



## VSNA BOD Meetings Minutes

Date: Sunday, January 10, 2016

### **Attendees:**

**Elected BOD Members:** Channu Kambalyal, Mamatha Hirannaiah, Leena Paul, Irappa Arabhavi, Shivappa Palled, Shrishail Hadimani, Neetha Dhananjaya

**Nominated BOD Members:** Girish Budibetta (FL), Sanjeev Mungaravadi (MI), Jayashree Jagadeesh (for Savitha Shivananda-MD), N.B Patil (NE), Ashwini Koratagere (NC), Vidya Kondajji (TX-N), Vijaykumar Mallanagouda (Toronto), Anand Parakal (DC-VA)

**Invitees:** Somshekhar Munavalli (for G. Doddamani -Advisory Committee chair), Laxmi Hiremath (BOR Chair), Akkama (S. CA), MD Convention team: G. Jagadeesh, Shashidar Nagenalli, Shivkumar Jolad

### **Meeting Notes:**

- 1) Roll Call by Leena Paul- Quorum verified.
- 2) Prayer with a Vachana led by Shrishail Hadimani
- 3) Approval of Agenda: No objections
- 4) Approval of November meeting minutes: Proposed by Shivappa Palled; seconded by Mamatha Hirannaiah
- 5) December meeting minutes: As quorum was not, meeting notes do not need to be approved.
- 6) BOR Updates: Laxmi Hiremath updated: BOR quorum was not met for December meeting; no further updates
- 7) Moment of silence for Dr. Justice Vijaykumar S Malimath: Girish Budibetta summarized: Former Chief Justice of the Karnataka and Kerala High Courts, Chairman Central Administrative Tribunal, Human Rights Commission, and current Chairman of the Karnataka Border Protection Commission. Justice Vijaykumar S Malimath passed away on Dec 22 2015.
- 8) 2016 Australia Sharana Sammelana: Akkama summarized: Sammelana is a one day free event on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, with four packages available at discounts. They are giving 5-8 min to VSNA to present, an opportunity for a banner ad, and one page Ad in their Souvenir. Through donations of \$100 from S.CA, and \$1,000 from Akkama, VSNA is going to be represented. She encouraged all VSNA members to attend. For BOD approval: Shrlshail Hadimani proposed Akkama to be the VSNA representative at the 2016 Australia Sammelana. It was seconded by Shivappa Palled. Channu requested Akkama to also observe and report back on the Convention activities, food, finances etc.
- 9) Voice of the Local Chapters: Detroit and Texas chapter collect central VSNA dues every dues, which needs to be initiated by other chapters. Channu appealed to all Chapter Presidents to make an announcement during the first chapter meeting to collect funds for Central VSNA.
  - a) FL Chapter: Girish Budibetta: Other than the usual events in 2016, FL chapter is organizing a camping event in the Fall 2016 and have raised funds to donate to organizations in India—details will be published in the Newsletter.
  - b) Toronto Chapter: Vijaykumar Mallanagouda: Had many events in 2015 and will update more after the upcoming event is Shivrathri.
  - c) NE Chapter: N.B Patil: They collected \$4,000 towards Dasoha in 2015 which was used for all chapter events and participate in Soup Kitchen in December. During Diwali function they had many cultural programs to attract members. VSNE Basava Jayanthi event is open to all VSNE and non-VSNE members.
  - d) Texas-North Chapter: Vidya Kondajji updated: Other than the usual events through the year, they have started a discussion forum between kids and adults. Diwali open to all in Dallas.
  - e) VA-DC Chapter: Anand Parakal: The chapter plans to contribute as Dasoha to a school in Davangere- Rashmi-for underprivileged kids.
  - f) Central VSNA level Dasoha funds: Channu wants to take that project for 2016 to collect funds and be able to help the local chapters when needed. We can also send emails to all VSNA members to help collect funds.
- 10) 2015 VSNA Convention Budget: Channu Kambalyal updated: They have a budget has been balanced, receipts for donations will be sent soon to all the sponsors.

- 11) 2016 Convention Preparation: G. Jagadeesh updated as follows:
- i) All packages are available Online for registration on [www.vснаconvention.com](http://www.vснаconvention.com). He appealed all BOD members and chapter presidents to circulate the brochures to their members and help buy the packages.
  - ii) Monthly Newsletter-ChennuDi will be distributed through Central VSNA and Chapter Presidents to talk about the convention activities. January one is published and circulated to all.
  - iii) Swamijis and Dignitaries: Paramapoojya Sree Siddeshwara Swamiji of Jnana Yogashrama, Vijayapura, His Holiness Jagadguru Sree Sree Desikendara Ma-haswamiji of Suttur Mutt, Mysore, and His Holiness Sree Sree Siddalinga Swamiji of Siddaganga Gurukula, Tumkur, have agreed to deliver benedictions (□□□□□□□□). Shri Babasaheb Kalyani (Chairman and MD, Bharat Forge Ltd., Pune) and Dr. Shivananda Jaamdar, IAS (Former Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Karnataka) have graciously agreed to attend the convention and deliver keynote address.
  - iv) Youth Committee has many programs for the youth to have their own parallel activities.
  - v) MD chapter plans to attend other chapters' events either in person or through Skype. He will be visiting Chicago chapter in this month
  - vi) Irappa Arabhavi updated that based on year end reports of Convention Trust Fund, about \$16K will be available for MD chapter towards the Convention. Jagadeesh thanked for the \$10,000 seed money sent already, and appreciated the balance.
  - vii) Channu Kambalyal, Irappa Arabhavi, M.B. Patil, Mamatha Hirannaiah, Shivappa Palled, Neetha Dhananjaya committed to attend and buy a package.
- 12) Financial status update: by Irappa Arabhavi:  
Appealed to all Chapter Presidents to send their financial reports by March. Central VSNA report attached.
- 13) VIRC-Newsletter Committee:
- i) Update by Shrishail Hadimani, after his India trip; Shrishail to obtain publishers of Sharana philosophy soft copies, 44 books; Vachana book online 23 books online, no royalty.
  - ii) The committee is working on putting guidelines for author and article selection.
- 14) 2017-Convention Readiness: Updated by Mamatha Hirannaiah  
Sangeeta Patil has sent a survey out to all chapter members, and decision will be made in the next two weeks regarding hosting the Convention. Channu will initiate a call to talk with GA chapter soon. Laxmi added that convention needs to go on, and if GA cannot host, we need to find an alternate chapter to host the convention. Channu iterated that considering the ten year cycle, GA should consider.
- 15) 2018-Convention Readiness: Sanjeev (Detroit) updated that he will bring this topic up again in March meeting. He will provide an update in the next BOD meeting.
- 16) By-Law Committee & Progress: Had finalized the recommendations. Any modifications will be done among BOD brain storming sessions soon. A new article has been included: Central VSNA will be morally support, but not involved in any day to day activities of any regional organizations where real estate is involved. Regional Centers would work independently. Laxmi also iterated that due to conflict of interest, we should not have VSNA officers not to take similar roles in both the organizations.
- 17) Welcome Kit: The committee has finalized and pdf will be sent to all chapter presidents.
- 18) Convention Trust Fund: Notification will be sent out periodically.
- 19) Website update: Our website is having problems, and Channu is working with vendors to upgrade. Shiva Kumar Jolad from MD chapter is helping out.
- 20) Channu thanked the outgoing Chapter Presidents: Raj Galagali – VA, Mahesh Rajaghatta-GA, Suraj Kurtakoti-CT and welcomed the new Chapter Presidents: Anand Parakal-VA, Sangeeta Patil-GA, Suma Basant-CT
- 21) Clarification Related to IBC Notifications: IBC notification went out from IBC-it was not endorsed by VSNA. A concern regarding Irappa's role as treasurer in IBC and VSNA: Irappa's his term at IBC ended in Dec 2015, and Channu assured that Irappa's work was not compromised in any way. He will continue his role in 2016 as VSNA treasurer. The election committee will modify the election form to gather information if any office bearers also hold position in other Veerashiava/Basava philosophy related organizations. All questions were clarified.
- 22) 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, February 14th, 2016.