



VSNA BOD Meetings Minutes

Date: Sunday, August 14, 2016

Attendees:

Elected BOD Members: Channu Kambalyal, Leena Paul, Irappa Arabhavi, Nayantara Swamy, Yuvaraj Patil, Shivappa Palled, Shrishail Hadimani

Past President: Vijay Kumar

Youth President: Abhinav Raddy

Nominated BOD Members: Girish Budibetta (FL), Prashanth Murgendrappa (representing NY), Rashmi Naikar (OH), Vikaykumar Mallanagouda (Toronto)

Invitees: G.Doddamani (Advisory Committee chair), Laxmi Hiremath (BOR chair)

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 May meeting minutes: Proposed by Shrishail Hadimani, seconded by Shivappa Palled
- 5) Approval of June meeting minutes: Proposed by Irappa Arabhavi, seconded by Shivappa Palled
- 6) Approval of July meeting minutes: Vijay Kumar Mollangouda proposed, seconded by Shrishail Hadimani upon the following changes:
 - i) Harsha Gurukar's (NY) name to be moved to nominated BOD members
 - ii) 4. C) All material to be archived, including older correspondences are available by senior members.
- 7) Approval of July BOD & BOR joint meeting: Proposed by Shivappa Palled, approved by Irappa Arabhavi
- 8) VSNA General body meeting minutes: following changes, to be approved in GB meeting in 2017.
 - i) 9.a) Proposal: "Financial report needs to be made available to all members through email two weeks prior to the General body meeting. The agenda and meeting minutes of previous year GB needs to be included in welcome package for all attendees." Vijay Aivalli proposed, seconded by Rudresh Bihalli
- 9) BOR Update: by Laxmi Hiremath
 - i) Special Interest group: Yahoo group comprising of BOD, BOR and Advisory board to discuss all matters related to VSNA was proposed for all to discuss matters openly.
 - ii) Religious Committee: purpose: to train members locally to conduct weddings, linga dharana, births, funeral etc will be rejuvenated since 2014. Jayashree Jagadeesh to head this project.
 - iii) 2015 and 2016 BOR monthly meetings are up to date on the website.
 - iv) BOR has decided not to publish meeting Agenda on the website. If anyone wants to see an Agenda, Laxmi can provide them.
 - v) 2013 and 2014 BOR monthly meeting will be published by September.
 - vi) Channu Kambalyal suggested Facebook instead of Yahoo group for the special interest group, and Shrishail Hadimani can help in the religious committee. Nayantara Swamy suggested to add the procedure for this in the next meeting agenda.
 - vii) Update on Matrimonial site: have 25 profiles. Let us have status from Uma Sajjan during each BOD meeting.
- 10) 2016 VSNA Convention
 - i) Leena Paul thanked everyone to have attended and participated the convention. We had over 700 people attended. Please provide feedback to the chapter. More update will be provided in the next meeting. Abhinav Reddy's feedback: The youth enjoyed the service project, and would like to have one combined Anubhav Ghosti session for youth and adults. Channu thanked MD chapter on behalf of Central VSNA, and appreciated the youth contribution. Try to have an interim financial report in the near future.
- 11) 2017-Convention Readiness:
 - i) Rashmi Naikar: Based on Channu's request a convention in OH was discussed. Although the chapter is interested, but not ready both financially and logistically to host the convention in 2017.

- ii) Laxmi Hiremath: Northern CA is willing to host the convention, if no one else comes forward. Channu will like to hear in writing from the Chapter President.
- 12) Convention Trust Fund: Update provided by Channu and Irappa Arabhavi
- i) Have received a pledge of \$53,000 during the Convention. We have followed up with all the pledges. We have received \$31,000. Major contributors: Guruswamy Ayya (\$25K), Vijay Kotrappa (\$5K)
 - ii) We still have to follow up with a few whose email IDs were not on the pledge card
 - iii) A request was made to create a committee to follow up with Convention Trust fund and Investment Committee (Mr. Prabhakar, Dr. Munavalli, and Dr. Doddamani). If anyone is interested, please let Channu know.
- 13) Election Committee update:
- i) Channu updated that there are a total of 4 BOD and one BOR positions available. Currently there is one extra nomination for BOD and no vacancy for BOR. Channu has sent a note to Tej Kartal to determine if there would be a need for election. An update will be provided soon.
- 14) VIRC-Newsletter Committee:
- a) Two books that have been converted.
 - b) Yuvaraj Patil has provided his resignation for VIRC.
 - c) VSNA Model community: The project was initiated by Mr. Ayya a few years back, and a book was distributed during the convention. He requested that these be taken up by the BOD and BOR. Abhinav said that we need to have a discussion with the community and have unified message. These discussion can begin at local chapter level and not wait till the convention. We can have one particular topic and move forward to create action items.
- 15) Scholarship awards: Shivappa Palled updated
- i) Total of \$1,600 was allocated towards Scholarship funds. Irappa updated that \$101 has been received.
 - ii) Need approval of \$1500.
 - iii) Nayantara Swamy and Laxmi Hiremath debated if the scholarship awards are even needed in the future? Do we need to evaluate further after talking with the youth?
- 16) By Laws update: Channu updated that all the items have been reviewed.
- i) Meeting is called on this Friday. There was a proposal to change it to a weekend afternoon.
 - ii) Yuvaraj said that he has sent a workflow to follow to get approvals
- 17) Website update: need upgrades to Zumla. Channu will work on this.
- 18) Next BOD meeting and Closure:
Leena and Channu thanked everyone for attending and providing input for this BOD meeting. The next meeting is on September 11th at 12 pm EST.