

Minutes of the VSNA Board of Directors' Meeting minutes



June 29, 2006

On June 29th, 2006, the VSNA Board of Directors met at the VSNA Cruise Convention 2006 at Michello Angelo hall. The meeting started at around 6.00 pm and was adjourned around 7.45 pm.

Attendees:

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| ➤ Prabhakar Patil | VSNA President | ➤ Shivashankar |
| ➤ Dr. Chandramouli | VSNA Vice President | ➤ Dr. Virapannavar |
| ➤ Raj Adapur | Secretary | ➤ Neela Naik-Northern-California |
| ➤ Jaydev-BOD | | ➤ Shanta-Southern-California |
| ➤ Vijay Kumar-BOD | | ➤ Shankar Ugalatti |
| ➤ Somashekar Pallegar-Florida | | ➤ G. Shankar-BOR |
| ➤ Vimala Siddalingiah-Maryland | | ➤ Rudresh-BOR |
| ➤ Dr.Nagabhushana – Central California | | |
| ➤ Dr. Suresh-Ohio | | |
| ➤ Amit – Texas | | |
| ➤ Jaykumar Pallegar | | |

Minutes:

1. Minutes of the March 12th, 2006 meeting approval:

Motion: It was proposed to accept BOD meeting minutes of March 12th, 2006

Proposed: Dr. Chandramouli, Seconded: Dr. Nagabhushana

2. Prabhakar Patil opened the meeting by Congratulating Dr. Pallegar for hosting 2006 Convention and stressed BOD members to build stronger VSNA.

3. **2006 VSNA Projects Update:**

- **Member Welcome Kit:** Mr.Vijaya Gowda presented the new membership welcome kit and will be posted on the VSNA website and later copies will be sent to all Chapter Presidents.
- **Rejuvenate VSNA:** Under this project, Stability has been restored and communication has been improved among chapters through teleconference.
- **Membership Drive:** We are still collecting membership dues, with new membership welcome kit we can attract more members.
- **VSNA Awards:** Dr. Chnaramouli updated that the VSNA did not received any nomination for VSNA awards for 2006.
- **Maryland 600 Souvenir:** Vimala Siddalingiah updated that the Maryland 600 Souvenir will be mailed on or before August 15 2006.

4. **Financial Update:** BOD approved the guidelines and recommendation made by Investment committee to park VSNA Funds in Smith Barney brokerage firm.

5. **BOR Update** G. Shankar BOR Chair updated the following BOR projects:

1. Develop and publish guidelines in performing Veerashiva/Lingayath religious rites in NA, UK, EU by G.Shankar end of year 2007.
2. Develop initiatives to understand similarities /differences with other religion for harmonious co-existence, invite people from other religion to VSNA events by G. Shankar by end of year 2007
3. Establish common Policies and Procedures for Social Activities and local chapter events (Guidelines for gifts, arranging for visits for VSNA guests, speeches, roles and responsibilities for Office bearers, Metrics etc) by Sateesh Kavi end of year 2006.
4. Develop initiatives to appeal to youth Interests-Cruise etc by P. Shankar, completed.
5. Support the rejuvenation of the VSNA newsletter by all BOR members, completed
6. Complete formal procedures in recognizing New York Metro chapter by all BOM members, completed.

6. **General Body meeting member's suggestions:**

1. Can we create secure website for users to log in.
2. Can we access member's registration on the VSNA.org website?
3. Central VSNA loosing control over other chapters
4. Create Web Community
5. Need web content guidelines.
6. How Swamji can contribute and support VSNA.
7. Develop a program for religious camp in USA.
8. Matrimony column in VSNA website.
9. Member requested to have VSNA Convention once in two years, 7 members voted YES and 14 members voted NO.

7. **Action Items:**

1. Need to create Scholarship fund.
2. Need Souvenir Guidelines.
3. Re-Evaluate the Donation made to Charity through VSNA.
4. VSNA Convention 2007 at California, Dr. Nagabushan, Neela Naik and Shankar Ugaltti will come back with proposal by July 31, 2006.
5. Maryland chapter need to submit Convention 2005 audited financial report.