

Central VSNA BOD meeting minutes: Jan 20th, 2019:

Attendees: 16 Attended. Quorum achieved. Attendance details below. Please encourage your peers from other chapters to join this once a month call. The attendance below is in the order of Chapter Presidents, BOD, Officers, BOR Chair, Youth President and Past President.

Chapter Name	Name	Jan 20th BOD Meeting
Connecticut	Asha Yashavanth Gaddi	Yes
Southern CA	Dayanand Paramane	Yes
Detroit	Dr.Sheela Neral	No show
New England	Shobha Amaresh	Yes
Virgina	Mahesh Kumar	No show
Houston	Harish Hiremath	No show
Dallas	Jyothi Hattarki	No show
Tennesse	KP Chennabasappa	No show
Detroit	Dr.Sheela Neral	Yes
Pittsburgh	Naveen Kumar	No show
Georgia	Nagaratna Totad	Yes
Ohio	Priyanka Ravishankar	Yes
Toronto	Rohini Menasinkai	Yes
NJ/NY	Shankar Sanikop	Yes
Chicago	Shashidhar Kallur	Yes
Northern CA	Shilpa Hanji	No show
Alabama	Shivashankar Tumkur	No show
Maryland	Vandana Katti	Yes
North Carolina	Vasanth Kalale	No show
Florida	Vidya Rao	No show
W Virgina	Vivek Neginahal	No show
Chicago	Srishail Hadimani	Yes
DC&VA	Raj Galagali	Yes
NY/NJ	Shiva Patil	Yes
Toronto	Vijay Aivalli	No show

Detroit	Thej Kartal	No show
Detroit	Mahesh Patil	No show
Chicago	Indira Reddy	Yes
Florida	Girish Budhibetta	Yes
S California	Dada Patil	Yes
Chicago	Manisha Virupannavar	Yes
N California	Lakshmi Hiremath	No Show

Vachana: Allamaprabhu Vachana by Srishail Hadimani.

Key discussion points:

President welcomed all the members. Emphasized that we all should work together to uphold the vision of VSNA.

Agenda: Girish Buddibetta proposed the agenda be accepted as it is. Dayanand Paramane seconded it.

Introductions:

All officers introduced themselves including Youth President and chapter presidents: High level summary of introductions. Each was requested to:

- State Name and the Chapter you are representing.
- Your top 3 things that you want to see Central VSNA team do?
- Your personal goals for 2019 for your chapter.

All the chapter presidents in summary expressed that Central VSNA should work closely with local chapters to bring commonality and sense of belongingness to central VSNA. Each of the presidents shared what they are currently doing and their plans for this year to take it to the next level. Some of them shared the challenges they are facing and requested central VSNA's assistance in addressing them.

Hadimani covered about open positions: One BOD, 2 BOR and 1 VIRC position.: As per recommendation by the outgoing EC that conducted successful elections, current BOD team would like to request the below confirmations.

VIRC: Mr. G Jagadeesh from MD as VIRC director. Dr Jagadeesh is a scholar and has contributed immensely to VSNA.

Request the approval of BOD present to confirm Prabhakar Chippadi for BOD and Shailendra Kumar for BOR position. Both these individuals had applied for these positions and should be confirmed.

Hadimani suggested that we will call for nominations for the other open BOR position and to secretary position.

Responses from other BOD members:

There was a healthy discussion and debate over the issues. None of the members had any issues in having Dr Jagadeesh be the VIRC director. His contributions to the organization were well recognized and was unanimously approved to lead VIRC.

Regarding the BOD and BOR positions, the debate brought out views of all the members. a few of the members expressed and suggested that one should call for fresh nomination and elections while others made a case for calling for elections to the positions that are left vacant after confirming the two members who had applied but were kept on hold. Some highlights of the views expressed were:

Girish B: Want to call for nominations once again.

Indira Reddy: One should call for nominations and conduct elections once again.

Sanikop: We should appoint people who applied last year for positions that are still vacant. Fresh nominations should be taken only for any open positions that are left after confirming the ones who applied last year.

Dada Patil: Suggested that Prabhakar and Shailendra had applied and we should confirm their nominations. There is no conflict of interest and are not part of any other organization now. In the interest of keeping the community together and acknowledging all the work these two individuals have done, we should confirm their nominations and call for elections for other positions after appointing a new Election committee.

Indira Reddy: No. I want that we should nullify everything and call for nomination once again and conduct elections as many times as required until we fill the positions.

Sanikop: We should honor the two prior nominations and avoid a long legal battle again in the interest of moving forward.

Shiva Patil: Let's not do things that divide the community. Let's accept those two applications and ask for nominations for the new two positions. This will help repair the things.

Asha Gaddi: Let's give chance to these two members. There are still 2 more positions.

Rohini: I would go with Dada's suggestion. We cannot keep conducting elections. There are lot of things that we need to make progress.

Indira: Why not we redo the nominations and go through the election process again.

Sanikop: We don't want to be going in circles. These two members can very easily take the legal route and put the entire VSNA in trouble.

Rohini: Elections are completed. Those two candidates were put on hold. They are cleared from the other organization. They should be part of this committee. Asking life members to do this all over again is a very long and tiring process. This is a charitable organization. Let us put our ego aside. Election committee has recommended that elected officers nominate people for the vacant positions. Let us not make big issues and introduce hurdles to the organization.

Manisha: Those two members were disqualified and why should we appoint them.

Dada: As BOR chair I have full information from both the lawyers. Dada clarified that Manisha the youth president may not have all the details as only half the information was shared by past president.

In order to arrive at a decision and to ensure we follow the democratic process, everyone agreed that this should be put to vote, and outcome of the decision should be binding. As a result, the below Proposal was made.

Proposal: Prabhakar Chippadi and Shailendra Kumar had applied for BOD and BOR positions. Current BOD would like to approve and confirm their nominations for BOD and BOR position respectively.

Shankar Sanikop would like to propose the above point as written above. I don't want us to fight over here in the interest of bringing the community together.

Rohini Menasinkai: I would like to second the proposal. Let's take a vote and democratically decide what should be done. This is a democratic organization and we have quorum here. We should decide as a team in the interest of moving this organization ahead.

Voting Results: 10 Yes, 4 abstain 2 No.

The motion is passed with majority. Which means BOD confirms Prabhakar Chippadi for one open BOD position and Shailendra Kumar for one open BOR position.

Sreeshail Hadimani: We will call for nominations for the remaining BOR position and secretary position that is open by appointing an Election committee which will call for nomination and conduct the elections if required.

Raj: Call for volunteers to be part of ad-hoc committees: We really need expertise and experience of chapter members to be part of some committees. Current thought process is to form 5 committees:

1. Review and update the bylaws committee
2. Financial advisory committee
3. Newsletter committee
4. Website committee
5. Chapter rejuvenation committee

Raj to send out email requesting each chapter send in 5 names as volunteers for these committees.

Shiva Patil: Treasurer Report: Provided the current balance in each of the account. Still working to get all the details from the past Treasurer. Please send me all the financial reports at chapter level to be able to file our taxes. Please send them by end of next month. Send me the details of all new members also. Initial look at the accounts received shows some expenses that need to be reviewed for proper authorization and other details. 2018 wasn't a great year for market and our value has gone down. Hence all the more need for leveraging and appointing financial advisory committee.

Hadimani: Central VSNA annual membership fees: On an experimental basis, annual membership fees were reduced to \$10 in the last two years. This has come to an end. We would like the approval to re-instating the normal membership due of \$35 for annual membership for central VSNA. Please motivate them to become life or annual members.

There was once again a healthy discussion on pros and cons of doing this. Many had inputs but no consensus was arrived. It was agreed that we should table this discussion for now and take it up again in the next meeting.

Raj: Vote of thanks and next BOD meeting scheduled for Feb 17th, 2019. Everyone was very professional on the call and we will strive to keep it under 2 hours for the next call.
Thank you.

Central VSNA BOD meeting minutes: Feb 17th, 2019

Attendees: 22 Attended. Quorum achieved.

Officers : Srishail Hadimani, Raj Galagali, Shiva Patil

BoD / BoR members: Thej Kartal, Mahesh Patil, Indira Reddy, Girish Budibetta, Prabhakar Chippadi, Manisha Virupannavar (youth), Dada Patil (BoR – Chair)

Chapter Presidents: Asha Gaddi (CT), Dayanand Paramane (S-CA), Sheela Neral (Rep- Detriot), Shobha Amaresh (Sub- Arun Satish – NE), Naveen Kumar (PA), Nagaratna Totad (GA), Priyanka Ravishankar (OH), Rohini Menasinakai (Toronto), Shankar Sanikop (NY/NJ), Shashidhar Kallur (Chicago), Vandana Katti (MD), Vidya Rao (FL),

Special Guests: Dr Jagadeesh, VIRC Director, Nandeesh and Veena Hullur : Convention Chair and Co-Chair. Sid tumkur, Annappa Metagud, Shiv Veera : All three representing Eastern Pennsylvania chapter.

Prayers: Hadimani payed a rich tribute to Sri Sri Shivakumar Swami of Siddaganga math. He also explained the meaning of vachana and as mark of respect a one-minute silence was observed.

Approval of agenda: Prabhakar Proposed and Raj Galagali seconded it.

MOM: 2 Corrections:

1. Attendance of Dr Sheetal Neral to be marked as Yes for Jan.
2. Indira Reddy mentioned that we should communicate the details of nominating the BOD members and be recorded in the meeting minutes.

Girish Buddhibetta proposed it that it be accepted with the two above corrections.

Rohini Menasinakai seconded it.

Introduction of new members: Dr Jagadeesh and Prabhakar Chippadi were welcomed and introduced to the meeting as VIRC director and BOD member respectively.

Convention update: Nandish and Veena Hullur presented the update on Chicago Convention. Lots of hard work in progress. Venue is finalized. We will present the budget details in March. Most likely the website will be open in a day or two for registration. Hotel info and some details already present. Early bird \$139 until May 31st. Regular price of \$159. We are expecting 600 people. This may go up. Would request Central VSNA to pass on the details to all members and request chapter presidents to share all this info to everyone. Lot of youth programs on Fri. Evening is 2 hours cultural programs. What can we expect from convention fund?

Contract to the hotel is already complete and deposit is given. Dada suggested that BOD should take up providing the seed money to the Chicago chapter and share the details on how much that needs to be.

Naveen from Pittsburgh: Asked about early bird and other details:

Nandish provided the details: \$99 for to 5-9yrs. Before April 30th registration will be entered in to a raffle. We are also trying to limit the number of guests from India and ensure they have enough time to talk/present. Convention team is working on guest lists.

Priyanka -Ohio: Please send the package and flyer details to us ASAP.

Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter: Annappa Metgud, Sid Tumkur and Shiva Veera introduced themselves and made a strong case to establish new VSNA chapter there. They have 15 families and 44 members now they have critical mass to establish a chapter of their own in the Allentown PA area. They have been informally meeting for the last 2 years. They had General BOD meeting in early 2019. Currently we have 28 families registered. Having Shivaratri program next month and are expecting around 65-70 people. Aligned with the mission and vision of Central VSNA. The core team is also formed now under the leadership of Sid Tumkur. They also have quite a few life members and are looking to increase them to double digits

Proposal: Shankar Sanikop Proposed that Eastern Pennsylvania be recognized as the newest VSNA chapter.

Naveen Kumar of Pittsburgh seconded the proposal.

There were no objections.

Central VSNA annual membership fees: Hadimani presented the history of \$10 and why we should raise it back to at a minimum \$25 from now onwards.

Indira Reddy: Mentioned that we should list the additional benefits clearly in addition to what is already known.

Tej Kartal: What do I get if I am an individual member. The funds were not received by central VSNA treasurer on time. People who paid \$10 in the past were equally eligible to vote. We need to differentiate between Life and annual member benefits. One proposal: Once you collect the funds, that member should not be eligible for voting in the current year. The bylaws are not clear. We need to review each and every section for it and may be have a focused discussion. Dada also suggested that getting a single vote for \$500 and the same for someone paying \$10 needs to be addressed. However, at this time, we are to go by bylaws. There are definitely discrepancies in the current structure. Dada suggested that bylaw committee will suggest the amendments. We need to decide today so that local chapter can decide how much they need to collect at least for this year.

Indira: We get only one vote for a life member. We need to change. Bylaw committee should work on it and amend it to make it fair.

Hadimani: I would like to propose that we make it \$25 for this year as central VSNA annual membership fees.

Dayanand Paramane Proposed that the central VSNA annual membership be \$25 from this year.

Naveen Kumar from Pittsburgh seconded it.

Voting: All members voted it as yes and 3 members did not provide the response. There were no votes who voted against it. Resolution is passed.

Copyright violation: The C&D letter was shared with all the BOD members and the details were presented to everyone. VIRC director was requested to take a look at this issue and provide the findings so that BOD can vote on it based on VIRC director/team's findings and pass a resolution as required. Dada and others suggested that Dr Jagadeesh should provide his inputs to the team based on analyzing both the books.

Call for volunteers to serve on various committees: Received names from NY/NJ and Detroit chapter only. Requesting other chapter members to please send in the names of the members to us soon.

Treasurer Report: Shiva presented that \$6900 was spent on legal expenses without any BOD approval. The explanation provided by previous officers' states that they spent this based on the approval from some seniors and even there it says that any emergency spending should be ratified immediately by calling a meeting of BOD and approved.

Sanikop: We need to get more details from the last team and see if past and current team together can pay back this money.

Indira Reddy: We need to analyze this in detail and ensure we take a correct decision. I don't think any of the existing members need to pitch in to pay back this amount.

Dada Patil: He suggested a few things.

1. Spending money without BOD approval is a grave mistake. BOD needs to approve any spending over 1000.
2. Hiring a lawyer needs BOD approval. This wasn't done in this case.
3. Even if money was spent in emergency, the past officers should have called for a meeting to ratify the spending. This wasn't done.
4. Auditors will not approve this and Central VSNA may lose our non-profit status and be black listed. Hence, we cannot ignore this.
5. Please make this as one of the main items on the agenda for the next BOD meeting and share the details via webex with the BOD so that an appropriate decision is taken.

Shiva: Our trust fund has a loss of \$38,000 last year in our investment. This is only second to 2008 loss when we had \$89,000 loss. Hence, we need to discuss how much we pay and how we pay as the seed money to Convention. As a BOD we need to decide

Indira: We would like to see the details of where we lost the money etc before we make a decision.

Shiva: Let's have a webex to share the details to discuss investment details and unauthorized spending.

Dada: We need to find ways to pay some seed money to Chicago chapter. We can't punish the chapter just because market did not do well. BOD should come up with some details and agree on the amount.

BOR chair update: Election for BOR chair will be conducted today. We have taken 2 projects this year:

1. Go line by line to go over bylaws and present the revisions / recommendations. Headed by Yuvaraj Patil.
2. How to teach Basava Philosophy for different age groups at chapter level. Headed by Shiva Sajjan.
3. Youth Project / Suggestion to current President Manisha: Get the list of alumni from our VSNA youths who have graduated from schools and see how we can help the next gen younger generations.
4. Make a list of emergencies of contact numbers for our VSNA youths by providing them with a local VSNA family / volunteers to help college students. Especially for the first 1-2 years.

Vote of thanks: Next BOD meeting will be on March 17th Sunday starting at noon ET. Thank you to everyone for joining the call.

Central VSNA BOD meeting minutes: March 16th, 2019

Attendees: 19 Attended. Quorum achieved.

Officers : Srishail Hadimani, Raj Galagali, Shiva Patil

BoD / BoR members: Indira Reddy, Girish Budibetta, Prabhakar Chippadi, Vijay Aivalli, Shailendra (BoR – Chair)

Chapter Presidents: Asha Gaddi (CT), Dayanand Paramane (S-CA), Sheela Neral (Detriot), Shobha Amaresh (NE), Nagaratna Totad (GA), Priyanka Ravishankar (OH), Jayashree K (Toronto), Prashant (rep-NY/NJ), Shashidhar Kallur (Chicago), Vandana Katti (MD), Sid Tumkur (PA), Ratna Ullagaddi (N-CA)

Special Guests: Dr Jagadeesh, VIRC Director, Nandeesh, Kiran and Veena Hullur : Convention team.

Prayers: Hadimani payed a rich tribute to Her holiness Jagadguru Sri Mate Mahadevi and described her rich contribution to the society. 2 min silence was observed to pay respects to Mataji.

Approval of agenda: Girish Proposed and Dayanand seconded it and approved the agenda as proposed in the invite.

Approval of Feb BOD Meeting minutes: Prabhakar Chippadi proposed that the MOM be accepted as sent in the email. Vijaya Aivalli seconded it.

Vacancy for BOR and Secretary: Hadmiani presented that one nomination each were received. As a result, Hadimani proposed that Ravi Ambalee from Chicago Chapter be appointed as BOR member and Jayashree Jagadeesh be nominated as Secretary.

Raj Galagali proposed that these two names be accepted for the said position. Vijaya Aivalli seconded these nominations and expressed appreciation for all the services these individuals have contributed to the organization.

Convention update: Nandish, Kiran and Veena Hullur presented the update on Chicago Convention.

Lots of hard work in progress. Want to understand the insurance coverage for the event. Request all chapter presidents to share the flyer with your members as soon as you receive it. Hotel: \$10 resort fee will not be charged even though it shows during booking. Please make reservation via website. Website has all the details including preliminary program details. Treasurer: Targeting and planning for 600 attendees. Obligation / budgeting is being done for 400, 500 and 600 people. \$145K to \$210K. Cost of \$365 per person (400). Kiran presented preliminary budget taking in to consideration 400 as minimum people to 600 as maximum.

Discussion around seed money, possible loan of 5K from local chapter was discussed.

Raj Galagali Proposed the budget be accepted as draft budget for 2019 convention. Prabhakar Chippadi seconded it.

Guest lists: The list is already on the website and all of the guests have been invited. They are working to invite Sri. Siddeshwar Swamiji.

Copyright violation: Dr. Jagadeesh VIRC director submitted the report on “Lingapooja illustrated” copyright issue. The effort and quality of the summary report was of highest standards comparing page by page etc. In summary, Dr. Jagadeesh concluded that this is indeed copyright violation /plagiarizing issue and that central VSNA BOD should decide appropriate next steps.

Prabakar and Shylendra suggested that convention is held under Central VSNA and that we should move ahead in addressing the issue and bring it to closure.

Hadimani concluded that we will respond to the author and bring this issue to closure and President would send out the letter to involved parties.

Going forward, it was suggested that VIRC board should approve any publications if it needs to be distributed during convention.

Call for volunteers to serve on various committees: Received tremendous response from lot of members. We received as many as 20 people for some committees. President will finalize the list and send out the details.

Treasurer Report: Shiva presented on webex a very detailed financial detail.

Details on all the accounts and balances that exist. Shiva also credited the previous teams for doing a wonderful job of getting life members and annual members thereby increasing the revenue to Central VSNA.

Treasurer also presented the detailed accounts and found legal expenses of a total of around \$6929.99 without BOD approval.

Indira Reddy suggested that we need to fix the bylaws to ensure clarity is provided for such scenarios.

Girish B also suggested that we need to find ways to move ahead without getting in to legal battle again.

Treasurer suggested two options: 1. Just approve this and accept the spending. This would mean we also approve spending of other party that has submitted their legal expenses of \$5,735.

Option 2: We write to the past President and treasurer who had the check signing authority to reimburse these expenses to VSNA. Seek written response and request them to provide their response.

The intent here is to ensure that our auditors do not raise this as a red flag, to ensure that the non-profit status of VSNA is not in jeopardy as a result of this spending and finally this does not set a precedence for future actions of similar type.

Prabhakar and Shailendra recused themselves as it would involve conflict of interest. Indira suggested that we should write a letter. We should definitely update the bylaws. Vijay Aivalli said it sets a bad precedent and we should discuss this in GB meeting during convention as well. Hadimani concluded that based on all the inputs from BOD members, he would write to past president and treasurer seeking written response to this issue as the first step.

Convention Funding: We had a bad year in 2018. Convention trust fund lost around \$38,000. One of the key goals of Central VSNA is to support the local chapter hosting the convention. Treasurer also presented the details on how much was given to each chapter in the last 6 years. Shailendra suggested that we provide the average of the last 6 years as the convention seed fund. The average comes to around \$15,600.

Proposal: Raj Galagali proposed that \$15,600 should be released as seed fund to Chicago chapter as the host of 2019 convention. This is for 2019 only.

Vijaya Aivalli seconded it and voting was done.

15 voted yes, 1 abstained. The resolution is passed

BOR chair update: Shailendra presented quick update. Shailendra was elected as chair of BOR. Two projects taken up are bylaws and uniform teaching method. Details will be shared in the upcoming meeting.

Vote of thanks: Next BOD meeting will be on April 14th Sunday starting at noon ET. Thank you to everyone for joining the call.

Central VSNA BOD meeting minutes: April 14th, 2019

Attendees: 24 Attended. Quorum achieved.

Officers: Srishail Hadimani, Raj Galagali

BoD / BoR members: Indira Reddy, Girish Budibetta, Prabhakar Chippadi, Vijay Aivalli, Thej Kartal, Mahesh Patil, Shailendra (BoR – Chair)

Chapter Presidents: Uma Hukkeri (S-CA), Kotresh Neral (rep- Detriot), Shobha Amaresh (NE), Naveen Kumar (PA – West), Nagaratna Totad (GA), Raj Sulligavi (rep-OH), Rohini Menasinakai (Toronto), Shankar Sanikop (NY/NJ), Shashidhar Kallur (Chicago), Ratna Ullagaddi (CA-N), Vandana Katti (MD), Vasant Kalale (NC), Kalpana (rep-FL), Sid Tumkur (PA-E),

Special Guests: Nandeesh and Kiran Tavane: Convention team.

Prayers: Srishail presented Guru. Basaveshwara vachana, highlighting dedicated service to the society in the true spirit of Dasoha adds value than the mere showmanship.

Approval of agenda: Vijay Aivalli proposed and Girish seconded it and approved the agenda as proposed in the invite.

Approval of March BOD Meeting minutes: Prabhakar Chippadi proposed that the MOM be accepted as sent in the email. Raj Galagali seconded it.

Convention update: Nandish and Kiran Tavane presented the update on Chicago Convention. Lot of hard work has put in and the work is in progress. Requested all chapter presidents and board to take the package and encourage chapter members to register as soon as possible, as there are few allocated rooms available. If need arises, will request for more rooms. Confirmed the receipt of convention seed money.

Kiran: 64 members have registered and 8 packages were taken and drive is one to sell more packages and encourage everyone to be part of the convention. Sought standard convention financial report templet that they can use right from the beginning.

Shylendra: Treasurer needs to keep accurate information on the numbers (Receipt and expenses) also good record keeping in support of the numbers. If the team has internal audit that is good. If there are any above normal expenses, seek board's opinion, please let us know.

Manisha: Is there any allocated funds for the youth activities for the convention? How much money we are getting from center for the youth activities?

Shylendra: the convention seed money should cover all the activities; there are no specific central funds available for the youth activities at the convention

Nandish & Kiran: youth activities are self-supported events, and the convention team is getting some quotes for the events, they will have internal discussion and do the needful.

Shylendra: Annual and Life memberships can be enrolled and maintained separate account.

Updates on actions items: Srishail Hadimani presented the status report on actions items from previous BoD meetings

1. Emphasized the need of regular attendance at the BoD meeting from all the members, if you cannot make it for the meeting, please delegate VP / Treasurer / Secretary / delegate for the meeting, so that Central message is communicated effectively to all the members.
2. Annual membership due date is May 30, 2019, please enroll your chapter members send the check to central VSNA. Also it is required all the Chapter Presidents to be a Life member OR an Annual member. If you are not a member, please do become ASAP.
3. Need to update central VSNA e-mail list (mail chimp), requested to send an updated e-mail list along with the contact information from all the chapter members format to be sent out.
4. Copyright violation: Communicated the Board's decision and shared our analysis report with Deepak Kankeremath, Executor of Vimala Channabasappa Trust regarding Plagiarism issue related to "Ishtalinga Puja Vidhana / Method". The trust accepted our apologies and our report. The issue is resolved.
5. Unauthorized spend: Srishail contacted the past president seeking additional information for the spend; the past president has given response which will not stand up the scrutiny of the audit for the reasons responded. Requested sighting the reasons for explanation and have not heard so far., sought board's response / inputs
 - Indira Reddy, wants to see the communications and response from the past president, Srishail said he will share with the board members.
 - Raj: We have requested the president to come for the meeting, explain it. The board can resolve it without spending time and money on this matter; overall we do not want to set a precedent going forward.
 - Kotresh Neral (Detriot) – chapter wanted to spend to buy a sound system, which costs more than \$1,000 need board's approval
 - Srishail - Since the money is not coming from Central VSNA, there is no need for approval, as the funds are being raised and utilized at the chapter level, it is up to the chapter members and their executive committee need to take the call
 - Received 3 – life memberships from Siddaramanna Tumkur, Gopal Venu and Kumar Arun Gurubasavaiah.
6. **Various committees:** Various committees are formed and committee leads are gathering all the information's and tasks and are prioritizing. Bylaws committee started their work. Requested all the members to read / review the bylaws and if there are any suggestions / recommendations, please reach out to the committees directly.
 - Indira : How we will know what sections they are working / changing
 - Srishail : Once the changes / recommendations are finalized will be presented to board for the inputs
 - Srishail : called for volunteers to serve on the Chapter rejuvenation committee to bring uniformity among chapter activities with standard program flow

- Raj: there are chapters who are not attending the meetings and do not have office bearers, we need to reach them out to motivate and energize.
- Kalale: NC chapter is a vibrant and active chapter, only this time no members came forward to lead. For the time being the old executive committee is continuing
- Indira Reddy said she will be part of the chapter rejuvenation committee, and suggested we need to look into convention format, contents of the program to make our conventions more meaningful and informative.
- Attendance at the Board meeting : Many members have raised their concerns for the regular absentee's in the board meeting, and sought a clarification / what actions we need to take
- Srishail : there is a section in the bylaws – lets all take a look into it and will discuss more in the next meeting

BOR chair update: Shailendra presented quick update. Both Yuvaraj and Shylendra are part of bylaws committee and the entire BoR team is looking into various sections bylaws and update the committee. Member's list update is another project they are working on, details will be shared in the upcoming meeting.

Vote of thanks: Next BOD meeting will be on May 19th Sunday starting at noon ET. Thank you to everyone for joining the call and completing the meeting on time.

Central VSNA BOD meeting minutes: May 19th, 2019

Attendees: 18 Attended. Quorum achieved.

Officers : Srishail Hadimani, Raj Galagali, Shiva Patil

BOD / BOR members: Indira Reddy, Tej Kartal, Shailendra (BoR – Chair), Prabakar Chippadi, Manisha Virupannavar (Youth President)

Chapter Presidents: Asha Gaddi (CT), Sid Tumkur Representative (PA), Naveen Kumar (Pittsburg) Uma Hukkeri (S-CA), Sheela Neral (Detroit), Nagaratna Totad (GA), Priyanka Ravishankar (OH), Sanikop S (rep-NY/NJ), Ratna Ullagaddi (N-CA), Shashidhar Kallur

Special Guests: Nandeesh and Kiran: Convention team.

Prayers: Hadimani started with a prayer and reciting the vachana of Allamaprabhu.

Approval of agenda: Board members wanted to add 2 items to the agenda, The last minute requests were turned down and not added to the agenda. Sid Tumkur proposed that the agenda be accepted it as is. Sheela Neral seconded it.

Approval of April BOD Meeting minutes: Shankar Sanikop proposed that the MOM be accepted as sent in the email. Raj Galagali seconded it.

Call for commitments to support the convention: New England, Virginia and Pennsylvania East pledged and shared that they would buy packages and attend the convention.

Convention update: Nandish, Kiran presented the update on Chicago Convention: Cultural programs are finalized and there is a wait list now for new requests. Youth will have Chicago city tour and youth retreat. All guest artists are finalized. We received more than 16 nominations and we chose 3 out of this. 172 registered now. 58 families registered. \$1500 : 4 families. 10 families: \$2500, one family with \$4K and one with \$10K package. Main concern is hotel rooms. Please encourage people to register quickly. Kiran Tavane and family visited Columbus chapter event. Details were presented in Detroit chapter event also last week. CME is planned. Please let all doctors and medical students know about this. We have one business sponsor now. Looking for contact lists of Life members and others. There were concerns around sharing the phone numbers of members as it has been misused in the past. It was requested that central VSNA should share the email id's so that they can reach out. Kiran requested tax format as well.

Membership list: May 30th is the last date to become Central VSNA member for this year either life or annual. All chapter presidents should be a life or annual member.

Expenses incurred by previous administration: Shiva Patil mentioned that we will have a dedicated meeting to discuss this as we have not received any update from the past President. Prabakar also suggested that we clearly inform the then lawyers that they are not to assume that we have hired their services.

Voice of Chapter Presidents:

Ratna Ullagaddi: N CA chapter president shared that they have around 200 members. Conduct 3 prog annually. Basava Jayanthi, Shivaratri and Deepawali. Basava Jayanthi is dasoha focused. We have initiated youth programs, Yuva anubhava mantapa. Focus more than 50% of our programs involve youth. They have taken lead in Dasoha related work. Do we have depth of spiritual leaders who can make this spiritual organization and not a business organization?

Uma Hukkeri: S CA president. We celebrated recently Basava Jayanthi and invited other people as well (non VSNA members) and showed them what vachana's are. We had youth lead it all and they made table tops representing a sharana and a vachana. We personally called people and it had an impact. "Sharana Nade" is a program we are starting "walkathon" as many likes to walk here. We are looking to launch T-shirts that can be used.

Shankar Sanikop: NY/NJ President. We have 285 members. President should lead by example and be transparent. We don't charge a whole lot to these events. Many members cook food. As part of Dasoha we feed about 200 people, have a whatsapp group. We do lingapooja where around 50 kids do pooja. We serve good food. We don't encourage individual performances.

Hadimani mentioned that we would explore central religious team / chair to coordinate efforts across other chapters while there were opinions against it as well. Shailendra mentioned that Educational curriculum is being explored as well. Shiva Sajjan is leading efforts.

Hadimani mentioned that Indira Reddy, Hukkeri, Ohio chapter president and Asha Gaddi were requested to be part of chapter rejuvenation team.

BOR chair update: Shailendra presented quick update. A lot of work is being done on bylaws now and will provide an update soon.

General discussion: Shailendra, Indira, Hadimani, Shiva and others discussed how clear guidelines can be set regarding convention hosting between Central VSNA and chapter hosting the convention.

Vote of thanks: Next BOD meeting will be on June 16th Sunday starting at noon ET. We will also have a special meeting on June 9th Sunday to address two key issues to discuss past spending and absentee issues. Thank you to everyone for joining the call.

Central VSNA Special BOD meeting minutes: Jun 09, 2019

Attendees: 16 Attended, Quorum achieved

Officers : Srishail Hadimani, Raj Galagali, Shiva Patil

BOD / BOR members: Indira Reddy, Vijay Aivalli, Mahesh Patil, Girish Budibetta, Prabakar Chippadi, Shailendra (BoR – Chair), Manisha Virupannavar (Youth President)

Chapter Presidents: Shiva Veera (PA-East), Uma Hukkeri (CA-S), Shobha Amarish (CT), Nagaratna Totad (GA), Priyanka Ravishankar (OH), Shashidhar Kallur (Chicago)

Agenda and opening remarks:

Hadimani: Summarized the unauthorized spending of funds by previous administration (\$6,929.99). The goal of this meeting is to find a path forward and bring the issue of unauthorized expenses incident to closure in a way that it doesn't jeopardize the 503(c) status of VSNA and also not set a precedent that encourages such incidents and behavior in the future.

Requested all the chapter presidents and BoD members who were in the meeting to express their opinion and views to arrive at a consensus to resolve the matter in the best interest of the organization.

Expenses incurred by previous administration: Shiva Patil summarized the expenses incurred by the previous administration and efforts made by the current officers in seeking an explanation. Mentioned an outstanding invoice from the other party. The Tax filing due date has been already extended; there is an urgency in resolving this issue prior to the General body meeting.

Raj Galagali: Explained all the steps that were taken by the current administration and laid down the options in detail.

Vijay Aivalli: Organization funds cannot to be used without the board's approval and without following due process. Without which, it is considered as an unauthorized spending and should be recovered.

Budibetta: The other party claiming their expenses and their invoice to be rejected

Mahesh Patil: Any funds spent without authorization, should be recovered from the parties and should not pay the other party.

Indira suggested to seek / consult a legal help or advice within the organization to evaluate and assess the consequences and look into legal angle but refused to take the lead. Opinioned to study the entire issue before we can take any action.

Prabhakar and Shylendra briefed the situation and circumstances that lead to this issue. Most of it could have been resolved by having board discussion and honoring the resolutions that were passed in the meeting.

Manisha: We cannot take action without we fully study the issue and arrive at a conclusion.

Hadimani: we have already spent 6 months in resolving this, as requested by the board I have shared all the communications. Now is the time to act and move on, based on the members voting we will take the next course of action.

The resolution was drafted after a healthy and constructive debate and below resolution was put to vote. Majority of the members focused on exploring ways we can resolve this issue in a way it doesn't hurt the organization's 503 (c) status and that it doesn't set a precedence.

Resolution: **“The current board reviewed the expenses and available information from the previous administration and determined that the expenses were unauthorized. Passed a motion and request the past president and treasurer to repay \$6,929.99 to VSNA by July 03, 2019. Failure to do so will result in further actions by the board”.**

The resolution was proposed by: Girish Budibetta and seconded by Hadimani

Votes in favor: 13; against: 02

Shailendra also advised that we should explicitly list the votes as this is a special meeting to address a special issue. Here are the votes as they voted.

Members who voted YES (13): Shiva Veera (PA-East), Uma Hukkeri (CA-S), Shobha Amarish (CT), Nagaratna Totad (GA), Priyanka Ravishankar (OH), Shashidhar Kallur (Chicago), Vijay Aivalli, Mahesh Patil, Girish Budibetta (Proposed the resolution), Prabakar Chippadi, Srishail Hadimani, Raj Galagali, Shiva Patil

Members who voted NO (2): Indira Reddy (BOD), Manisha Virupannavar (Youth President),

Indira: There is no quorum as there were only 15 members, resolution cannot be passed.

Other members suggested: send out an e-mail to the absentee members and let them vote on the resolution and share the final votes tally.

Hadimani agreed to send an e-mail to all the absentee members to vote on the resolution and the final votes will be shared in the next meeting on Jun 16, 2019.

Meeting was adjourned with a request to attend next BoD meeting on the Jun 16, 2019.

Thank you to everyone for joining the call.

Note: After the meeting it was realized that the meeting did meet the Quorum requirement of 16 members, as it was attended by 3 officers, 6 BoD, 6 Chapter Presidents and BoR Chair. We had failed to account for BOR Chair whose attendance counts for achieving the quorum.

Request to vote on the resolution was sent out to all the absentee chapter presidents (15) and BoD member (01) on Jun 10th, 2019 with a deadline of midnight of Jun 14th Friday, 2019.

Voting on the resolution received by e-mail:

Members who voted YES (07): Naveen Kumar (PA), Vasanth Kalale (NC), Vandana Katti (MD), Shankar Sanikop (NY), Kalpana Malligere (FL), Shivashankar Tumkur (AL), Rohini Menasinakai (Toronto)

Members who voted NO (01): Thej Kartal (BoD)

Abstain (01): Sheela Neral (MI)

Final Votes:

Votes in favor of resolution: 20

Votes against the resolution: 03

Abstain: 01

The resolution is Passed and will be ratified in the in the next BoD meeting on Jun 16, 2019.

Central VSNA BOD/BOR meeting minutes: July 5th, 2019

This joint meeting was held at the VSNA annual convention hosted by Chicago Chapter.

Attendees: 22 Attended. Quorum achieved.

Officers: Srishail Hadimani, Raj Galagali, Shiva Patil. Jayashree Jagadeesh

BOD / BOR members: Dada Patil, Yuvraj Patil, Sajjan Shiva, Ravi Amblee, Irappa Arabhavi, Shylendra (BoR – Chair), Manisha Virupannavar (Youth President), Prabhakar Chippadi, Girish Budhibetta, Vijay Aiholli,

Chapter Presidents: Uma Hukkeri (S.CA) Sid Tumkur (Pen-E), Geeta Patil (NJ-rep), Sheela Niral (Det), Jagadeesh (MD-rep), Shashidhar Kallur (Chicago), Sudha Nagbhushan (C.CA), Raj Sulegavi (Ohio-rep)

Tele-Conf. line: None Joined, and the line was closed after 30 minutes.

Meeting Agenda: Dr. Sajjan Shiva Proposed and Sid Tumkur seconded the Agenda:

Convention update: Nandish D, Kiran Tavane, Kusuma Indushekhar. Well over 400 registrations and guests. Due to budget reasons, had to trim Thu night dinner and Sunday morning breakfast. Still 15K negative or 32K including seed fund. Collected 12-13K from sponsors. Souvenir is part of this, and sponsors need a hard copy and hence we are looking to print it. 16 entries came in for invited guest artists. We selected 3 of them. Hadimani commended the excellent job done by Nandish and team.

Shylendra presented: Recognizing the chapter and inspiring others is a proposal in very early stages proposed by Vijay Kotrappa (BOR Member). The proposal includes a monetary reward as well. BOD will be presented with a detailed proposal after the review by BOR.

Dr. Jagadeesh shared that surplus funds out of their convention could have been used to convert local chapter members to become life members and recognize the chapter for doing an awesome job.

Sajjan Shiva mentioned that officers/BOD cannot make arbitrary decision. Shiva Patil clarified that MD surplus money was above and beyond after returning the seed money to Central VSNA.

Bylaw committee update by Channu Kamblyal: 5-member committee. Took feedback from everyone. Agreed on the structure. Now working on the content. Goal is to get something done by September and execute it by the end of the year.

Some key areas being worked:

Looking in to ways tax benefit comes to the organization.

Election Process,

How do we make local chapters represented well at Central level? May be send one or more representative to the Central BOD.

Sid would like to see all the feedback that has been received for bylaws and also how central VSNA can reach and influence the last member of the local chapter.

Dada suggested that once BOD approves the bylaws, please hire a lawyer and get it vetted by them. Only then send it to General Body for approval and voting.

Please look in to pros and cons of registering the chapter as non-profit at the local level and see how they can still be legally made as part of central VSNA.

Investigate registering the VSNA local chapter in the state they are. This would enable the local chapter to get state tax exemption.

Website Update: Trishul Presented details of the website that he is working on. Online payments, being able to schedule events online, ability for the local chapter to host their content. Suggestion to have chapter wise hosting of the website would be the next logical step. Ex: nyc.vсна.org, new_england.vсна.org etc.

Trishul requested people to come forward not only to provide feedback but also help in developing the website.

Matrimonial web site: The old project/website is effectively defunct. suggested calling it as “Youth networking event” or equivalent instead of matrimonial or singles meet-which might deter youth from getting involved.

Treasurer’s Report: Summary was provided by Shiva Patil.

2018: Loss of \$35,951.32

2019: Gain of \$63,717.65

Past officers also collected pledges that were made during MD convention. Legal Expenses details were provided.

Jayashree Jagadeesh: How do we rejuvenate Basava Philosophy. How do we address it? Take this as an action item to address it.

Hadimani spoke about Winnipeg university where they are working on putting Basavanna as a social reformer in that place.

Dada Patil thanked the team for all their hard work.

Vote of thanks: Thank you to everyone for attending this meeting. Next BOD meeting will be in August.

Central VSNA BOD meeting minutes: August 18th, 2019

This meeting was conducted as a conference call. Agenda and other details as below.

Date: August 18th 2019 @ 12 EST

Dial-in Number: (605) 472-5297

Access Code: 988106 #

- **Roll Call - Jayashree Jagadeesh: The following VSNA officers and BOD attended the meeting.**

VSNA officers: Srishail Hadimani, Rajendra Galagali, Shiva Patil, Jayashree Jagadeesh

BOD members: Priyanka Ravishankar, Vandana Katti, Kalpana Malligere, Nagarathna Totada, Asha Gaddi, Ratna Ullagaddi, Naveen Kumar, Sheela Neral, Shivshankar Sanikop, Shashidhar Kallur, Girish Budibetta, Prabhakar Chippadi.

BOR chair: Yuvaraj Patil represented BOR chair

Special invitees: Nandish Dhananjaya and Kiran Tavane from Chicago chapter

- **Prayer** - Srishail Hadimani – conveyed Basava’s message, service to the humanity by dedication and devotion through the vachana, “Eridare neneyadu, Maridare baadadu”
- Approval of June BOD meeting and Joint BOD -BOR meeting minutes – Yuvaraj Patil suggested a name correction and to specify appropriate action items. With this amendment the agenda was proposed by-Prabhakar Chippadi, seconded by Shiva Patil. BOD/BOR joint meeting was proposed by: Raj Galagali and seconded by Girish Budibetta.
- **Convention financial updates** : Nandish Dhananjaya and Kiran Tavane ; The convention chair Nandish, highlighted the programs, youth activities and the tour, profusely thanked the convention executive committee and the subcommittee leads and members for a successful execution of the 2019 convention. They were able to overcome the hurdles with 90% participation from the Chicago chapter. The treasurer Kiran Tavane, announced the registration was around 440 and the finances are on the positive side. They also invited the articles to the souvenir and are waiting for its completion and any unpaid expenses to refund the seed money to the central VSNA. Nandish thanked all the individuals and the chapters for their sponsorships and wished Good luck to the next year’s convention team.

Both Srishail and Raj congratulated the convention team for hosting an excellent convention, more so for accepting the fiscal responsibility and returning the seed money. Many members joined them in congratulating the convention team.

- **Karnataka flood relief and Fundraising :-**

Srishail reminded everyone of the dire situation in most of North Karnataka and the fate of the flood stricken areas where people are stranded with nothing but wet clothes on their backs. Now is the time to embrace our very principle “DASOHA” and bring out the true Sharana within us.

Raj called for the action items:

1. Requested the attendees for suggestions if they know any non profits or others who are involved in the flood relief effort and doing a self-less service.

2. Target deadline to send donations to relief fund by September 15th, latest by 30th.

Many questions/options regarding the funds disbursements were raised/discussed. The officers promised to do due diligence in searching a proper entity to ensure the funds reach the needy.

Many presidents had already started/collected and eager to contribute to Dasoha.

- **Update on the action items from BOD Meeting - Srishail Hadimani**

- **Replacement of Ex-Officio position:**

The past president Laxmi Hiremath had communicated to relieve her off of her responsibility and will not attend any BOD meetings. The executive committee is in search of a person next in the cadre—the vice president or any one suitable.

- **Absentee BOD member issues : How to motivate?**

The president has reached out to them but in vain. A few chapters have dwindled down to 1-2 families. However they affect the quorum.

Raj emphasized that the ultimate goal is to drive more participation to build a stronger organization. Many other members chimed in their suggestions –a few to mention, change the bylaws to reduce the number constituting the quorum, include all the executive committee members from each chapter to WhatsApp group. Suggestion to get their permission before adding/ Pros and Cons were discussed.

- **Treasurer's report – Shiva Patil :-**

Shiva Patil pointed to the board about some legal expenses incurred by the previous committee without the approval of the board. He requested a clear directive from the board so he could file the taxes before the extended due date September 15th, without jeopardizing the 501(c)3 status of the organization. Srishail has made futile attempts to communicate with the past president and the treasurer to resolve this issue. Also mentioned about similar invoices submitted by party B for payment.

Raj opened the discussion by mentioning the need to file taxes without raising the red flag. Consider it as non-recoverable expenses and asked if Shiva can consult the CPA.

The summary of all the discussions:

Paying to Party A and not paying party B is not an option. Can we get another extension to file the taxes? Can we approach a volunteer lawyer? Some members were very frustrated of bringing this issue in every meeting and suggested to hire a lawyer and get it resolved once for all. It was decided unanimously to procure a lawyer and Shiva was authorized to spend up to \$1000 which does not need approval as per the bylaw. It was decided to reconvene in two weeks and decide on the status of filing the taxes.

Committee reports, Chapter Rejuvenation update and Voice of Chapter Presidents was postponed till next meeting due to shortage of time.

- **BOR Updates - Yuvaraj Patil:-**

The BOR has been quite occupied with amending bylaws. Several amendments are being worked out to include completion of the board, chapter presidents, elected members with specific tasks. Keeping the current structure and trim down the attendance to meet the quorum. Drafts are in the works on recognizing the chapters that are doing well. Guidelines on conducting the Annual General body Meeting, youth mentor, mentee pilot experiment etc. He recommended to reach out to Channu Kamblyal or the president with suggestions if any.

- Schedule September BOD meeting – To announce the date for a special meeting before September 15th
- Jayashree Jagadeesh thanked all the attendees for their valuable time, ideas, propositions etc for the betterment of this organization.

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Jayashree Jagadeesh
Secretary, VSNA

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Central VSNA BOD meeting minutes: September 7th 2019

This meeting was conducted as a conference call. Agenda and other call details are as below.

Date: September 7th 2019 @ 2 pm EST

Dial-in Number: (605) 472-5297

Access Code: 988106 #

- **Roll Call - Jayashree Jagadeesh: The following VSNA officers and BOD members attended the meeting.**

VSNA officers: Srishail Hadimani, Rajendra Galagali, Shiva Patil, and Jayashree Jagadeesh

BOD members: Sudha Nagabhushana, Rathna, Priyanka Ravishankar, Uma Hukkeri, Vandana Katti, Manisha Virupannavar, Nagarathna Totada, Naveen Kumar, Kalpana, Indira Reddy, Tej Kartal, Vijay Aivalli, Shivshankar Sanikop, Girish Budibetta, Shashidhar Kallur and Vasanth

BOR chair: Shylendra Kumar

The president Srishail welcomed all the attendees by thanking them for attending this special meeting. He briefed on the urgency of the situation to resolve the issue of an unauthorized spending by the previous administration and reminded of the pending invoices to be paid to the other party for the expenses occurred as a consequence of the actions by the previous administration. Several attempts made to contact the past president either to streamline the expenditure as authorized by obtaining the approval from the previous board or to refund the money were in vain. Today our treasures needs a resolve in the form of meeting minutes so that he can file the taxes within the deadline. He opened the floor for discussion.

Sudha Nagabhushana:- Lot of members are new here and may not be aware of why these charges occurred and may have lot of questions.

Manisha:- No clarifications were provided to the questions asked by the senior members at the general body held at the convention and need to be answered.

Srishail:- That is a totally different agenda and today's special meeting is to focus on tax filing and discuss the related issues. This issue is being discussed for the past 8 months and this is Sudha's first meeting. The BOD is aware of this situation and more information can be found in the agenda and meeting minutes of the past meeting minutes.

Indira Reddy:- Requested the details about the general Body meeting conducted at the convention. Many questions were raised as to the procedure, attendance, quorum and the way it ended.

Shylendra :- Explained. After the treasurer's report, the same people who were involved as seniors in this process from the beginning were asking these questions

to the current officers instead of the previous committee. These are the same members referred to in the email exchanges who provided the guidance to the previous committee. The purpose of the GB is to inform the general membership about the state of the Samaja and information only. Any input will be noted and discussed at the BOD for a proper action.

The request at the General Body (GB) meeting was to constitute a special committee to hear from both the sides. Unfortunately there was no quorum to make a motion and the meeting had to be adjourned abruptly due to the chaos.

Jayashree:- Reminded everyone of the importance of today's meeting. What happened at the GB will not help us. In order to get to the bottom of these questions, past officers need to be present. We have about a week's time to file the taxes and need to move forward.

Manisha:- We had 8 months to resolve this and not having enough time to discuss is not an excuse.

Shankar Sanikop:- Yes. For the past 8 months this committee is trying to bring a resolve to this problem. You people being part of BOD, need to take ownership and help take a final decision instead of asking these questions.

Raj:- We have discussed and debated it for 8 months now. Need to resolve it in a way it will not jeopardize the nonprofit status of our organization. All the efforts to collect the money have not yielded. Again, the intent is not to target any individual but the goal today is to resolve it once for all and within the given time frame. We as a responsible BOD agree to absorb those costs and allow our treasurer to file the taxes.

How do we structure this is up to us. Why don't we agree to accept those expenses and explain the circumstances and give it as an endorsement to the treasurer that it is an approved expense so that he can file the taxes?

Tej:- I totally agree with Raj. This is an unforeseen event that has never occurred in the history of VSNA. Just absorb the costs, write the explanation with the help of CPA. Let us give the consensus as a team and move forward.

Many members were very dissatisfied with the spending that one member suggested to revoke the membership of the person/s involved for at least a year to reflect the consequences and such spending will not be accepted by the board.

Girish:- Agree with Raj, absorb, file taxes. Moving forward, we can change the bylaws to prevent its reoccurrence.

Most of the members agreed to this and some who spoke are, **Sudha, Kalpana, Manisha, Nagarathna, Tej, Priyanka and Indira.**

Raj:- Brought up the second part of the resolution, the other party (partyB) has also sent an invoice for their expenses that occurred as a consequence of the same incidence. However it will not cause any further loss to the organization. They have kindly agreed to refund the amount in its entirety.

Rathna:- Requested clarity about what are these expenses and who is party B.

Tej:- Requested to send their invoices to the members for record keeping only.

Shiva:- Explained that the invoices received were for the last year's expenses incurred by a few BOD/BOR members in seeking legal advice to respond to the legal notices served by the previous president to them.

Sudha:- These people received notices because of the illegalities caused and in hacking the communication platform and deception by these members.

Srishail and others:- Some discussions ensued as to the individual perception and views to consider what is legal and what is not.

Raj:- Read the resolution—

The BOD team proposes a resolution to resolve the unauthorized spending of \$6,929.99 by the previous president and treasurer as below:

The legal expenses were borne by both the parties involved. However party-B did not have VSNA check signing authority, while previous president and treasurer (Party A) used their power to use VSNA funds to pay for their legal expenses. In order to resolve this issue once for all, it is only fair that current BOD accept the expenses of both the parties involved. However Party-B requesting this reimbursement purely on principle of adhering to bylaws and fairness is paying back to VSNA the entire amount. As a result, this will not result in any further expenses to VSNA. The resolution further states that this incident cannot be used as a precedent in the future nor is this endorsement of previous president and treasurer's acts as valid and appropriate. This resolution is making a special exception to absorb the legal expenses of \$6,105 to enable the current treasurer to file VSNA taxes and protect the 501 (c) 3 of our organization. Any invoices or expenses related to this will not be entertained in the future.

Indira Reddy, Manisha and Sudha- Did not agree to the second part, to pay party B. Their opinion was to focus on one thing at a time. Suggested to have another meeting to discuss the validity of payments to party B.

Rathna:- Still not clear on who the party B members are and their charges.

Srishail:-

Party A : Laxmi Hiremath (Past President), Karuna Hiremath (Past Treasurer)

Party B : Basavaraj mudenur, Prabhakar Chippadi, Dada Patil, Channu Kamblyal, Yuvaraj Patil and Shylendra Kumar have spent \$6,105.00 in responding to the legal notices served by the past president.

Sudha insisted that it needs to be discussed on why they received these legal notices, was there any wrong doing on their part?

Srishail;- This is a question to the party who served the notices. Have been trying for the past 8 months and the president has not replied to any of our emails.

Shankar:- Cautioned us on the 45 minutes spent already and agreed to propose the resolution to accept the expenses borne by both the parties. Need to reimburse party B for their expenses if not paid already.

Indira, Sudha and Manisha were in disagreement to pay the party B. Priyanka wanted to see an end to it and suggested considering accepting Party A costs since most have agreed and take party B at another resolution.

Shankar:- People should respect the resolution put forward. Endless argument will not result in a solution. Need to accept the expenditure and need to take a letter from both the parties that no further expenses will be accepted in the future.

Naveen:- My opinion from the discussion we had so far is, if we are OK to pay the party A expenses, we should be OK to pay party B as well, because they are related and are not two different issues. Whatever the decision, take for both the parties and move forward once for all.

Raj was asked to read the resolution once again.

Tej:- Suggested to verify the validity of the invoices claimed by party B and also raised the concerns regarding the financial transactions since the invoices are from 2018 and the payment/reimbursement is occurring in 2019. The recommendation is to consult the CPA to get the suitable language frame to ensure the legal validity of this resolution.

Suggestions were made by others to include the exact amount that will be paid to party B.

With the above modification, the resolution was put to voting with the **proposal by ---Shivashankar Sanikop, seconded by-Naveen Kumar.**

The resolution was passed by 15 members in agreement, 3-members in disagreement. Could not establish contact with Vijay Aivalli and Rathna from Georgia chapter.

Srishail approved and declared the passing of the resolution

Vasanth: was of the opinion that we should be OK even if the party B doesn't reimburse the amount.

Priyanka:- All the members are in agreement to accept the expenses. Party B is paying back to VSNA with a bigger heart. All volunteers are doing seva. In the best interest of the organization and the pending tax filing issues, let us put an end to this and move forward.

Srishail thanked all the members for their help in making this critical decision and facilitating the tax filing process.

Jayashree Jagadeesh:- Thanked everyone for attending this special meeting and coming together as one team. Also requested the members to put their personal differences aside and work together for the Samaja.

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Central VSNA BOD meeting minutes: October 13th 2019

This meeting was conducted as a conference call. Agenda and other call details are as below.

Date: October 13th 2019 @ 12 pm EST

Dial-in Number: (605) 472-5297

Access Code: 988106 #

- **Roll Call - Jayashree Jagadeesh: The following VSNA officers and BOD members attended the meeting.**

VSNA officers: Srishail Hadimani, Rajendra Galagali, Shiva Patil, and Jayashree Jagadeesh

BOD members: Priyanka Ravishankar, Uma Hukkeri , Nijaguna Prasad, Siddaramanna Tumkur, Kalpana, Indira Reddy, Shrikanth, Sheela Niral, Girish Budibetta, Prabhakar Chippadi, Lingappa (proxy for Shashidhar Kallur) Mahesh Patil, Rohini Menasinkai

BOR chair: Shylendra,

Special invitees: Bylaw committee chair: Channu Kamblyal

- **Prayer and welcome:** The president Srishail Hadimani welcomed all the attendees by thanking them for attending this meeting, He narrated the Vachana –Iva naara, Iva naarava, Iva naarava, Iva nammava, Iva nammava, Iva nammava authored by Basaanna. He beautifully explained the literal meaning, spiritual meaning of the vachana, how one can be inclusive through, Ishtalinga, Praanalinga Bhaavalinga and with Tanu, Mana and Bhaava.

Jayashree thanked Srishail for an excellent rendering of the Vachana.

- **Approval of Agenda:** (removed youth update, Manisha could not attend)
Proposed by: Siddaramanna Tumkur, Seconded by: Girish Budibetta.
- **Approval of August and September BOD meeting minutes:**
Proposed by: Prabhakar Chippadi, Seconded by: Shiva Patil.
- **Convention - 2020, VSNA - DC & VA Chapter updates – Raj Galgali:**
The DC&VA chapter has selected their convention officers.
Convention chair: Rajendra Galgali,
Co-Chair: Jagan Gowder, Co-Chair: Rashmi Bannikodu.
Planning to nominate 2 treasurers and 2 secretaries.
Venue: Mclean Hilton-contract signed
Target audience expecting: Boston to Florida—drivable distance

Expecting registrants from Boston, Connecticut, NY/NJ, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Maryland, Georgia, Florida and nearby Richmond. Deliberate decision was made to run the convention as democratic process and service oriented especially from youth perspective. All decisions to be made based on the feedback across all the chapters and the key decisions were also established by way of survey from VA&DC members. 76% of VA members voted to call the convention as **"Global Basava Convenion 20/20 hosted by VA & DC chapter.**

Want to work closely with central VSNA and need to know what to abide by.

Proposed Theme—**"Happiness through Kayaka, Dasoha mattu Samanate"**

Financial update: Registration and package structures have been finalized.

Specific convention Bank account has been opened.

Chief guests and speakers –Planning to invite speaker/s qualified, justified to speak on the topic even if they are non-Veerashaivas.

Commended on the progress made and agreed on all the decisions except expressed concerns about removing the word VSNA from the title. Also explained about the enormous time they spent in the bylaw reform committee meetings though it is not applicable to 2020 convention.

Uma: Since it is called Global convention, are guests from all over the world invited? Raj: yes.

Mahesh: Do attendees from outside the US are involved in decision making process?

Raj: No.

Jayashree: clarified that Invitations have always been sent to all the organizations outside the US. Every year people from outside attend the convention.

Sheela Neral: Agreed that every year outside people are invited. Showed concerns about not having the name VSNA in the convention title, agreeing with Shylendra.

Srishail: International Basava conference has been used by Boston in the past, Vishwa manava Dharma etc names have been in use. The name VA has chosen reflects their chapter's decision and we should honor it.

Nijaguna Prasad: How about balancing both -and include VSNA in the Global Basava Convention or add as a second line.

Continued discussion: regarding the title, Global convention name used by Melbourne, any copyright issues.

Shiva: Have you reached out to other chapters for their opinion?

Raj: Will look into copyright issues. Yes. We will send out the survey to all the 22 chapters.

- **Updates from the Bylaws review committee - Channu Kambalyal –**

Thanked BOD and Srishail having trusted him to complete this task with the help of other bylaw committee members—Shylendra Kumar, Leena Paul,

Yuvaraj Patil, Narendra Hadimani. Thanked the past senior members for writing the constitution and the bylaws. Explained how this was a mega task but much needed. Thanked all the chapter presidents, seniors and many who gave inputs during the convention and many other meetings. The team has spent more than 500 hours and had several meetings in the last 8 months. many changes were made from earlier version. He also mentioned that this is still in the works and this is the initial draft, purely for the members for their review and feedback.

He referred to the link that he had sent earlier. Mainly--**Three main changes, The membership structure for Life Membership-Family and individual, Annual Membership-Family and individual, and annual membership--youth .**

Refer to Article III: Membership. Fee structure is up to BOD to decide.

Eligibility: To serve as a member of BOD and /or the officers.

Refer to Article VI: Board of Directors section 3.

Some members requested clarity regarding the pre requisite to serve as a president.

Number of BOD members: Removing the extra slots of elected BOD members. Many discussions including the control of spending were addressed.

Srishail: sent a link. Lot of effort has gone into it. It is still a working doc. Suggest how to improve on it. Give your feed back to the bylaw committee or to the president.

Raj: What really would help to understand what is the change what is new compared to old version is some sort of side by side document..

Channu: in summary the change you see in slide #2 referred to the link sent) are the main changes. It is difficult to pin point the changes. There are many structural changes. But will try to have excel spreadsheet with side by side changes to make it easier. Cautioned that the article number may have changed, some deleted. In many cases they rewrote. Old one modified to include changes.

Indira: The number of BOD doesn't match. Now it is chapter presidents plus the nominated, $23+6=29$.

Channu and Shylendra: That is the suggested change. Remove the elected BOD. The chapter rep should cover each chapter. Youth chapter also have a representation. No need to have elected 6 officers.

Indira: We will be short of those 6 helping hands.

Shylendra: Appreciate any suggestion to include those positions can come up with an issue that causes the organization not to function properly. Again this is a proposal for BOD need to decide and put it up for voting.

Prabhakara: Any time line to hear the feed back from the BOD?

Channu; In order to implement this before the next election, it has to be in place after the general body voting. Need to be ready before Jan at least.

Srishail: This is the 1st time everyone is seeing and need to go through and will reach out with their comments.

Requested any suggestion should be made in the long term interest of the organization.

- **Update on the action items from past BOD meeting: Srishail Hadimani**

Replacement on ex officio position: Still working on filling this position

Received an attorney letter from EX-officio Laxmi Hiremath. She was the past president. She has sent such letters to the past BOD, BOR chair, preceding president of the organization at the expense of VSNA funds amounting to unauthorized spending. Neither we prescribe or subscribe to such behavior of the medieval mindset. As we are the part of the religious/spiritual organization, we condemn such acts and any judiciary interference in the religious institution. We believe in plurality and democratic values and we honor and respect the views and opinions of our respected members. If there is any ambiguity or differences of opinion, we strive to resolve them through consensus or by a majority view. As we are all volunteers and serving for a noble cause and full-filling our mission to preserve promote and propagate his divine message. On that note, let's move forward in fulfilling our goals and objectives of the organization.

Flood relief fund:

He thanked all the chapter presidents for their efforts and contributions to the flood relief fund. Still exploring and evaluating a few projects to work under the VSNA banner possibly in Jamakhandi Taluk in Vijayapura and Chikkodi Taluk of Belagavi District. The projects that are being considered are repairing/rebuilding roofs of schools, public toilet construction with the help of our VSNA members on the ground and support from local logistical support. Will update on the progress made.

Upcoming events:

Will be Launching a global Anubhava Goshti "Sharana Vani" beginning next Sunday, Oct 20th. It will be a spiritual discussion session on a conference call. Will share the detailed information, and requested to share with their chapter members.

- **VSNA Website & Subdomains and future - Raj Galagali**

There have been a lot of feed back to have one common place where central VSNA manages the web site and also provide the full control to all local chapters who can manage their events, can have admin rights, manage through common portal. Will share more details but right now one agency who is working for similar organizations has come forward and provided the template. This where the Central VSNA can bring value. Not all the chapters have the capacity to handle these activities. Will provide details in future and seek your inputs. Srishail thanked Raj and asked if any questions.

- **Treasurer's report: Shiva Patil**

Profusely thanked all the members for discussing and approving the money spent by the past president and also agreeing to pay party B. Commendable that we all came together as one team and the draft of meeting minutes has been submitted to CPA. Taxes have been paid. A check to party B has been mailed and waiting to receive their reimbursement check.

Flood relief collection: Received funds from many chapters. Among the ones we have received Maryland stands 1st with a donation of \$3100, Georgia- \$2701, Florida, \$2551, Central CA-\$1,400, Northern CA \$1,100 Pittsburg- \$1000 Rest are 25- 250 individual contributions. Not received from NJ/NY and Boston. So far the total is \$16,079. Will decide when once we have the total.

Srishail: Thank you. It will be nice if it totals to 20, 000 so that we can make a substantial contribution.

- **Chapter rejuvenation committee update: Indira Reddy**

Mentioned about a meeting that a few of us attended and discussed about the improvement, suggested mandatory and optional activities. Brain storming discussion on not to just make it sound like a cult and how we can involve every age member and how to convey the message of Basava philosophy through entertainment at the same time making it a fun filled activity. Will get feed back from others and will communicate to the other presidents.

Basva Jayanthi, , Shivarathri, Dasoha, were some suggestions.

Srishail: This is just the first meeting and will meet a few more times and see how we can make these things happen and will convey through BOD/BOR meetings.

- **BOR update: Shylendra**

Main focus was to assist the bylaw committee. Main contributor was Dada Patil. Shiva Sajjan, Veerappa Arabhavi also gave suggestions. Discussions are going on as to topics we should be focusing on next. Will present a short list of ideas. Welcomed BOD for their inputs as well.

Also announced that NE chapter is exploring to host 2021 convention. They are meeting in NOV and will make a proposal to BOD for approval. Will contact the president and get progress on the relief fund from Boston.

Mahesh : Requested to take up the project of ideas on enabling matching contributions from corporates. VSNA is a religious organization currently disqualifies for matching donations. Possibility of having a sister organization? This also prompted the dialogue on accessing the free services for non-profits from companies like Google.

Shylendra: Was glad this came up since they have already taken the word religious from the bylaws which was one of the changes implemented in the

reformed version. Initially it was not registered as religious organization except only once taxes were filed as religious organization. Explained how New England kannada koota faced the same problem which they were able to alleviate. Need to spend \$1500-\$2000 to a lawyer. However, now BOD can decide.

Srishail; Thanked and mentioned that we have been thinking about it.

Thanked all the bylaw committee members Channu, Shylendra, for putting an enormous amount of time and careful thoughts in improving the clarity to the bylaws.

- **Thank you note and Schedule November BOD meeting – Jayashree Jagadeesh**
Jayashree thanked all the members for attending the meeting and giving their valuable inputs to take our beloved organization to the next level. Thanked Channu, Shylendra and other team members for their hard and diligent effort for basically “rewriting” the bylaws to bring it up to date. Looking forward to hear more from the 2020 convention team on their progress. Concluded with a note on meeting again in November.

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Central VSNA BOD meeting minutes: November 17th 2019

This meeting was conducted as a conference call. Agenda and other details are as below.

Date: November 17th 2019 @ 12 pm EST.

Dial-in Number: (605) 472-5297, Access Code: 988106 #

- **Roll Call - Jayashree Jagadeesh: The following VSNA officers and BOD members attended the meeting.**

VSNA officers: Srishail Hadimani, Rajendra Galagali, Shiva Patil, and Jayashree Jagadeesh

BOD members: Priyanka, Uma Hukkeri , Nijaguna Prasad, Harish Hiremath, Kalpana, Onkar, Girish Budibetta, Prabhakar, Lingappa, Shobha Mahesh Patil, Rohini Menasinakai, Asha Gaddi,
BOR chair: Shylendra,

Jayashree: Welcomed everyone with Deepavali and Channabasaveshwara Jayanthi wishes. Requested the president to throw some light through vachana on this auspicious occasion.

- **Prayer:** The president Srishail Hadimani welcomed all the attendees and narrated a Vachana by Allama Prabhu –

Oora madhayada kannu kaadinalli biddaava 5 heNagalu.
bandu bandu attaru balaga ghanavaada kaarana
kaadu nandadu, henavu beayadu, naada uridittu Guheshwara.

Five lifeless objects-can be Honnu, Hennu, mannu or awards and honors or land, building, basically materialistic wealth. Unfortunately while we focus on acquiring this material wealth, we forget about the spiritual wealth which leads us towards peace. Neither these objects vanished nor the person chasing these objects was successful in acquiring them. The entire life was wasted in chasing these illusionary objects.

- **Approval of Agenda:**
Proposed by: Prabhakar, Seconded by: Rohini
- **Approval of October BOD meeting minutes:**
Proposed by: Raj Galagali, Seconded by: Uma Hukkeri.

- Convention - 2020, VSNA - DC & VA Chapter updates – Raj Galgali**
 Overwhelming response to the survey from all the 22 chapters.
 91.6% of the members agreed to call the 2020 convention as
“Global Basava Convention 2020 hosted by the VSNA chapter of DC & VA”.
 404 people responded. Members are responsive and willing to give opinion.
Harish: What is the goal? What changes are you bringing?
Raj: We have shared the blue print of our convention with a few chapters already.
 The reason for calling it as a global convention--Sharana principles are not limited to America. We like to cater to the needs of people globally with the main focus being the youth and the next generation. Identify keynote topic first and then invite the chief guest who can do justice to the topic. A swamiji/non swamiji who can talk about life in America to suit our youth are welcome.
 Blue print for the convention –Educate, Enrich and Entertain our youth. We want them to come out of the convention saying we learnt something had fun and we want to come back to the next convention. Decided to have two way conversation rather than one way lecture. Give prime time to youth on the stage and have them debate on the theme. Want to align the theme **Kaayaka, Dasoha mattu samaanathe** in all our activities
 Keynote speaker: Considering Mrs. Sudha Murthy. Would like to seek approval through this BOD.
Prabhakar: Excellent choice. She can relate to current issues. It might be a good idea to take the next step to get the web site updated.
Raj: We have the content ready but can't launch since the 2019 convention team will not release the website until Dec 31st 2019. We will get the web on Jan 1st. If central VSNA can help, it will happen sooner.
Harish: Suggested that BOD should work offline with 2019 committee to Release the website to 2020 team.
Onkar: 2020 Convention's name modification deviates from article #5 in our bylaw. Will this pose Conflict?
Shylendra: Revise the bylaw and make modification since the 2020 convention team took the majority opinion.
Jayashree: Any objection to invite Sudha Murthy as chief guest?
 Unanimous approval. Proposed by: Nijaguna Prasad. Seconded by :Harish
Nijaguna Prasad: Any standby if this option doesn't work?
 This prompted a short discussion and the 2020 committee was suggested to **Compile** a list of 8-10 speakers and get a blanket approval at once.
- VSNA Bylaws 2020 Approval- Srishjail Hadimani**
 Bylaw committee has completed the final draft version. On behalf of BOD we thank the bylaw committee for meeting every weekend and for spending more than 500 hours. Many suggestions and questions raised by the members have been addressed. A draft version has been submitted for BOD.
Shylendra: Just to clarify, this is only the approval from the BOD. This needs

to go to the general membership for the feed back. Make those changes if any and then put for voting for the final approval.

Prabhakar and Harish expressed that since this is an important document need more time to go through, though it has been discussed at length in the previous meetings.

Mahesh Patil: Understood the solution but didn't have the past issues to compare against which these changes have been made and the thought process in making these changes. Availability of this material will help everyone to decide and vote.

Shylendra: This board appointed this committee to make modifications to the doc written 40 years ago. Over time additions were made to add needed clauses but we found lots of inconsistencies and overlapping information. It is impossible to just list every line. Present version is the complete revamp of the original bylaw. In order to understand completely, you must have both the old and new versions side by side.

Srishail: We have shared 3 docs, old and new bylaw and excel spread sheet with modified changes. Many members have sent questions, suggestions and have sought clarifications.

Mahesh: If you can't just convince the family how can you convince the general members? What issues we had as an organization in the old version and the reasoning behind those modifications is still not clear. It is my bad that didn't go through. Let us put it for voting in the next meeting.

Shylendra: Didn't want to rush through this process but if the next term election takes place in 2020, if it is not approved before January, we will end up in facing the same issues for example of eligibility of the candidates etc. One option is to release it to the general membership for commenting, the board can also use this opportunity to comment while the general members review.

Raj: Just pass the resolution to release it for commenting to the general members.

Passed resolution: Bylaw committee presented documents as submitted and shared with all the BOD members be released to general members to receive the comments by December 1st. Proposed by Raj Galagali and seconded by Shiva Patil.

Srishail: Some of the chapter presidents might be ending their term and my request for you is to share the information of the new executive committee. Also requested all the chapter presidents to provide the list of the members of their chapter. This will facilitate adding the names of new members to the mailchimp list that central VSNA currently has. Please send the annual member list also.

Nijagna Prasad: mailing list—is it the email list or the mailing postal address?

Srishail: The format has been sent to all the presidents. First name, last name and the phone number, email.

Jayashree: Can people become members now and gain eligibility to vote on the bylaws?

Shylendra: That is a tricky question that has a conflict in the current bylaw that caused all the problems. If we want to stick to the current bylaws, the dues need to be paid by March/April to become members for the current year. If some one becomes member today, they won't be eligible to vote.

Jayashree: Need to put that info in the notification that we send out to the members for commenting.

- **VSNA Website, Subdomains and future - Raj Galagali**

We have shared with all of you about the presentation of what we are

Thinking. Also have shared the information on WhatsApp group.

Basically this is a continuation for comments/suggestions from you in today's meeting. We will have a separate meeting with the company "Inqude" who have given us the initial proposal. They have worked with similar non profit organization like ours.

Harish: Excellent presentation. We will support and make it happen.

Mahesh Patil: Will you be able to provide subdomains for all the local chapters?

Raj: yes. We will prepare an FAQ and share. Effectively each chapter will have a subdomain and will have admin rights to do whatever they want. We will continue to collaborate with the local chapters. Still need to work out on the cost etc. This is just to feel the pulse as to see if this is something that we really need to explore.

- **VSNA Youth Chapter Plans, vision and updates: Manisha V**

Unable to have the Youth update due to the absence of the youth president.

Srishail: Basically this was needed to update the youth vision and activities from youth chapter. This is a second consecutive meeting that she was unable to attend.

Jayashree: In that case may be Raj or some one might want to contact her from the convention perspective.

Uma: Can someone do the presentation if Manisha can't attend. It will be nice to get youth involved.

Jayashree, Srishail: But she has to assign it to some one like vice president

- **BOR update: Shylendra**

As you all know we have been extremely busy with the bylaws. Received proposal from BOD to look into making the VSNA a non-religious organization. We plan to discuss this in today's meeting and looking for new ideas as well.

- **Treasurer's report: Shiva**

Party B has graciously returned the check back to us regarding the legal expenses.

Thank you very much. Received communication from Chicago convention chair also who wants to send us the check. Need update on the

Karnataka relief funds situation need to be addressed ASAP. Taxes have been submitted successfully and accepted by the IRS without any questions.

Jayashree extended request to some of the presidents like Harish to rig up some funds from their members to make it a sizable amount.

A few things that we chatted out of the agenda items:

Rohini requested Shylendra if he can find out how we can send donations to India. Shylendra agreed however cautioned that any organization that we send

needs to be recognized by IRS here, otherwise it will run into money laundering.

Shobha: New England chapter president announced that they will host the 2021 VSNA convention. Also expressed the concern of NE members that the 2020 VSNA convention registration being too steep especially for a family of 4, the package price of \$1700 seems to be too much. Wanted to know if the amount can be reduced? Used Eco-friendly utensils for the function to save plastic.

Raj: Acknowledged the concern and promised to get back to her on that.

Jayashree: Can BOR take up the project of bring awareness of Sharana movement to people outside of the VSNA? Thanks to Srishail for forwarding the Akkamahadevi and Allama discussion that made it to the TV show. How and where can we start?

Shylendra: Virginia has put a beginning. Need to expand and promote it.

Srishail: It is every one's collective responsibility. Sharana vani is one step forward in that direction to get a global attention.

General discussion: Request to have some matrimony related site. Blood drive from Northern California, Vachana in the rap form to motivate children.

Jayashree: Thanked all the members for all the new ideas. Invited everyone to the December meeting and requested to send their proxies if they can't attend. Ended the meeting with Sharanu Sharanaarthi!!

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Central VSNA BOD/BOR meeting minutes: Dec 15th, 2019

Attendees: 18 Attended. Quorum achieved.

Officers : Srishail Hadimani, Raj Galagali, Shiva Patil. Jayashree Jagadeesh

BOD / BOR members: Shailendra (BoR – Chair), Prabhakar Chippadi, Girish Budibetta, Indira Reddy, Tej Kartal, Manisha Virupannavar,

Chapter Presidents: Uma Hukkeri (S.CA), Ratna Ullagaddi (N CA), Vandana Katti (MD-rep), Rohini Menasinakai (Toronto), Kalpana Melligere (FL) Naveen (Pittsburgh), Vivek Neginhal (West VA), Sheela Niral (Detroit), Shashidhar Kallur (Chicago), Harish Hiremath (Houston), Shobha Amaresh (NE)

Prayer: by Srishail Hadimani: Explained what is Kayaka and Dasoha,

Approval of Agenda:

Indira Reddy proposed that we change the agenda from approval of bylaws by BOD to continue the discussion of bylaws. This was seconded by Sheela Niral and many others.

Bylaw discussion: Shylendra led the discussion on behalf of bylaw committee. Provided details on restructuring of the content, remapping to new structure. Goal was to provide clear distinct interpretation of the old bylaws. Received feedback from many members during the last 4 weeks. Bylaw committee has gone through each of the response received and incorporated needed changes. These are only recommendations. It is up to BOD to review and provide their feedback. Process is that the BOD has to approve it first. Then it goes to general members for approval.

Naveen from Pittsburgh: Expressed his concerns and objections, around changing from Religious to charitable organization. Girish Budibetta, Indira Reddy and Kalpana expressed the same. Shylendra gave explanation 1. Corporates cannot and do not contribute to religious organization and members are not able to raise. 2. Sharana principle as the primary objective of this organization. Hence there is no religion attached to Basava principles.

Srishail shared that our registration under 501(c) 3-B, we are non-profit charitable organization. It does not say we are a religious organization.

Naveen expressed concerns that the money collected may be misused if we change it from religious to charitable. Vivek feels that this is an experiment and resists the change. Uma said that we should not wait until they age to come back. Rohini strongly felt that we should focus on charity and adapt to the changing times. Prabakar also expressed that just changing to charitable does not mean we are not practicing the religion.

Jayashree summarized that the money collected was for the activities conducted by this organization and not because this is called religious organization or otherwise. Just calling

charitable organization does not mean we lose or give up on what we have been doing for so many years.

Harish agreed that we should change religious to charitable however they do not want anything else to be changed in article 1 and 2.

Conscious efforts were made to have everyone share their thoughts on this important topic. There were points made for and against this change by each of the members present.

Shylendra in summary explained the inconsistencies in our registration, in IRS registration, emblem and details in it, place of worship and everything else. If we need to keep article 1 as it is, one needs to address the issues written in each of these. Bylaw committee aimed to define the registered office address and mailing address and other aspects without contradicting at various other places.

An option to vote just on this single point of changing religious to charitable was explored and it was eventually decided that BOD wanted to see both article 1 and 2 together and then come prepared to vote on it.

Rest of the items were not covered due to shortage of time. This was a 2 hour call.

Vote of thanks: Next BOD meeting will be held in January 2020. Thank you to everyone for joining the call.

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