



# Veerashaiva Samaja of North America



## 2016 VSNA BOD Meeting – Minutes

Date of Meeting: Sunday, May 15, 2016, 12 Noon to 1:30 PM EST

### Attendees:

#### Elected BODs:

Channu Kambalyal (IL), Mamatha Hirannaiah (GA), Irappa Arabhavi (MA), Shivappa Palled (NC), Sajjan Shiva (TN), Srishail Hadimani (IL), Nayantara Swamy (F), Yuvaraj Patil (TX)

#### Nominated BODs:

Vijay Kumar M. (Toronto), Kishore Channabasavaiah (IL), NB Patil (MA), Vidya K. (TX-N), Sanjeev M. (MI), Savitha S. (MD), Girish B. (FL)

#### Invitees:

Doddamani, AC Advisory, G. Jagadeesh, MD, Convention Chair, Shashidhar, MD, Co-Chair

### Meeting Minutes:

1. **Roll Call** – Taken by Channu. Quorum obtained.
2. **Prayer** – Vachana was sung by Yuvaraj.
3. **Minutes of Meeting** of April 10,, 2016 – Proposed by Sanjeev M. and Seconded by Shivappa Palled.
4. **BOR Update** was provided by Laxmi Hiremath. No new action items reported.
5. **Voice of the Local Chapters:** Kishore gave a quick summary of Chicago chapter events, Vijay kumar about Toronto chapter Basava Jayanthi program, Vidya K about TX-North chapter events, Savitha S about MD and VA chapters joint programs and Sanjeev provided summary of Detroit chapter events. Sanjeev also expressed concern that only their chapter is paying memberships for Central VSNA but not other chapters. Vidya indicated about TX-North chapter that has been paying about \$500 consistently to Central VSNA. Channu appealed to all chapters to frequently ask members to contribute to Central VSNA memberships.
6. **2015 VSNA – Tax Preparations Status:** Irappa Arabhavi gave the tax filing in progress and that filing to be done tomorrow; Sanjeev has sent a check for \$1200/- towards 2015 membership fees including 2 life membership and 5 annual memberships and 3 matrimonial services fees. Irappa also summarized fund status – Convention trust fund - \$20,154, and collection made and paid \$6145.10 towards Basaveshwara statue in London.
7. **Local – Chapter contributions:** Doddamani suggested not to treat this organization as a social organization but a spiritual one with all local members committing to central VSNA including payment of fees. Sanjeev reiterated his concern about other chapters non-payment towards Central VSNA impacting his chapter contributions. Nayantara Swamy suggested to consider adopting lowered fees proposed few years ago but not agreed upon. Channu requested all chapter presidents to talk about this in local functions and encourage members to become life or annual members and to reinforce this in every BOD meeting and send notification to chapter presidents; Girish proposed a reduce membership fee of \$10. Srishail Hadimani questioned such a reduction.
8. **2016 VSNA Convention:** update was provided by G. Jagadeesh. Fee increase date extended by 1 week; Deadlines for competitions nominations extended by 1 week to accommodate entries; chapter-wise contributions requested; Registrations yet to exceed 600, Expecting 220 families with a total of 700 attendees; ChennuDi newsletter sent out; Flyers are being prepared.;
9. **BOR Chair at Convention:** BOD suggested that BOR Chair be given due importance on stage. BOR Chair is expected to present a BOR Report; BOR membership is with a higher qualification and is considered important with power to takeover BOD activities;

10. **VIRC - Newsletter Committee Updates** provided by Srishail Hadimani; Work in progress to get digital form of publications.
11. **2017 & 2018 - Convention Readiness** updated provided by Channu – Georgia chapter has expressed their inability to take this forward. North Carolina chapter president has also communicated inability to host convention. Suma from Connecticut enquired about financial obligation. Channu suggested there is no rule for expensed. Convention has been hosted from \$60K to \$200K depending on variety of factors. It can be hosted in high schools with an auditorium or in large hotels. Accommodation for guests may be in local chapter members or in hotels. Channu indicated Central VSNA will work on this after the convention with various options.
12. **Scholarship updates** provided by Shivappa Palled – No essays received so far. Dead line from June 1<sup>st</sup> may have to be extended.
13. **Election Update by Channu** – Election of 5 BOD and 1 BOR in place. Will request Election Committee to attend meeting; Nominations for the remaining BOD and BOR positions to be sought.
14. **Awards Committee Update** by Channu – Team led by Vijay A is working on this. Final list due before next BOD.
15. **Bylaws Review Update** by Channu – Almost final bylaw under further review by BOD and BOR. Channu to have follow-up discussions sessions after convention.
16. **Sanjeev Mungarawadi's Past Payment Issue** described by Channu. Sanjeev paid \$1000/- to be sent to a Math in 2002. Sanjeev produced proof of payment to VSNA. Per Sanjeev no payment was made to Math as he could not produce non-profit registration status. Now wants the \$500 considered towards 2018 Detroit convention and \$500 as his life membership. BOD members need time to think through this issue.
17. **Web-Sites - Online Payment feature** - Channu is working with Shivakumar Jolad from MD for help.
18. **Rejuvenate Local Chapters** Update by Channu – Reiterated that VSNA programs b kept open to all human beings irrespective of religion, color, and be aligned to Basava Philosophy which is universal. All major chapters are expected to host convention every 10 years or so; Suggested to map programs to Sharanas
  - January - Sankranti Function to be named Siddharama Jayanthi
  - 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
19. **Life-Membership Drive** to start during and after convention
20. **Next BOD Meeting** Date – Sunday, June 12, 2015.
21. Channu thanked all members for their attendance and contribution to the growth of VSNA.