



## VSNA BOD Meetings Minutes

Date: Sunday, September 18, 2016

### Attendees:

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

Youth President: Abhinav Reddy

Nominated BOD Members: Girish Budibetta (FL), Kalleesh Kumar (CA-N), Kishore Channabasavaiah (Chicago), Savitha Shivananda (MD), Kevin Gangadhar (Pittsburg), Sanjeev Mungaravadi (Detroit)

Invitees: G.Doddamani (Advisory Committee chair), Laxmi Hiremath (BOR chair), Uma Sajjan (Matrimony committee), G.Jagadeesh (VSNA-MD Convention chair)

### Meeting Notes:

- 1) Roll Call by Leena Paul- Quorum verified.
- 2) Prayer with a Vachana led by Yuvaraj Patil
- 3) Approval of Agenda: Added following points
  - a) Clarification on process of Yuvaraj Patil's resignation from VIRC as item 4.a
  - b) Plagiarizing Basavanna's Vachanas as item 8.a
- 4) Approval of August meeting minutes: Shivappa Palled proposed, seconded by Nayatara Swamy upon the following changes:
  - i) 10.iii. A request was made to create a new committee to follow up with Convention Trust fund. Investment Committee has been created (Irappa Arabhavi – Lead, B. S. Nanjundappa, Prabhu Patil, S. Pallegar). If anyone is interested in joining, please let Channu know.
  - ii) 12.b. Yuvaraj Patil has resigned from VIRC
- 5) Item 4a. Clarification on process of Yuvaraj Patil's resignation from VIRC: As Srishail Hadimani is not on the call, it was decided that let VIRC discuss before bringing it to the BOD.
- 6) BOR Update: by Laxmi Hiremath
  - a) Matrimony Committee; updated by Uma Sajjan
    - i) The site is for people living in NA. 26 registrations, currently.
    - ii) An email notification needs to go out stating the registration amount once a person registers and the address where to send the payment, Uma does not get notification when someone registers and fee is paid. Channu suggested that she can send the vendor these changes to incorporate. Irappa should include Uma in the email receipts.
    - iii) \$650 has been paid to create the website 2 years back, and about \$250/year for maintenance. Abhinav said that he would talk to the youth for help on the website.
  - b) Religious Committee: by Laxmi Hiremath
    - i) Jayashree Jagadeesh to head Religious Committee after end of the year. Channu requested that Srishail be part of this group with his experience.
- 7) Youth Committee updates: by Abhinav Reddy
  - a) Youth are using social media platforms to communicate with each other. Abhinav will send links to Channu to update the website.
  - b) Database: to include information of their current address for them to meet, even if they are away from their home cities.
  - c) Winter Youth retreat: The youth are discussing currently, more concrete ideas will be provided by the next BOD meeting.
- 8) 2016 VSNA Convention
  - i) Jagadeesh thanked everyone on the call for attending the Convention. Convention committee has sent "thank you" note to all attendees along with link for all the photographs. He has sent all feedback/comments and photographs to Channu Kambalyal for printing in Baandhavya. Souvenir work is in progress, and will be able to send final financial report after it is done. He requested all donors for their family photographs to be

added to the souvenir. Jagadeesh stated that they might have a break even budget, but will provide details in November or December.

9) 2017-2018 Convention Readiness:

- a) Channu extended official invitation to Kallesh Kumar (N.CA chapter president) to consider hosting 2017 Convention. Kallesh said that he will set a conference call with Channu, Laxmi and many N.CA chapter volunteers to help in convincing them to do the convention.
- b) 2018 Convention at Detroit: Sanjeev Mungaravadi said that the chapter is begun discussing the convention in 2018, and will continue discussion in Deepavali function.

10) Plagiarizing Basavanna's Vachanas: Observation by Nayanatara Swamy

Nayanatara Swamy brought to the attention of the board that Basavanna's vachana, is being published and sung/recorded by well known authors/scholars, and artists as Purandara Dasa's composition. The vachana in particular ' Jagava suttipudu ninna maaye, Ninna suttipudu yenna mana nodayya.....' instead of ending with 'Kudala Sangama Deva', ends with 'Purandara Vittala'. Vidya Bhushan Swamiji of Udipi Math, and Sangeeta Kalanidhi T.K Govinda Rao are 2 prominent people I know of, that are misinformed about the vachana. Many others continue to just follow them. It is an error she has seen being perpetuated for decades. It is our duty to correct this wrong. She suggested the BOD members give it some thought as to how we can go about doing this. Could we join forces with Basava Samithi, Maths, Universities etc.to address this issue?  
G.Jadadeesh said he too had witnessed the error being made by another artist.

11) Election committee: Update provided by Channu

- 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 one vacancy for BOR. An update will be provided soon.

12) Scholarship awards: Shivappa Palled updated:

- i) Total of \$1,600 was allocated towards Scholarship funds. Channu asked for an approval of \$1600 from BOD. Sajjan Shiva moved to approve the proposal, and seconded by Mamatha Hirannaiah.
- ii) It was suggested that the scholarship recipients should not be contacted to donate back to VSNA.
- iii) As collecting funds is very hard for VSNA, and as it is hard to get the youngsters to participate, a proposal by Nayanatara Swamy: Due to lack of interest from youth and lack of funds for the Scholarship program, we should discontinue the Scholarship program. Sajjan Shiva seconded it.

13) By Laws review update: Channu updated that all the items have been reviewed.

- i) Meeting is called for next Sunday. Channu urged BD and BOR to attend the meeting.

14) Website update: need upgrades to Joomla. Channu will work on this.

15) 'Aravina Mane': Director Shivanand Usha is spreading life of Basavanna through as a historical, educational and philosophical movie, Aravina Mane. It is being shown in several cities currently. Nayanatara will send out a few details to be sent to all chapter presidents to forward it along.

16) Next BOD meeting and Closure:

Leena and Channu thanked everyone for attending and providing input for this BOD meeting. The next meeting is on October 9<sup>th</sup> at 12 pm EST.