



## VSNA BOD Meetings Minutes

Date: Sunday, February 14, 2016

### Attendees:

Elected BOD Members: Channu Kambalyal, Leena Paul, Nayantara Swamy, Shivappa Palled, Shrishail Hadimani

Nominated BOD Members: Kishore Channabasavaiah (IL & WI), Girish Budibetta (FL), Savitha Shivananda (MD), Kevin Gangadhar (Pittsburg), Vijaykumar Mallanagouda (Toronto), Anand Parakal (DC-VA)

Invitees: Laxmi Hiremath (BOR Chair), Jayashree Jagadeesh (BOR), MD Convention team: G. Jagadeesh, Shashidar Nagenalli, Tarakesh Siddalingiah

### Meeting Notes:

- 1) Roll Call by Leena Paul- Quorum verified.
- 2) Prayer with a Vachana led by Shrishail Hadimani
- 3) Obituary and moment of silence for Shiva Sajjan: led by Vijay Kumar. VSNA will remember Shiva Sajjan as an active member of VSNA-NY community and will be missed tremendously.
- 4) Approval of Agenda: No objections
- 5) Welcome to New Presidents: Channu welcomed Kallesh Kumar (N.CA), Suma Basant (CT), Sangeeta Patil (GA), Harish Hiremath (Texas-S), Anand Parakal (VA & DC)
- 6) Approval of January meeting minutes: Proposed by Shivappa Palled; seconded by Shrishail Hadimani
- 7) BOR Updates: Laxmi Hiremath updated:
  - a) Matrimonial: 20 registrants to date
  - b) Dada Patil has suggested Sharana festivals in lieu of celebrations of Hindu festivals. Basava Jayanthi should be celebrated in a large scale inviting people of other communities, one event should be associated with Dasoha or community service, meetings should include Vachana recital with meanings, Sharana story etc. Veerashiva philosophy must be given highest priority in each gathering.
  - c) Channu Kambalyal said that per Mallikarjun Nalawadi and Shrishail Hadimani, following Sharana celebrations has been suggested:

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| January                 | - Sankranti Function to be named Siddharama Jayanti |
| February                | - Shivarathri Function - Devara Dasimayya Jayanti   |
| April                   | - Ugadi Function - Allama Prabhu Jayanti            |
| May                     | - Basava Jayanti                                    |
| July - Picnic           | - Akkamahadevi Jayanti                              |
| Sep -Ganesha Chaturthi- | Madivala Machideva Jayanti                          |
| Nov-Deepavali           | - Channabasavanna Jayanti                           |
  - d) Jayashree Jagadeesh added that MD chapter already celebrates various Sharana Jayanti currently.
- 8) Voice of the Local Chapters:
  - a) Toronto Chapter: Vijaykumar Mallanagouda: Had many events in 2015 and will update more after the upcoming event is Shivarathri.
  - b) VA-DC Chapter: Anand Parakal: The chapter plans to contribute as Dasoha to a school in Davangere- Rashmi-for underprivileged kids.
  - c) Pittsburg Chapter: Kevin Gangadhar updated with activities in the chapter. He would like to have a video presentation from Central VSNA outlining activities and events.
  - d) Channu suggested to collect memberships for central VSNA—Life membership, or regular membership
- 9) 2015 VSNA Convention Budget: Channu Kambalyal updated: They have a budget has been balanced.
- 10) 2016 Convention Preparation: G. Jagadeesh updated as follows:
  - i) All packages are available Online for registration on [www.vsnaconvention.com](http://www.vsnaconvention.com). He appealed all BOD members and chapter presidents to circulate the brochures to their members and help buy the packages.
  - ii) Currently: 150 registrants; Target: 700.
  - iii) Monthly Newsletter-ChennuDi will be distributed through Central VSNA and Chapter Presidents to talk about the convention activities. January and February issues are published and circulated to all.

- iv) Swamijis and Dignitaries: Paramapoojya Sree Siddeshwara Swamiji of Jnana Yogashrama, Vijayapura; His Holiness Jagadguru Sree Sree Desikendara Ma-haswamiji of Suttur Mutt, Mysore; His Holiness Sree Sree Siddalinga Swamiji of Siddaganga Gurukula, Tumkur; Shri Babasaheb Kalyani (Chairman and MD, Bharat Forge Ltd., Pune) and Dr. Shivananda Jaamdar, have graciously agreed to attend the convention and address.
  - v) Packages: Dasoha: \$5000, Kayaka: \$2200, Vachana \$1250, newly introduced Sharana for couples: \$990
  - vi) Attended Chicago chapter, in March and April: plan to meet VA/DC, NJ, and Boston
  - vii) MD chapter plans to attend other chapters' events either in person or through Skype.
  - viii) Channu appealed to all presidents to attend and spread the word to all chapter members. He suggested to have one youth convention chair to be appointed. Savitha and others said that they will select and decide in the next meeting.
- 11) Financial status update: by Channu Kambalyal:  
Appealed to all Chapter Presidents to send their financial reports by March.
- 12) Dasoha Notification: Anand from VA/DC will send an email to be forwarded to all.
- 13) VIRC-Newsletter Committee:
- i) Update by Shrishail Hadimani, first two books are being converted to formats to be down loaded; other books will follow after that
  - ii) He also requested articles for Baandhavya Newsletter.
- 14) 2017-Convention Readiness: Updated by Channu Kambalyal  
A meeting was set up to address any issues with GA chapter in a meeting on Feb 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Sangeeta Patil, Chapter president, had sent a survey to all chapter members—50% came back in favor of doing the convention, which is a great start. The issues raised were fund raising, attendance, food and venue availabilities (as there may be other events in Atlanta at the same time). GA chapter will come back in next 2-3 weeks with their decision.
- 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: Channu updated as one of the new By-Law will be to add a youth to central board. Nayantara Swamy pointed out that till this has to be approved by the By-Law committee first, then brought to BOD for approvals. Next meeting will be set for following week.
- 17) Election update: Thej Kartal (MI), Latha Mallikarjuna (PA), Chandramauli (IL) will be sending a form out soon.
- 18) Rejuvenate Local Chapter: Sharana Jayanthi
- 19) Website update: Shiva Kumar Jolad from MD chapter is helping out—work in progress
- 20) Opinion/feedback on Convention main guest: Neeraj Patil wants to attend the convention as an invited speaker in par with the other invited guests. The convention committee believes that it is hard give time for everyone to speak during the inauguration; moreover he has come in last two conventions as a speaker. We should honor him during the evening Cultural function, and if time permits allow him to speak in the evening. Nayantara, Laxmi, Shrishail and others left the decision to MD chapter to make that decision; and BOD will abide with the chapter decision.
- 21) Scholarship awards: Shivappa Palled updated that the essay topic has been selected; and will be sending it to Leena and Channu to send to all several times to all members. \$500 for first place and \$300 for second place in both HS and College category.
- 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, March 13th, 2016.