



## VSNA BOD Meetings Minutes

Date: Sunday, March 13, 2016

### Attendees:

Elected BOD Members: Channu Kambalyal, Mamatha Hirannaiah, Leena Paul, Neetha Dhananjaya, Nayantara Swamy, Yuvaraj Patil, Sajjan Shiva, Shivappa Palled

Nominated BOD Members: Girish Budibetta (FL), Savitha Shivananda (MD), NB Patil (NE)

Invitees: G. Doddamani (Advisory Committee chair), Dada Patil (BOR), Jayashree Jagadeesh (BOR), MD Convention team: G. Jagadeesh, Shashidar Nagenalli

### Meeting Notes:

- 1) Roll Call by Leena Paul- Quorum verified.
- 2) Prayer with a Vachana led by G. Jagadeesh
- 3) Approval of Agenda: No objections
- 4) Approval of February meeting minutes: Proposed by Mamatha Hirannaiah, Seconded by Shivappa Palled
- 5) BOR Updates: Dada Patil updated on behalf of Laxmi Hiremath:
  - a) By Laws revisions: BOR members are looking for more clarification on the items in the by-laws. Channu said that the By-Law committee has provided input and he has feedback from the attendees. He will draft out with all the changes and set up a call with BOR to finalize.
- 6) Voice of the Local Chapters:
  - a) FL Chapter: Girish Budibetta updated: Shivarathri on March 26<sup>th</sup> and Basava Jayanthi coming up.
  - b) MD Chapter: Savitha Shivananda: Yesterday was Shivarathri—many attended, and convention preparations are in full swing by the youth and adults.
  - c) NE Chapter: NB Patil: Looking forward to Shivarathri on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Seven families are committed from NE chapter to attend the convention
  - d) Alabama Chapter: Mamatha Hirannaiah: She attended their Shivarathri function which was attended by eight families. It looks like the chapter is rejuvenated.
  - e) GA Chapter: Mamatha Hirannaiah: Shivarathri function is upcoming, and will attend the meeting to talk about the convention in 2017.this evening.
  - f) IL Chapter: Neetha Dhananjaya: 150 people attended the Shivarathri function last evening; Lingu Pooja was conducted by Shrishail Hadimani. Kishore talked about the convention to everyone.
  - g) TN Chapter: Sajjan Shiva: TN chapter has not met, but will invite all to attend the convention
  - h) NC Chapter: Shivappa Palled: NC chapter -75 people-met yesterday for Shivarathri function; pooja was led by youth; professional yoga was invited and talk about the benefits; five youth spoke about nutrition, mental health and sleep. President shared the convention presentation with everyone.
  - i) S.CA Chapter: Dada Patil: Dasoha on March 26<sup>th</sup>—feed about 200 people in a homeless shelter.
- 7) 2016 Convention Preparation: G. Jagadeesh updated as follows:
  - i) About 120 people attended Shivarathri function yesterday. All the leads gave updates on progress in their committee to the general body.
  - ii) He has sent a presentation to all the chapter presidents to share in their chapters during the upcoming events. Skyped with Pittsburg yesterday
  - iii) Currently: 150 registrants; Target: 600-700.
  - iv) Monthly Newsletter-ChennuDi will be distributed through Central VSNA and Chapter Presidents to talk about the convention activities. January, February, and March issues are published and circulated to all.
  - v) Packages: Dasoha: \$5000, Kayaka: \$2200, Vachana \$1250, newly introduced Sharana for couples: \$990
  - vi) Website is updated with registration for youth tour, competitions, workshops, entertainment section, vegetable carving, Sharana dampathigalu, Vachana antakshari—please register
  - vii) Chapter is working in the program structure and a draft will be shared with BOD—Golf and youth tour on July 1<sup>st</sup>; two full day events on July 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - viii) Thoughts from BOD: Please provide prime time for the artists from India and provide ample time for the Swamijs and keynote speaker to speak. Beyond stage time: consider time on July 1<sup>st</sup> when others are in Golf

or in youth tour. Please don't schedule parallel sessions during general body meeting—Jagadeesh said there may be max of two or three parallel sessions at any time; during general body meeting, there will be only one parallel session. Neeraj Patil concern: Channu will communicate with him and respond accordingly, if needed.

- 8) Financial status update: by Channu Kambalyal:  
Appealed to all Chapter Presidents to send their financial reports by March.
- 9) VIRC-Newsletter Committee:
  - i) Update by Channu: Yuvaraj and Shrishail are working on first two books--they are being converted to formats to be down loaded; other books will follow after that
  - ii) Celebrate Sharana Jayanthis in lieu of festivals.
  - iii) Upon request by Shiva Sajjan, Yuvaraj Patil said that he will call for a meeting to share the happenings within VIRC.
- 10) 2017-Convention Readiness: Updated by Mamatha Hirannaiah  
Still looking at venues. Core group is meeting this evening to discuss further
- 11) 2018-Convention Readiness: no new progress
- 12) Scholarship awards: Shivappa Palled updated that the email has gone out to everyone. Please urge children to apply for the Scholarship. The committee is looking for judges at this time—please send names. \$500 for first place and \$300 for second place in both HS and College category
- 13) Election update: Thej Kartal (MI), Latha Mallikarjuna (PA), Chandramauli (IL) have sent out the notification to all. The committee is waiting for all nominations-10 BOD open positions, and 2 BOR positions.
- 14) Awards committee Progress: Vijay Aivalli is working on that and will send out a notification soon.
- 15) Website update: Shiva Kumar Jolad from MD chapter is helping out—work in progress
- 16) By Laws update: Channu updated that all the items have been reviewed. He will create a final document and set up a call with BOR. Leena said that we need a new youth committee for 2016—she will send out an email to all chapter presidents to nominate one youth (18-25) from their chapter. These nominations can to be sent to Channu, who can then pick the committee—a team will be in session for 2016- till the By-Law revision gets passed.
- 17) Rejuvenate Local Chapter: No updates
- 18) Next BOD meeting and Closure: Leena expressed the concern about poor attendance by chapter presidents. Nayantara Swamy suggested that at least the people called on the agenda should attend the meeting—they may be notified to attend.

Leena thanked everyone for attending and providing input for this BOD meeting. The next meeting is on Sunday, April 10th, 2016.