



# Central VSNA Agenda for 2015 – 2016

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# 1. Introduction

The plan of action for the years - 2015 and 2016 is outlined in this document for reference by all Central VSNA office-bearers, BOD and BOR members and local chapter presidents. The goal is to capture all ideas in one document and plan so that every member is given the opportunity to actively contribute towards building the organization to fulfill its mission - *“preserve, protect and promote the philosophy of Basava and his contemporaries”*.

In the following sections, 12 major activities are identified. Each activity contains a defined objective to focus on. The tasks required to fulfil the objective are outlined. Several members are tentatively assigned. Any BOD, BOR or non-elected members are welcome to become part of the work groups or change to different work-groups based on their interest.

This document will be a living document and will be updated based on feedback from participants.

## 2. Official Communication

### 2.1. Objective

- Improve Central VSNA communication across all members – life-members, annual-members, local chapter members and prospective members across North America and patrons around the world.

### 2.2. Tasks Identified

- Central VSNA President to send out a monthly communication summarizing the key activities of the month directly to all members and prospective members via email.
- Central VSNA Secretary to send out official notifications to BOD and BOR members as and when required. This includes call for BOD meetings, elections, publication of quarterly newsletters and so on.
- Central VSNA to send out a quarterly newsletter containing articles and information about VSNA and highlights of organizations around the world with same mission.
- All Chapter Presidents to send quarterly updates to Newsletter Editorial group for publication in Newsletter.
- Monitor accuracy and up-to-date information on Web Site and social media, and inform web-site work group for any changes that may be required.

### 2.3. Communications Work Group

- Channu Kambalyal (IL)– Lead - General Monthly & all other important messages
- Mamatha Hirannaiah (GA) - Same above
- Leena Paul (MD) - BOD & Newsletter Notification
- Irappa Arabhavi (MA) - Finance related communication

### 3. Ten Year - Annual Conventions Readiness

#### 3.1. Objective

- Create a 10 year plan/chart showing chronology of annual conventions in consultation with local chapters. Communicate the plan to all local chapter leaders for them to motivate and mobilize other local chapter members.

#### 3.2. Tasks Identified

- Create a [chart of past convention with year](#), number of times the local chapter hosted and tentatively assign chapter(s) for the next 10 year conventions. See Appendix 14.2 for a draft chart.
- Discuss with local chapter office-bearers and motivated local chapter members for the feedback on the possibility of hosting conventions in the assigned year. Make necessary changes to accommodate suggestions from hosting chapters.
- Focus more on the plan for the next 3 years and obtain a written commitment from local chapter presidents to host convention in the assigned year.

#### 3.3. Conventions Strategic Planning Work Group

Channu Kambalyal (IL)	BOD-Lead
Laxmi Hiremath (CA-N)	BOR-Lead
Mamatha Hirannaiah (GA)	BOD
Yuvaraj Patil (Toronto)	BOD
Dada Patil (CA-S)	BOR
Basu Mudenur (NE)	Volunteer
Basavaraj Patil (TX-N)	Volunteer
Prabhu Patil (TX)	Volunteer
Mallikarjun Nalawadi (IL)	Volunteer
Anu Benakatti (TX-N)	Volunteer

### 4. Annual Convention Advisory

#### 4.1. Objective

- Ensure the 2015 and 2016 conventions are planned better based on the convention guide and feedback from past attendees. Work closely with convention committees. Guide the convention team for a balanced budget (preferably a surplus budget to overcome past and future financial setbacks).

#### 4.2. Tasks Identified

- Gather information provided in the [Convention Guide prepared earlier](#).
- Update the document based on feedback from past attendees.
- Communicate and closely monitor activities of the convention committee.
- Central VSNA to notify and coordinate Convention guests to other local chapters.

#### 4.3. Convention Advisory Work Group

Yuvaraj Patil (Toronto)	BOD-Lead
Jayashree Jagadeesh (MD)	BOR-Lead
Neetha Dhananjaya (IL)	BOD

Channu Kambalyal (IL)	BOD
Dada Patil (CA-S)	BOR
Jayashree Jagadeesh (MD)	BOR
Laxmi Hiremath (CA-N)	BOR
Basavaraj Patil (TX-N)	Volunteer
Anu Benakatti (TX-N)	Volunteer
Jyoti Biradar (TX-S)	Volunteer
Basu Mudenur (NE)	Volunteer
Guruswamy Ayya (VA)	Volunteer
Nandish Dhananjaya (IL)	Volunteer

## 5. Web-Site and Social Media (WebEx, Facebook, etc.)

### 5.1. Objective

- Consolidate and maintain VSNA web-site(s) and ensure all chapter pages are up-to-date.

### 5.2. Tasks Identified

- Advertise widely the [VSNA.ORG web-site](http://VSNA.ORG) and its contents for all members to be aware of the information being published.
- Update web content with up-to-date information.
- Consolidate vsna.org and vsnaconvention.com into one site.
- Add functionality of login & update to their contact info.
- Identify a hosting provider that suites VSNA needs.
- Administer users' access by providing access to all chapter presidents or their assignees and disable or remove inactive users.
- Improve, Consolidate, and link all social media sites – Facebook, Mobile Apps, etc.

### 5.3. Web-Site Work Group

Web-Site and Social Media	Mamatha Hirannaiah (GA)	BOD-Lead
Web-Site and Social Media	Channu Kambalyal (IL)	BOD
Web-Site and Social Media	Vinay Hiremath (MI) – Youth	Tech-Volunteer
Web-Site and Social Media	Raj Deverashetty (FL)	Tech-Volunteer
Web-Site and Social Media	Shanthu Kere (TX)	Tech-Volunteer
Web-Site and Social Media	Amruthraj Belaldavar (TX)	Tech-Volunteer
Web-Site and Social Media	Murugesh Patil (IL)	Tech-Volunteer
Web-Site and Social Media	Jagadeesh Halyal (TX-S)	Volunteer
Web-Site and Social Media	Sajjan Siva – Content Contributor	Volunteer
Web-Site and Social Media	Mrutunjay Hiremath (CA-C)	BOD
Web-Site and Social Media	Uma Sajjan (MI)	BOR-Lead
Web-Site and Social Media	Basu Mudenur (NE)	Volunteer
Web-Site and Social Media	Suraj Kurtakoti (CT)	BOD
Web-Site and Social Media	All local chapter presidents or rep.	BOD

## 6. Newsletter – Baandhavya & Spiritual Communication

### 6.1. Objective

- Publish quality newsletter every quarter with news coverage from across all local chapters, Central VSNA, India and rest of the world.

### 6.2. Tasks Identified

- Gather news from local chapters, Central VSNA and rest of the world.
- Improve newsletter content.
- Document newsletters.
- Circulate newsletters to all members and patrons.
- Publish on VSNA.ORG.

### 6.3. Newsletter Work Group

Channu Kambalyal (IL)	BOD-Lead
Laxmi Hiremath (CA-N)	BOR-Lead
Yuvaraj Patil (Toronto)	BOD
Mamatha Hirannaiah (GA)	BOD
Leena Paul (MD)	BOD
Supriya Antin Kaddargi (IL)	Volunteer
Linga Raju – Contributor	Volunteer
Savitha Mandi (CA-S)	Volunteer
All local chapter presidents	Volunteer

## 7. Rejuvenate Local Chapters

### 7.1. Objective

- Rejuvenate local chapters that need help in organizing local events by providing ideas and tools to motivate members and organize better.

### 7.2. Tasks Identified

- Identify chapters that are well organized, and not so well organized.
- Identify key ideas that may be incorporated in chapters that need help.
- Prepare a presentation with guidelines for chapters to follow.
- Circulate the guidelines and discuss with local chapters the progress.
- Publish changes and improvements of each chapter in quarterly newsletter.

### 7.3. Rejuvenate Local Chapters Work Group

Rejuvenate Local Chapters	Channu Kambalyal (IL)	BOD
Rejuvenate Local Chapters	Nayantara Swamy (FL)	BOD
Rejuvenate Local Chapters	Rajiv Kumar (IL)	BOR
Rejuvenate Local Chapters	Neetha Dhananjaya (IL)	BOD
Rejuvenate Local Chapters	Rohini Menasinakai (Toronto)	BOR
Rejuvenate Local Chapters	Jayashree Jagadeesh (MD)	BOR
Rejuvenate Local Chapters	Laxmi Hiremath (CA-N)	BOR
Rejuvenate Local Chapters	Jagadeesh Halyal (TX-S)	BOD
Rejuvenate Local Chapters	Yuvaraj Patil (Toronto)	BOD



Rejuvenate Local Chapters	Basu Mudenur (NE)	Volunteer
Rejuvenate Local Chapters	Suraj Kurtakoti (CT)	BOD
Rejuvenate Local Chapters	Mahesh Rajaghatta (GA)	BOD
Rejuvenate Local Chapters	Savitha Mandi (CA-S)	Volunteer
Rejuvenate Local Chapters	Shivaraj Bhujange (NJ)	Volunteer
Rejuvenate Local Chapters	Raj Galagali (VA)	BOD
Rejuvenate Local Chapters	Anuradha Burji (CA)	Volunteer
Rejuvenate Local Chapters	All local chapter presidents	BOD

## 8. Youth Participation

### 8.1. Objective

- Mobilize youth activities in local chapters and central organization. Take feedback from youth to ensure their views are considered in all activities.

### 8.2. Tasks Identified

- Leverage existing youth clubs - <http://Dasoha.org> , <http://Facebook.com> or any other.
- Invite Youth leader to BOD meetings
- Gather feedback from youth communicating with them directly in person, via email or social media.
- Provide feedback with action items to BOD and BOR.
- Ensure these are incorporated in all activities.

### 8.3. Youth Involvement Work Group

Leena Paul (MD)	BOD-Lead
Rajiv Kumar (IL)	BOR-Lead
Laxmi Hiremath (CA-N)	BOR
Nayantara Swamy (FL)	BOD

Suggested youth:

- Satish Suresh (IL) – Youth
- Ms. D’Souza (NY) – Youth
- Mangaladevi Patil (NJ) - Youth
- Neel Kotrappa (CA-S) – Youth
- Amogh Kambalyal (IL) - Youth
- Anuj Kambalyal (IL) – Youth

## 9. Accounting & Investment Management

### 9.1. Objective

- Carryout accounting and investment management to ensure all financial records are up-to-date and the VSNA assets are protected and invested in safe and sound investment plans.

### 9.2. Tasks Identified

- Carryout accounting – Work of the treasurer
- Provide a quarterly report of accounting to BOD – Work of a treasurer

- Discuss with other members of this group on investment management to ensure VSNA assets are protected and invested in safe and sound investment plans.
- Summarize in an Audit Document with help from assigned paid Accounts professional.
- Prepare a presentation for circulation to members at the convention.

### 9.3. Accounting & Investment Management

Investment Management	Irappa Arabhavi (NE)	BOD-Lead
Investment Management	Channu Kambalyal (IL)	BOD
Investment Management	Prabhu Patil (TX)	Former President
Investment Management	Somashekhar Pallegar (FL)	Former President
Investment Management	B.S. Nanjundappa (PA)	BOD

## 10. Audit Committee

### 10.1. Objective

- Audit VSNA accounts every 6 months to ensure VSNA accounts are audited

### 10.2. Tasks Identified

- Audit income and expenses, and the balances in various bank and investment accounts.
- Summarize in an Audit Document with help from assigned paid Accounts professional.
- Prepare a document for circulation to members at the convention.
- The treasurer of the account period provides the data

### 10.3. Audit Committee

Audit Committee	Irappa Arabhavi (NE)	BOD – Lead 2015
Audit Committee	B.S. Nanjundappa (PA)	BOD – Lead 2016
Audit Committee	Rajiv Kumar (IL)	BOR
Audit Committee	Mamatha Hirannaiah (GA)	BOD
Audit Committee	Somashekhar Pallegar (FL)	Volunteer

## 11. Election Committee

### 11.1. Objective

- Ensure all vacancies are filed as per bylaws, and conduct election process as needed.

### 11.2. Tasks Identified

- Become familiar with election process as per bylaws.
- Call for nominations based on need.
- Verify eligibility of members.
- Announce the nominations soon after end date for nomination.
- Call for withdrawal, if there are more nominations.
- Put nominations for vote if nominations exceed the number of vacancies.
- Send list of elected members to BOD for final approval.

### 11.3. Election – Committee

- Thej Kartal (MI) – Former VSNA Secretary
- Chandra Mauli (IL) – Former VSNA Vice-President
- Latha Mallikarjun (PA) – Former VSNA Treasurer

## 12. Bylaw Committee

### 12.1. Objective

- Ensure bylaws are reviewed based on recommendations from 2013-14 task group, feedback from current BOD and BOR members. Educate BOD & BOR on recommended bylaw changes, if any.

### 12.2. Tasks Identified

- Review recommendations from previous task group.
- Take suggestions and feedback from VSNA Members, BOD, BOR members.
- Formulate amendments to bylaws as required.
- Educate BOD and BOR on the proposed changes, if any.
- Submit final bylaws to BOD for sending out to general body for approval.

### 12.3. Bylaw Committee

- Prabhu Patil (TX) - Former VSNA President
- Prema Shankar (OH) - Former VSNA President
- Nagabhushana Malakla (CA) - Former VSNA President

## 13. Life-Membership Drive & Dasoha

### 13.1. Objective

- Mobilize non-life members to become life-members. Goal is to increase membership by about 50 or more in the next 2 years.

### 13.2. Tasks Identified

- Start with ensuring local chapter presidents to be life-members of VSNA.
- Communicate effectively with members the mission of VSNA, and the how their membership will help their next generation in this diverse cultural environment by being actively involved in VSNA as life-members.

### 13.3. Membership Drive, Dasoha & Fund Rising Work Group

Life-Membership Drive	Nayantara Swamy (FL)	BOD
Life-Membership Drive	Rajiv Kumar (IL)	BOR
Life-Membership Drive	Neetha Dhananjaya (IL)	BOD
Life-Membership Drive	Yuvaraj Patil (Toronto)	BOD
Life-Membership Drive	Rohini Menasinakai (Toronto)	BOR
Life-Membership Drive	Jagadeesh Halyal (TX-S)	BOD
Life-Membership Drive	Basu Mudenur (NE)	Volunteer

Life-Membership Drive	Laxmi Hiremath (CA-N)	BOR
Life-Membership Drive	Jayashree Jagadeesh (MD)	BOR
Life-Membership Drive	Suraj Kurtakoti (CT)	BOD
Life-Membership Drive	Mahesh Rajaghatta (GA)	BOD
Life-Membership Drive	Raj Galagali (VA)	BOD
Life-Membership Drive	Channu Kambalyal (IL)	BOD
Life-Membership Drive	Savitha Mandi (CA-S)	Volunteer
Life-Membership Drive	Shivaraj Bhujange (NJ)	Volunteer
Life-Membership Drive	Anuradha Burji (CA)	Volunteer
Life-Membership Drive	All local chapter presidents	BOD

## 14. Scholarship Fundraising

### 14.1. Objective

- Mobilize funds for annual scholarships.

### 14.2. Tasks Identified

- Identify potential donors for VSNA scholarships.
- Solicit members and patrons for '*dhana dasoha*' towards VSNA scholarships.

### 14.3. Scholarship Fundraising Work Group

Dada Patil (CA-S)	BOR-Lead
Yuvaraj Patil (Toronto)	BOD
Jayashree Jagadeesh (MD)	BOR
Vijay Kotrappa (CA-S)	Volunteer

## 15. Welcome Kit, Brochures and Guidelines Documents

### 15.1. Objective

- Prepare a welcome kit for new life-members, BOD and BOR members, based on past documents.

### 15.2. Tasks Identified

- Gather all existing documents, and update with latest information.
- Have sets for printing welcome kits or get them printed with budget approval from BOD.
- Distribute to new members starting from 2013 (?).

### 15.3. Welcome Kit & Documents Work Group

Irappa Arabhavi (NE)	BOD-Lead
Shylendra Kumar (NE)	BOR-Lead
Vijay Kumar Goud (NJ)	BOD
Channu Kambalyal (IL)	BOD
Rohini Menasinakai (Toronto)	BOR

## 16. Awards Committee

### 16.1. Objective

- Carryout notifications, selections and recommend annual VSNA awards.

### 16.2. Tasks Identified

- Carryout notifications, selections and recommend annual VSNA awards to BOR and to BOD (after BOR approval) in the following categories:
  - VSNA Professional Achievement Award
  - VSNA Outstanding Service Award
  - VSNA Outstanding Women's Award
  - VSNA Outstanding Service Youth Award
  - VSNA Scholarship Award.
- Obtain necessary funding from BOD for above nominations
- Get plaques made for above awardees.
- Announce awardees in the annual conventions.

### 16.3. Awards Committee Work Group

- Vijay Aivalli (Toronto) – BOD – Lead
- Dada Patil (CA) – BOR – Lead
- Sajjan Shiva (TN)
- Anuradha Burji (CA)

## 17. Appendix – A – Data References

### 17.1. 2015-2016 BOD & BOR Members List

#### 1.1.1. BOD Members elected for 2 years term starting 1-1-2015

1	Channu Kambalyal	President	IL
2	Mamatha Hirannaiah	Vice President	GA
3	Leena K. Paul	Secretary	MD
4	Irappa Arabhavi	Treasurer	MA
5	B.S. Nanjundappa	Member	PA
6	Neetha Dhananjaya	Member	IL
7	Nayantara Swamy	Member	FL
8	Yuvaraj Patil	Member	Toronto
9	Vacant(*)		
10	Vacant(*)		

#### 1.1.2. BOR Members elected for 2 years term starting 1-1-2015

1	Laxmi Hiremath – BOR Chair	2015 - 2016	CA
2	Rajeev Kumar	2013 - 2016	IL
3	Dada Patil	2013 - 2016	CA
4	Uma Sajjan	2015 - 2018	MI
5	Shylendra Kumar	2015 - 2018	MA
6	Jayashree Jagadeesh	2015 - 2018	MD
7	Rohini Mensinkai	2015 - 2018	Toronto

#### 1.1.3. Local Chapter Presidents for 2015-2016 as of December 21, 2014

S. No.	VSNA Chapter Name	Chapter President	Membership Info
1	Alabama	Shivashankar Tumkur	Life-Member
2	California-Central	Mrutunjay Hiremath	Life-Member
3	California-North	Renuka Puttappa	???
4	California-South	Manu Swamy	???
5	Chicago (Illinois & Wisconsin)	Kishore Channabasavaiah	Life-Member

6	Connecticut	Suraj Kurtakoti	???
7	Florida	Girish Budibetta	???
8	Georgia	Mahesh Rajaghatta	Life-Member
9	Maryland	Savitha Shivananda	???
10	Michigan (Detroit)	Sanjeev Mungarwadi	???
11	New England	N. B. Patil	???
12	New York	Shiva Patil	Life-Member
13	North Carolina	Ashwini Koratagere	???
14	Ohio	Rashmi Naikar	???
15	Pittsburgh	Kevin Gangadhar	???
16	Tennessee	K. P. Channabasappa	Life-Member
17	Texas-North	Anu Benakatti	???
18	Texas-South (Houston)	Jagadeesh Halyal	???
19	Toronto	Vijay Aivalli	Life-Member
20	Washington DC & Virginia	Raj Galagali	???
21	West Virginia	Vivek Neginhal	???

## 17.2. Annual Conventions 1978-To-Date Summary

No.	VSNA Chapter	Number of times hosted	Latest Year(s)	Remarks
1	Alabama			Too small
2	California - Central	1	2012	
3	California - North	3	2008, 2012	
4	California - South	2	2012	
5	Chicago (IL & WI)	3	2009	
6	Detroit - Michigan	4	2007	
7	D.C. and Virginia	3	1998	
8	Florida	2	2006, 2013	
9	Georgia	2	2004	
10	Maryland	3	2005	
11	North Carolina			?
12	New England	1	2011	
13	New York	4	2003	
14	Ohio	2	2002	
15	Pittsburg - PA	2	1996	
16	Tennessee			Too small
17	Texas - North (Dallas)	1	2014	
18	Texas - South (Houston)			New
19	Toronto (Canada)	4	2010	
20	West Virginia			Too small
21	Connecticut			New

Convention hosting chapter list arranged in chronological order:

No.	VSNA Chapter	Proposed Year	Last Held
1	New York	2015	2003
2	Maryland	2016-Confirmed	2005
3	Georgia	2017?	2004
	Detroit	2017?	2007
4	Pittsburg - PA	2018?	1996
	D.C. and Virginia	2018?	1998
	Ohio	2018?	2002
5	Chicago (IL & WI)	2019	2009
6	Toronto (Canada)	2020	2010
7	New England	2021	2011
	Connecticut	2021?	None
8	California - Central	2022	2012
	California - North		2012
	California - South		2012
9	Florida	2023	2013
10	Texas - North (Dallas)	2024?	2014
	Texas - South (Houston)	2024?	None

17.3. Bylaw Extract for - Quorum in a BOD Meeting

- No less than 60% of the elected BOD =  $(10-2) * (2/3) = 6$  Elected BOD Members OR
- $1/3^{\text{rd}}$  the total directors =  $(10 + 21) * (1/3) = 11$  Total BOD

17.4. Bylaw Extract for - BOD Membership for Chapter President

- Article III – Section 1 – Life Member and Regular Members shall be voting members.
- Article VIII – Section 4 – “...No person shall be elected as Local Chapter President ...without fulfilling the requirement of an elected BOD and/or office holder of corporation....”.

17.5. Bylaw Extract for - BOD Membership for Chapter President

- Article III – Section 1 – Life Member and Regular Members shall be voting members.
- Article VIII – Section 4 – “...No person shall be elected as Local Chapter President ...without fulfilling the requirement of an elected BOD and/or office holder of corporation....”.

18. Appendix – B – Feedback, Questions, Answers, Clarifications

18.1. Clarifications about Bylaw Committee

Every member including 2013-14 task group along with their report can be part of Bylaw 'suggestions group' and any one can give suggestions to 'Bylaw committee'. The committee work is to genuinely look at all suggestions and carefully word it into VSNA bylaws. There could also be few Q & A session for each amendment for anyone to attend. When all questions are answered and amendments agreed, the



amendment comes to BOD for approval. The amendments may come in parts so that they can be passed quickly. Where there are differences, they can be taken up later. We need to see quick results rather than time-consuming discussions.

No one should assume that the previous task group is being bypassed or their efforts not respected. They have done tremendous job and highly appreciated. As said earlier, the above committee work is to implement it into bylaws, where there is merit.