies of BOD and BOR meeting minutes on official VSNA letterhead in monthly meetings. This may help bridge the gap between central VSNA and chapter levels. Yuvaraj Patil took the task of summarizing on one page to send to all Chapter Presidents with VSNA highlights. Suggested frequency: monthly or once every two months.
 - ii) To encourage chapter presidents to attend BOD meetings: Doddamani suggested that elected BOD members to remind the chapter presidents to attend. Channu suggested Leena to send a reminder to those Presidents who did not attend to either attend or nominate a representative from the chapter. Laxmi suggested that we need to give the chapter presidents a forum to speak during the BOD meeting. Channu said that we will provide ten minutes to a few chapter presidents to present in each meeting as “voice of the chapters” from the next BOD meeting.
- 18) 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, January 10, 2015.