

MEETING MINUTES:	DATE: 02/26/2022	TIME: 2:00 PM EST	VENUE: ZOOM CALL
MEETING CHAIRED BY:	Harish Hiremath, VSNA President		
TYPE OF MEETING:	Anubhava Mantapa Session # 1 (VSNA BOD Meeting)		
MINUTES RECORDED BY:	Kiran Babaladi, VSNA Secretary		

No	Position	Name
1	President	Mr. Harish Hiremath
2	Vice President	Mrs. Nagarathna Totada
3	Treasurer	Mrs. Bhavani Moodabagil
4	Secretary	Mr. Kiran Babaladi
5	BOD	Mr. Dilip Sivanna
6	BOD	Mr. Nandish Dhananjaya
7	BOD	Mr. Girish Budibetta
8	BOD	Mr. Suresh Shroff
9	BOD	Mr. Prabhu Setru
No	Chapter	Chapter President
10	NY & NJ	Mr. Onkara Murundi
11	California North	Mrs. Rupali Mallikarjun
12	Ohio	Mr. Sudhir Naikar
13	Georgia	Mr. Jay Jayadev
14	Toronto	Mr. Kiran Shivappagoudar
15	North Carolina	Mr. Thumbesh Halnur
16	Alabama	Mr. Sajjan Shiva
17	Maryland	Mr. Nijaguna Prasad
18	Alberta	Mrs. Sumangala Desaigoudar
19	California Central	Mr. Mrutyunjaya Hiremath
20	Austin	Mr. Manohar Mutnal
21	Connecticut	Mr. Tushar Gaddi
22	Virginia	Mr. Hebbani Lokesh
23	Dallas	Mr. Mahantesh Nashi
24	Pennsylvania East	Mr. Sidd Tumkur
25	Florida	Mrs. Vidya Takkalaki
26	Pittsburgh	Mr. Virupaksha Hire Kotanakal

Agenda topics:

Anubhava Mantapa Session # 1-2022	
Saturday, Feb 26th, 2022, 2 PM EST/1 PM CST	
1.	Meet and greet
2.	Om Chanting & Vachana – Harish
3.	Quorum update – Kiran
4.	New Appointed Directors
	a. Tushar
	b. Virupaksha
	c. Lokesh
	d. Rupa S.
5.	VSNA Austin & Indiana – New Chapters - Update
6.	“Our Founders” VSNA - Update
7.	V3 – Vichara Vedike Programs – Update
8.	VSNA Election Committee - Changes
9.	VCTF 2021 – Update – Nagarathna & Bhavani
10.	International Basava Jayanti 2022 - Update
11.	VSNA Convention 2022 – Discussion - All
	a. Registration?
	b. Onsite V/s Virtual?
12.	Kali Pramod Donation – Bhavani
13.	Gift Agreement for donation by Doddamani
14.	Chayapathy VSNA Transparency Case - Update
15.	Hadimani Defamation Case Update – Update
16.	VSNA Bylaw Amendments - Harish
17.	Closing Remarks

Meeting started at 2:00 PM EST. Quorum was formed at 2:02 PM EST. President Mr. Harish Hiremath started with the Chanting and Vachana “Kayakanalli Nirutanadare”. Proposed agenda was presented to the board and there were no objections to the proposed Agenda sent out.

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AGENDA ITEM 4:	New Appointed Directors
Discussion: Start Time: 2:05 PM EST	
<p>Mr. Tushar Gaddi - Connecticut chapter President. Treasurer for VSCT for the past 2 years. Graduated in 2018 as Civil Engineer and working as Transportation Engineer for the state. Involved in Nextgen in 2021 and attended many past conventions.</p> <p>Mr. Virupaksha Hire Kotanakal - Pittsburgh chapter President. Originally from Raichur and is a software engineer.</p> <p>Mr. Lokesh Hebbani - Virginia and DC chapter President. Working as program manager in transportation department, Washington DC. Involved actively with VSNA and Kannadakootas in Florida, Georgia and now in Virginia area.</p> <p>Mrs. Rupali Mallikarjun - California North chapter President. Lived in Bay area for the past 20 years and works as a software engineer. California Chapter is involved with Anna Dasoha events and already did two events in 2022. Youth committee has about 15 members and would like to contribute more this year.</p> <p>Mr. Mrutyunjaya Hiremath - Central California chapter President. He was past president of the chapter and associate to past conventions.</p>	

AGENDA ITEM 5:		VSNA Indiana and Austin New Chapters	
Discussion: Start Time: 2:17 PM EST			
<p>Harish was working with the chapters for the past one year and requested permission to include both the chapters to central VSNA formally. Currently Austin has about 25 families and Indiana has about 20 families. Both are above the numbers required as per by laws to form the group. Somanath Hiremath and Nandi Nagaraj have come forward to form Indiana group formally. Manohar Mutnal has come forward from Austin to form the group formally. Harish requested BOD to approve the formal requests from two chapters.</p> <p>Mrs. Vidya voted NO as she did not have any prior knowledge and documentation was not shared with her. Harish agreed to send the formal documentation (New Chapter Formation Application forms) to Board of Directors as per her request.</p> <p>Manohar Mutnal: He was living in Minnesota for the past 15 years and recently moved to Austin last year. There 25 families in the WhatsApp group and would like to request BOD for the formal induction of the group. All members are planning to meet in person on March 12 to meet everyone. Personally, Manhor works in the in the health care field and wife works in the financial field.</p> <p>Nandi Nagaraj was not able to attend because of some emergency but will be formally introduced in the next meeting.</p>			
CONCLUSION:		New Chapters were approved by the majority of Board of Directors	
ACTION ITEMS:		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

Send formal chapter information to all the presidents and BOD members.	Mr. Harish Hiremath	By Mar 5 th , 22
ACTION COMPLETED (After the meeting, info provided here only for records): New Chapter Formation documentation was shared with the Board of Directors. Attachment#1: VSNA Austin Formation Docs, Attachment#2: VSNA Indiana	Mr. Harish Hiremath	VSNA Austin on Feb 28 th 22, VSNA Indiana on Mar 2 nd 22

Agenda Item 6:		“Our Founders” VSNA Update	
Discussion: Start Time: 2:27 PM EST			
Harish mentioned about lot of requests and suggestions received to ensure the formal recognition of "Our Founders" who were instrumental along with their spouses in founding our esteemed organization and building it through the challenging initial years.			
Mr. Jay Jayadev raised concern whether this will cause any challenges within the organization. Mr. Sidd Tumkur, Mr. Tumbesh had questions on what this about and what are we trying to do. Harish explained the background and approach taken to finalize the list. Also indicated the explicit unanimous approval from most of the seniors involved during these initial years. Mt. Nandish, agreed with Jay and other folks and suggested to give a link and update it instead of a page on the website. Mr. Onkar Murundi said instead of saying just founders, add lifetime achievers along with the founders.			
Harish mentioned that at this point in time the current effort is only directed towards recognizing the founders who lead the organization before formation and initial years until it stabilized.			
CONCLUSION:		“Our Founders” will be published on VSNA website.	
ACTION ITEMS:		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Members requested to send their thoughts in an email		BOD members	

Agenda Item 7:	V3 Vichara Vedike Programs Updates
Discussion: Start Time: 2:39 PM EST	
We are seeing excellent participation and encourage all members to participate in this. It is a great place to share and get to know lot of great things and promote VSNA.	
CONCLUSION:	BOD Members were requested to encourage the participation.

Agenda Item 8:	VSNA Election Committee – Filling Vacant Seats
Discussion: Start Time: 2:42 PM EST	
Ravishankar Bhooplapur was the committee chair and other two people Prema and Anand Hiremath told they cannot continue to participate in election committee activities anymore. After soliciting the participation from several members, Harish mentioned that Naveen Hanumanthappa from Pittsburgh and Roopa Guddimath from Virginia have expressed the interest to be part of this committee and requested the approval from the board members.	
Mr. Girish asked whether committee was formed two year back and do we need to form the new committee for which Mr. Harish mentioned the timelines are as with the current team. It was formed on December 6th, 2020. So will continue for 2 years until the end of the current term. Mr. Jay Jayadev confirmed by referring	

VSNA Bylaws that the current election committee need to continue and complete two years term.		
Mr. Nandish mentioned send out a formal email to ask if any other members are interested to fill the vacant positions. Harish agreed to send the formal invitation to the Board Members and requested them to share with their Chapter Members and solicit any interested members.		
CONCLUSION:		
ACTION ITEMS:	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Harish will send out formal email to the board soliciting members to fill the vacant positions.	Mr. Harish Hiremath	N/A
ACTION COMPLETED (After the meeting, info provided here only for records): Formal email sent out to board members and didn't receive the expression of interest from any members. Hence, board was formally informed about the filling of two vacant positions by Roopa Guddimath and Naveen Hanuman (emails attached).	MR. Harish Hiremath	Request for Solicitation - Mar 5th 2022 Filling the vacant position, Mar 8th 2022

Agenda Item 9:		VCTF 2021 Update – Nagarathna & Bhavani	
Discussion: Start Time: 2:45 PM EST			
Mrs. Nagarathna gave an update on VSNA Children Talent Festival 2021. We had a good turnout and thanked all presidents and parents for encouraging children to participate in the festival. Also thanked judges who judged all the children unbiased. VCTF showcased top 5 talented kids in all categories. All the top 3 will get the gift certificates.			
Mrs. Bhavani mentioned that we collected \$2181.00 as part of the VCTF donations. Mr. Harish again thanked all chapter presidents for their efforts.			
CONCLUSION:		Gift Certificates will be sent to the children	
ACTION ITEMS:		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

Agenda Item 10:		International Basava Jayanti 2022 - Harish	
Discussion: Start Time: 2:55 PM EST			
Mr. Harish is looking for support from organizations across world. Mrs. Sumangala Desai goudar last year worked hard to get support from many kannada kootas in Canada. Mr. Sidd Tumkur requested for template on standard communication. Mr. Harish will send it in an email.			
CONCLUSION:			
ACTION ITEMS:		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Mr. Harish will send the standard communication that needs to go out.		Mr. Harish Hiremath	

Agenda Item 11:	VSNA Convention 2022 - Discussion		
Discussion: Start Time: 2:56 PM EST			
<p>Mr. Harish talked about conducting the convention and discussed whether to go with physical event or virtual. Conducting physical event is very challenging and total financial responsibility must be taken by Central VSNA. With all the uncertainty and financial risk is it possible to conduct physical event? Majority of board members recommended to conduct onsite convention as follows:</p> <p>Mr. Jay mentioned to go with expectation of getting 150-200 people and should not be that difficult. Mr. Girish agreed with Jay and suggested to go with onsite convention. Mr. Nadish second with Jay and Girish. Mr. Kiran agree on onsite convention. Mr. Lokesh was also with going on site convention. Mr. Tumbesh recommended for hybrid approach. Mr. Dilip, Asked whether chapter presidents can commit and also raised the concern on financial fallout if 150-200 can't come? Mr. Jay recommended if we can be creative and reduce it to 1 day or 1 and half a day then that is good too. Mr. Tumbesh had a question what is the purpose of meeting 150-200 when we have 5000 to 10000 people in USA. MRs Roopali also requested to send out communication to share among all of our chapter members.</p> <p>Harish challenged all the board members to mobilize five to six families from their chapters and confirm by Pre-registration. All board members agreed.</p>			
CONCLUSION:		Pre-registration request and form to be sent out	
ACTION ITEMS:		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Send out Pre-registration form		Mr. Harish Hiremath	

Agenda Item 12:		Kali Pramod Donation - Bhavani	
Discussion: Start Time: 3:13 PM EST			
Mrs. Bhavani read out donations received from about 15 different people. Main contributions were from Maryland chapter \$1500, probably from Pittsburgh chapter it is \$1426.00 and lot of other individual \$100 donations. Total collection is \$4930.00.			
Mr. Jay mentioned he has received some queries on why we are raising money for some ones burned house as Insurance companies are there.			
Mr. Nijaguna said there were no questions raised when people donated the money.			
Mrs. Bhavani will send out the donation receipts whomever needs them for their tax purpose.			
CONCLUSION:		Board requested Bhavani to send out the collected amount to Kali Pramod	
ACTION ITEMS:		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Bhavani will wait till weekend before transferring the money.		Bhavani Moodabagil	3/6/2022

Agenda Item 13:		Gift Agreement for the Mega Donation by Doddamani - Bhavani	
Discussion: Start Time: 3:18 PM EST			
<p>Bhavani explained the process, various discussions held with banker Morgan & Stanley, its lawyers along with donor from past several weeks. We did get few suggestions from Senior Advisors and BOR earlier to discussions and some of them have been incorporated into the final agreement. She solicited the suggestions, comments and input from the board within a week. As the next step of the process, the agreement will be reviewed by the lawyers and CPA, to finalize (DRAFT Agreement is attached)</p> <p>Harish added few more details and mentioned the biggest concern of the donor is to make sure that the intent and stipulations of the Gift Agreement are irrevocable. He is worried that future boards must not change the intent or stipulations of this agreement and use the gift funds for other purposes deviating from the agreed stipulations. We will continue to discuss this main concern with the lawyers and see how VSNA can address donor’s main concern.</p> <p>Board formally thanked Doddamani for the generous donation to VSNA which will make sure the annual revenue of 5K to 6K to assist our activities directed towards our children – future generation.</p>			
CONCLUSION:		EC will wait to hear the comments from the board	
ACTION ITEMS:		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Finalize the Gift Agreement		Bhavani & Harish	N/A

Agenda Item 14:	Chayapathy VSNA Transparency Case Update - Harish		
Discussion: Start Time: 3:29 PM EST			
Current State: This is taking little bit longer and our lawyers are chasing the case. So now it is us who are asking Mr. Chayapathy whether they need any other documentations but have not heard back from them yet.			
CONCLUSION:	Wait to hear from Chayapathy’s attorneys		
ACTION ITEMS:		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

Agenda Item 15:		Hadimani Defamation Case Update - Harish	
Discussion: Start Time: 3:30 PM EST			
Current State: Hadimani attorneys wanted to get the extension. Initially it was extended till February 14th but later they wanted more time. Second request was refused by VSNA, but now court has given them the final date of March 7th, 2022.			
CONCLUSION:			
ACTION ITEMS:		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
			N/A

Agenda Item 16:	VSNA Bylaw Amendments - Harish		
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Discussion: Start Time: 3:31 PM EST			
Mr. Harish has already discussed few of the intended Bylaw amendments with Mr. Dhananjaya, Mr. Girish and Mrs. Bhavani (specifically related our Annual Membership). He mentioned that over the years, many people have abused Bylaw provisions related to the annual membership and few structural modifications are needed to strengthen the VSNA organization. He will share the data with board in near future and the amendments will be pursued only if there is majority agreement, otherwise any effort to pursue further will be dropped. Changes will be only in the form of amendments and options will be given for each to be voted by everyone.			
CONCLUSION:	For information only		
ACTION ITEMS:	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
		N/A	

Meeting ended at 3.34PM EST.

Note: All the ACTIONS COMPLETED with respect to the action items are attached to this Minutes of Meeting for records and future reference.

1. VSNA Austin - New Chapter Formation Approval Documentation.pdf
2. VSNA Indiana - New Chapter Formation Approval Documentation.pdf
3. VSNA Election Committee Members - To fill vacant positions.pdf
4. International Basava Jayanthi 2022 - A cordial invitation.pdf
5. Gift Agreement - Doddamani & VSNA - DRAFT - Rev 0.pdf


Re: VSNA Austin - New Chapter Formation Approval Documentation

1 message

VSNA All Chapters <harish.vsnapresident@gmail.com>

To: vsna-officers@googlegroups.com, vsna-chapters-presidents@googlegroups.com, vsna-elected-bod@googlegroups.com

Tue, Mar 8, 2022 at 3:06 PM

Sharanu,

For the message sent in the previous email regarding VSNA Austin Chapter formation "I know nearly unanimously all the directors welcomed this new chapter with open arms to our national level extended family. But, since Vidya from Florida asked me to share the approval documentation with you all, I thought it is my duty to satisfy her request. Hence, I am sharing the VSNA Austin - New Chapter Formation Approval Documentation for your review and reference. With this action, we are admitting them as our new chapter, unless I receive any objections from any of you.", we didn't receive any objections from Vidya or any other board members. Hence the issue is satisfactorily closed.

On Sun, Feb 27, 2022 at 7:35 PM VSNA All Chapters <harish.vsnapresident@gmail.com> wrote:

Sharanu,

I started the effort of forming a group in the Austin area of Texas nearly a year ago. It took a lot of effort in motivating - finding families, finding leaders, encouraging them to come forward, explaining them the benefits for forming the group, assuring them to assist them in the formation steps, etc. It is very satisfying to see them reaching this point after several Zoom Sessions.

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**Veerashaiva Samaja of North America (VSNA)
NEW CHAPTER FORMATION APPLICATION**
Name of the chapter: VSNA Austin
Jurisdiction: Chapter includes all the Veerashaiva-Lingayat families living in Austin area, Texas


To: VSNA President, We the following families have pledged to follow the Mission, Goals and Objectives of Veerashaiva Samaja of North America and abide by all the requirements of the VSNA Bylaws. We will be using the VSNA emblem in all of our official programs and communications along with submitting yearly financial statements for filing the tax returns. We will be opening the our chapter bank accounts using the VSNA Tax Identification number and articles of formation. Hence, we request you to provide the formal approval to form the chapter and to induct into VSNA organization.

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Chapter Formation Approved By: Harish Hiremath, VSNA President

Date of Approval: Feb 26th 2022

3/22/22, 5:17 PM

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Harish Hiremath

President, VSNA.



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Date of Approval: Feb 26th 2022

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Harish Hiremath

3/22/22, 5:03 PM

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Re: VSNA Election Committee Members - To fill vacant positions

1 message

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Tue, Mar 8, 2022 at 4:31 PM

To: vsna-officers@googlegroups.com, vsna-chapters-presidents@googlegroups.com, vsna-elected-bod@googlegroups.com

Sharanu,

In the previous formal communication, we solicited help from you to share and discuss with your chapter members and request the interested members to send their email to harish.vsnapresident@gmail.com by Saturday, March 5th 2022.

As of today, we have received email confirmation from the following two members expressing interest in serving as a member of our Election Committee:

1. Roopa Guddmath, Past Chapter President of Virginia & DC Chapter.
2. Naveen Hanuma, Past Chapter President of Pittsburg Chapter.

Hence, we formally fill the two vacant positions in our Elections Committee by these VSNA leaders to assist us in any future election process.

On Sat, Feb 26, 2022 at 9:04 PM VSNA All Chapters <harish.vsnapresident@gmail.com> wrote:

Sharanu,

As discussed in the AMS#22-01, we need to fill two vacant positions of current Election Committee members (whose term is upto Dec 6th of 2022). We hereby request the self nomination of any interested life member or annual member, preferably who have PREVIOUSLY served our organization as BOD, BOR or Election Committee members. Please kindly discuss with your chapter members and request the interested members to send their email to harish.vsnapresident@gmail.com by Saturday, March 5th 2022. Please request them to provide a brief about their previous service to our organization. Appreciate your assistance and cooperation to fill the election committee vacant positions.

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International Basava Jayanthi 2022 - A cordial invitation

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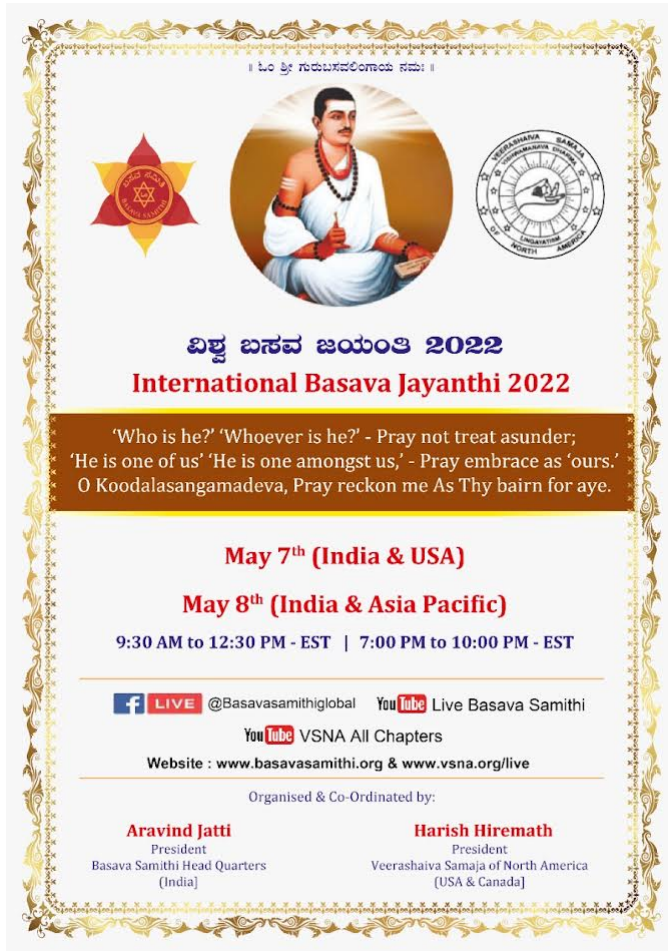
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Sharanu,

A cordial invitation to all Sharanas, Veerashaiva-Lingayats to participate actively. International Basava Jayanti 2022 organized and coordinated by Veerashaiva Samaja of North America, Basava Samithi of Bangalore and celebrated with the support/participation of more than fifty Veerashaiva-Lingayat, Kannada, Indian and Global Organizations. Let us spread the Egalitarian and Humanitarian values of Basava's message to all our brothers and sisters of the WORLD!

Note: All chapter presidents, chapter members, senior leaders and life members are requested to spread these words to all the organizations in your cities, states and known to you.



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'Who is he?' 'Whoever is he?' - Pray not treat asunder;
 'He is one of us' 'He is one amongst us,' - Pray embrace as 'ours.'
 O Koodalasangamadeva, Pray reckon me As Thy bairn for aye.

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Gift Agreement - Doddamani & VSNA - DRAFT - Rev 0

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VSNA All Chapters <harish.vsnapresident@gmail.com>

Mon, Feb 28, 2022 at 3:38 PM

To: vsna-advisors@googlegroups.com, vsna-bor@googlegroups.com, vsna-officers@googlegroups.com, vsna-chapters-presidents@googlegroups.com, vsna-elected-bod@googlegroups.com

Sharanu,

It is with great pleasure and open heart that I congratulate again Shri Gadigeppa Doddamani for initiating a very innovative concept and showing a path to offer fundamental charter of Dasoha as proposed in 12th century but as relevant and applicable to current Century USA.

I also would like to complement our current Presidnet Shri Harish Hiremath for executing this **"Doddamani concept of Dasoha"** into modern framework to suite Laws and Finanancial practices to be valid for decades to come for VSNA for future generations.

Wishing all the best to VSNA for long time to serve our future generations

Sharanu sharanarthy

Mallikarjun Nalawadi

On Fri, Feb 25, 2022 at 9:15 PM VSNA All Chapters <harish.vsnapresident@gmail.com> wrote:

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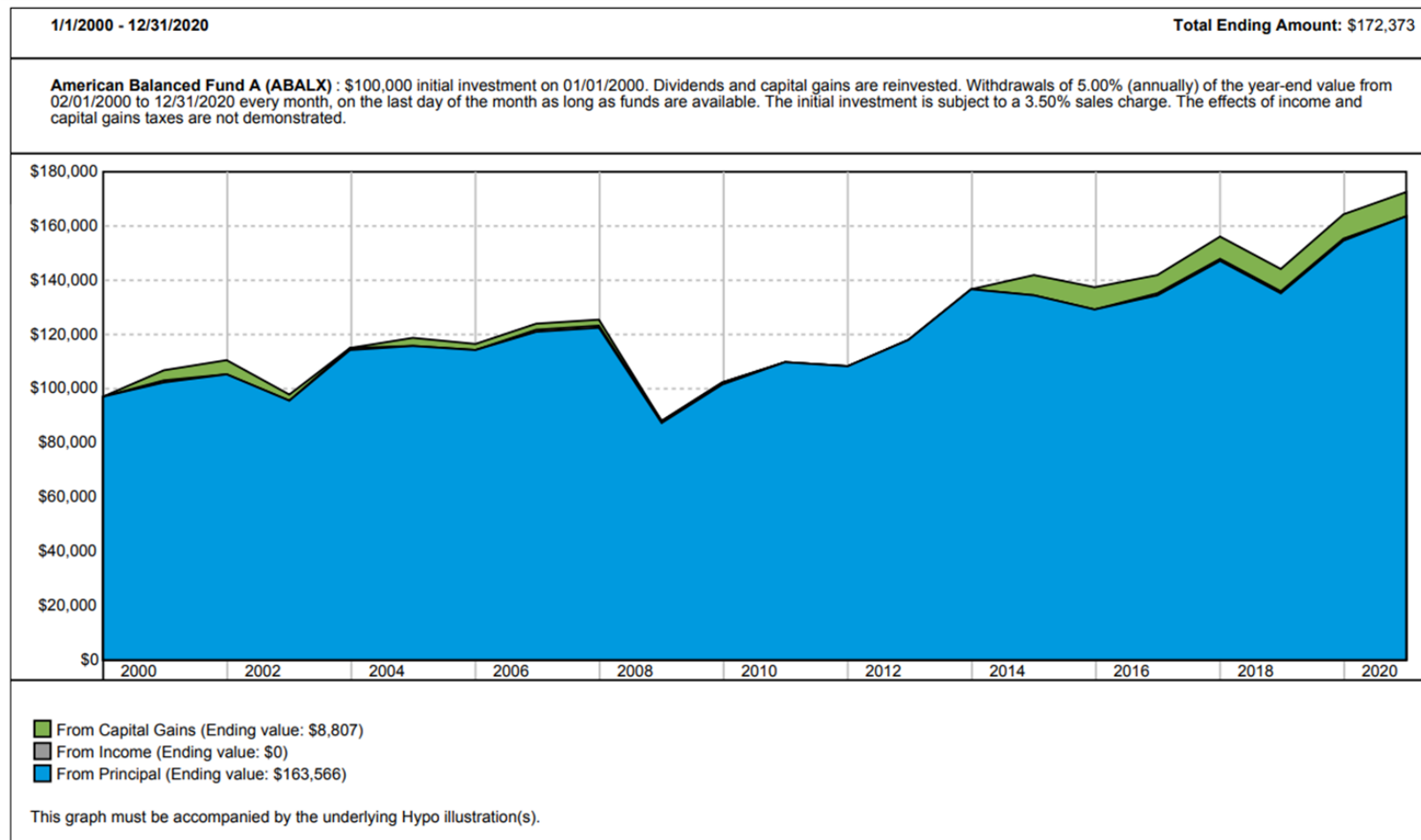
Please review the DRAFT Gift Agreement developed between Doddamani & VSNA with the guidance of Morgan & Stanley with respect to the mega donation made by Doddamani family. Doddamani wanted to leave the selection of Charitable Organizations entirely to VSNA to decide later, but to avoid future controversies, we have agreed on the beneficiaries and have indicated in this agreement. As a next step, we will be getting it reviewed by attorneys before finalizing.

We have provided the following hypothetical "What if" scenario (worked out by Morgan & Stanley) to understand and further appreciate the true significance of the mega donation made by Doddamani to VSNA. If Doddamani had donated this amount in the year 2000, while taking into account all the market instability we had over the years, the resulting outcome at the year 2020. This is based on transferring 5% of the Gift Fund market value to the VSNA Operating Account at the end of every year, thus providing a constant stream of revenue (around \$5,000) for the next twenty years.

In the provided "What if" scenario from 2000 to 2020, VSNA received \$128,000 (around \$6,400 every year) in twenty years and an additional sum of \$72.3K after distributing \$100K to charities at the end of twenty years. We shall hope the market performance for next twenty years will be similar! For more details, look at the summary details below and more detailed analysis by Morgan & Stanley attached along with the draft Gift Agreement.

\$100,000 initial investment on 01/01/2000. Dividends and capital gains are reinvested. Withdrawals of 5.00% (annually) of the year-end value from 02/01/2000 to 12/31/2020 every month, on the last day of the month as long as funds are available. The initial investment is subject to a 3.50% sales charge. The effects of income and capital gains taxes are not demonstrated.

Date	Investment(s)	Withdrawal	Dividend Income	Total Dividend Income	Capital Gains	Shares Held	Total Value
12/31/2000	100,000	4,583	3,727	3,727	3,831	6,900	106,740
12/31/2001	0	5,458	3,830	7,557	2,065	6,930	109,837
12/31/2002	0	5,530	2,942	10,499	166	6,767	97,578
12/31/2003	0	4,781	2,472	12,971	0	6,619	114,435
12/31/2004	0	5,814	2,344	15,315	2,849	6,584	118,509
12/31/2005	0	5,843	2,591	17,905	2,147	6,521	116,208
12/31/2006	0	5,918	3,019	20,924	2,584	6,500	123,624
12/31/2007	0	6,236	3,332	24,256	2,788	6,496	125,444
12/31/2008	0	6,110	3,477	27,733	906	6,386	88,006
12/31/2009	0	4,148	2,591	30,324	0	6,279	101,790
12/31/2010	0	5,033	2,219	32,544	0	6,110	109,547
12/31/2011	0	5,587	2,398	34,942	0	5,938	108,124
12/31/2012	0	5,602	2,213	37,155	0	5,765	117,613
12/31/2013	0	6,091	2,148	39,303	0	5,590	136,508
12/31/2014	0	6,666	2,110	41,413	7,792	5,722	141,619
12/31/2015	0	6,987	2,248	43,661	5,203	5,750	137,011
12/31/2016	0	6,681	2,485	46,146	3,444	5,717	141,841
12/31/2017	0	7,221	2,716	48,863	5,454	5,749	156,073
12/31/2018	0	8,054	2,927	51,789	5,638	5,787	144,092
12/31/2019	0	7,549	3,084	54,874	3,348	5,742	163,645
12/31/2020	0	8,168	2,252	57,126	5,100	5,708	172,373
Total	100,000	128,060	57,126	57,126	53,314	5,708	172,373



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MEETING MINUTES:	DATE: 04/16/2022	TIME: 2:00 PM EST	VENUE: ZOOM CALL
MEETING CHAIRED BY:	Harish Hiremath, VSNA President		
TYPE OF MEETING:	Anubhava Mantapa Session # 2 (VSNA BOD Meeting)		
MINUTES RECORDED BY:	Kiran Babaladi, VSNA Secretary		

No	Position	Name
1	President	Mr. Harish Hiremath
2	Vice President	Mrs. Nagarathna Totada
3	Treasurer	Mrs. Bhavani Moodabagil
4	Secretary	Mr. Kiran Babaladi
5	BOD	Mr. Dilip Sivanna
6	BOD	Mr. Nandish Dhananjaya
7	BOD	Mr. Girish Budibetta
No	Chapter	Chapter President
8	South CA	Mrs. Uma Hukkeri
9	NY & NJ	Mr. Onkara Murundi
10	Pittsburgh	Mr. Virupaksha Hire Kotanakal
11	Indiana	Mr. Nandi Nagaraj
12	Michigan	Mr. Santosh Kumar Teli
13	Austin	Mr. Manohar Mutnal

Agenda topics:

AMS#2: Agenda	
1	Meet and greet
2	Om Chanting & Vachana - Harish Hiremath
3	Quorum/Agenda Confirmation - Kiran Babaladi
4	New Appointed Directors - Mr. Manohar Mutnal - Mr. Nandi Nagaraj
5	International Basava Jayanti 2022 - Harish
6	VSNA Convention 2022 - Discussion Convention Facility & Financial Responsibility Fund Raising - Donations from Key Chapter Leaders
7	Closing Remarks

Meeting started at 2:00 PM EST. There was no quorum for the call. President Mr. Harish Hiremath started with the Chanting and Vachana “Bhaki Illada Badava Nanayya”. Proposed agenda was presented to the board and there were no objections to the proposed Agenda sent out.

Agenda Item 4:		New Appointed Directors		
Discussion: Start Time: 2:12 PM EST				
<p>Mr. Nandi Nagaraj introduced himself and talked about the new Indiana chapter. He explained how Harish helped them to form the chapter and was involved from the beginning.</p> <p>Mr. Manohar Mutnal introduced himself and talked about the convention on how it is coming along. As of April 16th, there are 10 families registered for the convention.</p>				
CONCLUSION:				
ACTION ITEMS:		PERSON RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

Agenda Item 6:	VSNA Convention 2022 - Discussion
Discussion: Start Time: 2:18 PM EST	
<p>Mr. Harish Hiremath presented the Convention facility and lodging venues. Discussed how it saved money by splitting lodging with convention venue facility instead of going under one roof. For lodging negotiated a price with Hilton for \$89 per day. Convention will be of two-day event Saturday and Sunday but still need to finalize the program list. Friday evening is still undecided. It is depending on how many people coming into Houston from outside. There is still lot of uncertainty because people are going to India after the pandemic and significant financial risk.</p> <p>Houston is a small chapter and unable to host the convention on their own. Hence as a deviation to Bylaws, Central VSNA is taking total financial risk & responsibility with volunteer support from Houston Chapter. As this is the first time in history of VSNA, Central is taking financial responjointly in hosting the convention, we request strong participation, support and guidance from all the board members.</p> <p>The venue facility India House is a nonprofit organization and because VSNA is a nonprofit organization, they have given huge discount to VSNA. The venue will hold / cater up to 500 people. We will get to know more on the attendance in a months’ time as we are releasing early bird package this week. Early bird will end on May 15. For early bird package we are thinking about \$125 which is very low. This is lower than the last convention held at Chicago with was \$140.</p> <p>Mr. Harish requested if anyone knows talented artists. Also mentioned due to finance constraints, convention can’t sponsor their air fares and they have to make their own arrangements/costs. We might be able to relax these conditions later depending on how much donations/registrations funds collected.</p> <p>Mr. Virupaksha requested Harish to send the formal separate email for requesting donations.</p>	

Mr. Harish replied saying we are working on registration forms and trying to automate google forms where members can pay online for registrations.

Mr. Kiran congratulated Harish & VSNA Officers for taking lead in organizing this on-site convention along with the support from Houston Chapter.

Mr. Nandi asked general question on financial viability if registration is less than 300? Mr. Harish replied even with 200 we should be able to conduct this convention ad within Texas there are 4 chapters.

Mr. Harish mentioned by splitting the venue we have saved at least \$35-40K and hotel is not far from the venue. The distance between India House and Hilton is about 8 miles.

Mr. Girish mentioned by splitting venue we will save lot of money especially facilities like Hilton or anyone charges based on per plate which is going to be very expensive.

Mr. Nandi asked about the transportation. Mr. Harish mentioned that committee is planning to have a bus running between facility and hotel which is part of the budget, but we will decide on logistics depending on how many people need it.

Mr. Harish thanked Mrs. Bhavani as she is working behind the scenes on reviewing all the key contracts, co signatory for Convention Account and taking lead in the fund-raising committee. Mrs Nagarathna is also actively participating in the convention activities from the Central VSNA.

Mr. Dilip congratulated and said facility is the big decision which is already finalized and then conducting in-person is a huge thing. He wished for a successful convention.

Mr. Onkara said venue is a good one. Also, transportation is not a problem especially places like Houston. He recommended to think on catering to different age group people so that it is more attractive, and people will come. Also, he recommended to include Audio / Video in the budget. He gave details on the NJ/NY conference details. There were many people outside of VSNA (like other Kannadigas / Maharashtrians/Tamilians) have come along with that they had options for people coming in for 1 day / 2 days etc. He talked about Gururaj Karjagi as he is a very good VSNA speaker who is already in USA, and we can invite him to the convention.

Mr. Harish said they are working on it and one of them is organizing the NASA tour.

Mr. Santosh said he had question on the transportation which was already answered earlier. Also, they have a meeting for Basava Jayanti on May 3rd, and he will invite Mr. Harish.

CONCLUSION:			
ACTION ITEMS:	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

Meeting ended at 3.06 PM EST.

MEETING MINUTES:	DATE: 05/01/2022	TIME: 2:00 PM EST	VENUE: ZOOM CALL
MEETING CHAIRED BY:	Harish Hiremath, VSNA President		
TYPE OF MEETING:	Anubhava Mantapa Session # 3 (VSNA BOD Meeting)		
MINUTES RECORDED BY:	Kiran Babaladi, VSNA Secretary		

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3	Secretary	Mr. Kiran Babaladi
4	BOD	Mr. Dilip Sivanna
5	BOD	Mr. Nandish Dhananjaya
6	BOD	Mr. Mahesh Patil
No	Chapter	Chapter President
7	NY & NJ	Mr. Onkara Murundi
8	Ohio	Mr. Sudhir Naikar
9	Georgia	Mr. Jay Jayadev
10	Toronto	Mr. Kiran Shivappagoudar
11	North Carolina	Mr. Thumbesh Halnur
12	Maryland	Mr. Nijaguna Prasad
13	Austin	Mr. Manohar Mutnal
14	Virginia	Mr. Hebbani Lokesh
15	Dallas	Mr. Mahantesh Nashi
16	Florida	Mrs. Vidya Takkalaki
17	Indiana	Mr. Nandi Nagaraj
18	San Antonio	Mrs. Chaitannya Mallikarjun
19	Pittsburgh	Mr. Srikanth Hanumanthappa
20	Detroit	Mr. Santoshkumar Teli
21	Chicago	Mr. Aakash Angadi
22	Pennsylvania East	Mr. Sidd Tumkur
23	Convention Fund Raising Committee lead	Mrs. Kavya Hiremath
24	Convention Chair from Houston Chapter	Mrs. Anuradha Gubbi

Agenda topics:

AMS#3: Agenda	
1	Meet and greet
2	Om Chanting & Vachana - Harish Hiremath
3	Quorum/Agenda Confirmation - Kiran Babaladi
4	VSNA Convention 2022 - Discussion - How each board member will be assisting - Program, Invited Dignitaries and Artists related discussions
5	Closing Remarks

Meeting started at 2:00 PM EST. Quorum was formed at 2:15 PM EST. President Mr. Harish Hiremath started with the Chanting and Vachana “Shileyolagana Pavakanante, Udakadolagana Pratibimbadante” (ಶಿಲೆಯೊಳಗಣ ಪಾವಕನಂತೆ) by Allam Prabhu.

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Proposed agenda was presented to the board and there were no objections to the proposed Agenda sent out. Also in this meeting, there was nothing put it on the table which was required for voting by everyone who attended the meeting.

Agenda Item 8:	VSNA Convention 2022 - Discussion
Discussion: Start Time: 2:56 PM EST	
<p>Mr. Harish started the meeting by talking about the VSNA 45th convention and went through the information which was already communicated to everyone on the convention facility venue, lodging facility (Hilton hotel) and other logistics.</p>	
<p>He explained how we ended up with the physical convention. In the late 3rd quarter of last year, many of the BOD members were on board with the physical convention but decision was pending because of many uncertainties. Houston chapter committee mentioned they were interested in hosting the convention, but they are not willing to take the financial risk & responsibility for the onsite convention. But decision was put on hold till December/January because of the new Covid wave. In February 2022 board decided to hold the onsite convention agreeing to Central VSNA taking the lead along with full financial responsibility and accountability. Houston chapter will join together to provide the volunteer support needed to run the convention. .</p>	
<p>After this clear agreement, Houston chapter members elected unanimously Anuradha Gubbi and Mamatha Kumari as Chair and Co-chair from Houston Chapter. Harish Hiremath and Nagarathna Totada represented as Chair/Treasurer and Co-chair from Central VSNA. Central VSNA opened a temporary account in Bank of America under their existing account and started the convention related activities.</p>	
<p>As of May 1st, almost 45 people have registered. Almost 15 rooms have been booked as well. Already fund-raising committee called all life members once atleast and informing them about the convention. Also involved local chapters like Dallas, Austin and San Antonio and San Antonio chapter is providing more support than expected. So far \$6000 donations have been collected.</p>	
<p>He requested all other BOD and chapter presidents to explain how each, and everyone can help in to make this convention successful.</p>	
<p>All Presidents and BOD members talked about how they are going to help and how they have started already outreaching people from their respective chapters.</p>	
<p>Mr. Jay Jayadev mentioned they are already talking about and will send some good donation from Georgia chapter. Every message comes from convention goes through all members in Georgia chapter. Goal is to have 5-6 families to attend the convention. Also recommended to create an FAQ with all the queries for the convention especially with the Covid is still lingering.</p>	
<p>Mr. Hebbani Lokesh mentioned they are outreaching people, and they are anticipating 5-6 families to attend the convention. Also, all the communications are going out immediately. One suggestion was to announce or come up with the program list. Another recommendation is to contact Karnataka government to send some artists as it will help to gather people.</p>	
<p>Mr. Harish said Muruga Sharanaru already accepted the invitation and Suttur Swamiji is almost accepted. We are trying to get sponsorship for the artists and will announce in the next couple of weeks.</p>	
<p>Mr. Onkara Murundi they are already sending communications out and requesting families to attend. If they can't attend see whether they can donate some money towards the convention. Also, from the chapter they are sending \$500 as a donation to the convention.</p>	

Mrs. Chaitannya Mallikarjun is leading medical and health board. Pretty much all active members from San Antonio are involved in the convention as part of one or another committee. As of now 5 families out of 10 have already been registered. Also, San Antonio chapter is planning to have children competition.

Mr. Manohar Mutnal from Austin chapter is encouraging people to register for the convention. Also, he requested some guidance on how to raise the funds as Austin is relatively very new chapter.

Mr. Mahantesh Nashi from Dallas chapter thanked Harish for visiting the Dallas chapter weekend program. They are hoping to have a very good response as they have some exposure of hosting the convention before.

Mr. Sudhir Naikar sending out all the communications to the chapter members. They are meeting members in person and hope members register soon and working on collecting donations.

Mr. Kiran Shivappagoudar as other chapters are doing, sending out communications to all members. They are forming a committee so that they can reach out to people and then see whether they can collectively go together to the convention.

Mr. Nijaguna Prasad mentioned he is in inline with all the great ideas which everyone one presented. Also, he seconded creating the FAQ so that members will get their queries answered. Mr. Harish mentioned we need to encourage local artists from Maryland has many of them are accomplished artists.

Mr. Santoshkumar Teli will invite Harish to talk to members in their local chapter events so that Harish can address members directly. Requested including him the fund-raising committee.

Mr. Mahesh Patil mentioned Detroit has many senior leaders and as Mr. Santoshkumar mentioned we will talk and raise funds for the convention. Harish requested Mr. Mahesh to work with Mr. Jay with the business forum for the convention.

Mrs. Vidya Takkalaki mentioned she has already spread the word to all the members and did talk in the Shivaratri celebrations. She is encouraging members to participate in the programs.

Mr. Aakash Angadi mentioned they have Basava Jayanthi celebration on May 14th and connect personally with individually. He will talk about the requesting donations.

Mr. Nandish Dhananjaya mentioned they are discussing on attending the convention and will help any of the convention ideas with all the lesson learnt documents. They are stressing on attending the convention.

Mr. Dilip Sivanna said they meet 10-12 times within a year and the communication within Georgia chapter is excellent. He recommended meeting in person which grows more bondness which he has seen within the chapter.

Mr. Thumbesh Halnur mentioned this week was difficult with some tragedy but as he had mentioned earlier there is a conflict with one marriage and 7-8 families are attending it including himself. He is trying his best to see whether anyone else can attend the convention.

Mr. Srikanth Hanumanthappa mentioned on the VSNA matrimonial Committee "Sammilana" program, hoping many folks register and he will send out the flyer on the same.

Mr. Nandi Nagaraj mentioned as other chapters, they are passing all the communications to the members without any delay. For donations they have target of \$2000 and collecting as much as possible and send it out. Also working on members participating in the convention.

Mrs. Kavya Hiremath spoke about the fund raising. She has already called all life member and providing them the information with the convention. Few have communicated that they will attend the convention, and few have said they can't, but she is requesting them to donate money.

Mrs. Anuradha Gubbi mentioned that this opportunity motivated her, and she is very happy to meet everyone at Houston.

Mr. Kiran Babaladi mentioned it is excellent to have the convention in person and working on talking to folks within the Florida chapter. Also checking with Artistes whether they can come on their own and perform where we are not able to sponsor for their travel.

Mrs. Bhavani Moodabagil mentioned that it is better for all presidents to talk to members to provide one small/short program that will help with the registrations etc. In Chicago chapter they are encouraging people to take package this will help to register as well donate some extra money.

Mr. Harish mentioned so far it is going on well and the early bird registration ends on May 15th and hoping to have more registrations by that time.

CONCLUSION:			
ACTION ITEMS:	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

Mr. Harish provided information on the International Basava Jayanti. Many international organizations including Basava Samiti as involved with this. There are two sessions. One in the morning 9.30 AM EST and second one in the afternoon/evening 7 PM EST. Morning is mainly for the North American region and evening is for mainly Asia Pacific region. Programs are not repeating in both the sessions. Everyone appreciating the leadership provided from here. Please encourage all members to watch the live youtube channel.

Meeting ended at 3.24 PM EST.

MEETING MINUTES:	DATE: 06/04/2022	TIME: 2:00 PM EST	VENUE: ZOOM CALL
MEETING CHAIRED BY:	Harish Hiremath, VSNA President		
TYPE OF MEETING:	Anubhava Mantapa Session # 4 (VSNA BOD Meeting)		
MINUTES RECORDED BY:	Kiran Babaladi, VSNA Secretary		

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Agenda topics:

AMS#4: Agenda	
1	Meet and greet
2	Om Chanting & Vachana - Harish Hiremath
3	Quorum/Agenda Confirmation - Kiran Babaladi
4	VSNA 45th Convention Donations & Update
5	Legal Cases - Update
6	Joint BOD & BOR meeting at Convention.

Meeting started at 2:00 PM EST. There was no Quorum formed for the meeting. President Mr. Harish Hiremath started with the Chanting and Vachana “Kageya Tindavannalede Bhaktavanalla” by Allam Prabhu.

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Proposed agenda was presented to the board and there were no objections to the proposed Agenda sent out.

Agenda Item 4:	VSNA 45th Convention Donations & Update
Discussion: Start Time: 2:08 PM EST	
<p>Mr. Harish provided the detailed update on the VSNA 45th convention to the board members. He mentioned as of now following items have been committed.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Facility – Program and Guest Room 2. Decorations 3. Logistics for transporting (arranging vans) people from Hilton to India house. This week sending out survey to get the number of people attending from outside. Right now, 50-60 people have registered from outside of Texas. <p>Food Contract will be finalized in next couple of weeks. Getting north Karnataka items like Jolad Rotti, Chutney powders etc from Belgaum.</p> <p>Invited many Swamijis but not financing any one as part of the convention. If they come up to Houston, then we are taking responsibility of arranging guest room and registration fees for only Swamijis but not for other accompanying guests. They must manage on their own accommodation and have to pay for registration fees.</p> <p>Dr. Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru from ChitraDurga have confirmed. Invited Suttur Swamiji but they have declined because of other commitments. Shivaganga Swamiji from Tumkur is coming. One of the VSNA member is sponsoring for his visit. Also invited one blind Swamiji, Basavananda from Dharwad and he is very good orator. Some one is sponsoring him but currently he doesn't have the Visa. So we are not sure whether he will get visa intime. Invited Shivakumar Swamiji from Tumkur who had accepted but now not coming because of other commitments.</p> <p>As a main chief guest Dr. C Somashekar president of Basava Vedika Bangalore, is volunteered to come here. He has attended many conventions before as guest.</p> <p>Invitation also sent to chief minister Mr. Basavaraj Bommai. We have not received any confirmation yet on his attendance, but he has said he will send a message.</p> <p>Contacted Mr. B. S. Yediyurappa and he is unable to attend but will send the message. We have sent him the format. We have received one more sponsor for his son Vijayendra and he is willing to come on his own.</p> <p>Regarding invited artists we are mainly encouraging local artists for the convention. Some of the artists are Usha Prabhu from San Francisco, Shivananjani from New Jersey, few classical singers from Houston and San Antonio, and few singers from Virginia and Dallas. The main idea will be to have two evenings of musical events. Saturday evening mainly for the devotional and Sunday evening is for Orchestra. For the Orchestra, it is a local artists formed the group and performing on Sunday evening.</p> <p>In the history of VSNA, this is the first convention where central VSNA is taking full financial responsibility with the support from the Houston Chapter to organize this convention. As the central VSNA taking the financial responsibility, there is no necessity to transfer the seed money to the Houston chapter. Instead, we (Bhavani and Harish) created a separate account "VSNA 45th Convention" in Bank of America and transferred the seed money. It is still managed by Central VSNA officers (Treasurer & President). So, all registrations, donations etc are directly coming in to Central VSNA account. Houston is offering only the volunteer efforts. This is the reason why we didn't pass the explicit resolution in the Board meeting for \$19K seed money transfer.</p>	

Also Mr. Harish said he is saying this from the beginning, in all board meeting, where central VSNA will take financial responsibility. This is the first time it is done like this as no chapter came forward to host the convention on their own taking full financial responsibility like previous conventions. If Central VSNA has not taken this risk, this convention would not have been happening.

Mr. Girish mentioned this year it was different situation as we are coming out of pandemic but in future as a risk aversion no chapter may want to take the full financial responsibility and risk. It is easier to say let central VSNA take financial responsibility. Even big chapters like Chicago or New England might not take the responsibility and this may set the precedence that Central VSNA will take the full financial burden. These conventions always have been self-reliant with full financial responsibility taken by the hos chapters and Central VSNA has played the role of providing seed money. He also asked whether we have funds in the central VSNA? Whether budget has been proposed to the board.

Mr. Harish said we have the seed money as sent in the email which was \$19K. And other board members are helping to raise the funds and he is expecting to raise \$30K in funds. Ohio chapter already donated some small amount. San Antonio already raised about \$6K. As of today, we have collected about \$18K in donations. Another \$12K is expected as part of the initial budget estimation.

Mr. Harish presented the budget for the convention screen shot of which is attached below.

1. Revenue:	
• VSNA Convention Trust Fund earnings in 2017	\$19,000
• VSNA STC Balance Funds	\$0
• Donations to be raised	\$30,000
• Registration Income	\$27,000
Revenue to be Raised	\$76,000
2. Expenditure:	
• Facility – India House, Security, Cleaning, etc	\$7,000
• Stage, Video and Photography	\$5,000
• Convention Food Service	\$33,900
• Registration supplies, Prizes, Memento, Shawls, etc.	\$7,000
• Entertainment	\$5,000
• Souvenir	\$3,000
• Babysitting Help	\$3,000
• Decorations for the event.	\$4,000
• Miscellaneous Expenses	\$3,000
• Event Coordinator- Web page, ad etc.	\$2,000
• Volunteer Appreciation Celebration	\$3,000
• Contingency, etc.	\$5,000
Estimated Expenses	\$75,900
Delta	\$100

After reviewing the above numbers Mr. Girish felt it is feasible and other members also agreed.

Mrs. Kavya Hiremath leading the fund raising and have created the Amantrana committee which is calling each Dallas Chapter members as only 4 families have registered so far. Also, registration team have already called all life members.

Mr. Harish asked how everyone can help to raise funds from their respective chapters.

Mr. Girish mentioned if every chapter can donate \$500 then we should be able to cover the \$12 K difference as we have almost 23 chapters.

Mr. Harish also mentioned that as part of going with India house and lodging separately instead of all under one roof, it saved almost \$30K. If we can raise \$12K we should be able to save some money and give it back to central VSNA.

Mr. Jay mentioned the chapter already approved \$1500 and will send the check soon.

Mr. Harish mentioned if we model like this, we can take the convention to many places where we have smaller chapters and not just limiting to few big chapters to host the conventions.

Mrs. Kavya Hiremath said she will try to call all the chapter presidents, life members and previous donors and raise the balance donations.

Mr. Nijaguna said they are motivating all members and passing all the information to members. One thing we heard is many members are planning to visit India. Also, they will check and donate \$500 as they are doing it every year.

Mrs. Poornima said they are passing all the communications to the members, and they have cancelled Basava Jayanti which was supposed to happen in 10-12 days. But they are working hard to collect the money. Also, many families are going to wedding happening in the NY.

Mr. Virupaksha said they are passing all the communications to chapter members and also requested for the donation and attend the convention.

Mr. Santoshkumar said couple of chapter members are coming to convention. He will try his best to raise the donation.

Mr. Jay mentioned 4-5 families might have already registered and will donate rest \$1500. Any convention happening in the future must be in the collaborative way. So, moving forward we have to brainstorm and come up with different tactics to conduct conventions. It should not be difficult for us raise the funds and conduct the convention.

Mrs. Anuradha Gubbi, Convention Chair from Houston, mentioned she is very optimistic, and convention will go well.

CONCLUSION:		
ACTION ITEMS:	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

Agenda Item 5:		Legal Cases – Update	
Discussion: Start Time: 2:59 PM EST			
<p>Mr. Harish mentioned legal cases are not going away and they are dragging.</p> <p>Mr. Chayapathy’s Lawyers are dragging the case. We have provided all the information and minutes of the meeting from 2018. They are not willing to close it. As we have asked them many times on what else they want, they have taken lot of time to reply. So as per our lawyers, If they go Infront of the judge, they are in a weaker position. So, it is impossible for them to impact VSNA. Also, all the costs in this case are covered by insurance.</p> <p>In case of Mr. Hadimani case, we won in the lower court and court penalized them \$6500. They went to higher court and if they lose, they must pay \$2500. But his case will go for longer time. 6 months or if they go to trial then it might go to 2-3 years.</p>			
CONCLUSION:			
ACTION ITEMS:		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

Meeting ended at 3.04 PM EST.

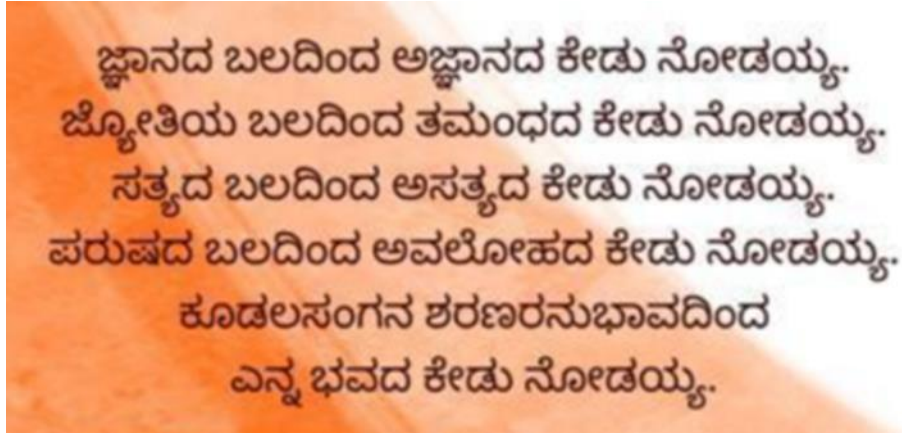
MEETING MINUTES:	DATE: 07/30/2022	TIME: 2:00 PM EST	VENUE: ZOOM CALL
MEETING CHAIRED BY:	Harish Hiremath, VSNA President		
TYPE OF MEETING:	Anubhava Mantapa Session # 5 (VSNA BOD Meeting)		
MINUTES RECORDED BY:	Harish Hiremath, VSNA President		

No	Position	Name
1	President	Mr. Harish Hiremath
2	Vice President	Mrs. Nagaratna Totad
3	Treasurer	Mrs. Bhavani Moodabagil
4	BOD	Mr. Nandish Dhananjaya
No	Chapter	Chapter President
5	Georgia	Mr. Jay Jayadev
6	Florida	Mrs. Vidya Takkalaki
7	Houston	Mr. Swaroop C. K.
8	Detroit	Mr. Gadigeppa Doddamani
9	Tennessee	Mr. Sajjan Shiva

Agenda topics:

AMS#5: Agenda	
1	Meet and greet
2	Om Chanting & Vachana - Harish Hiremath
3	Quorum/Agenda Confirmation – Harish Hiremath
4	VSNA 45th Convention updates & Financial Report
5	VSNA Elections 2023-2024
6	VSNA Bylaw Amendments

Meeting started at 2:05 PM EST. There was no Quorum formed for the meeting. President Mr. Harish Hiremath started with the Chanting and Vachana “Jgnanada Baladinda Agnanada Kedu Nodayya” by Basavanna.



Proposed agenda was presented to the board and there were no objections to the proposed Agenda sent out. Me. Harish mentioned as there is no quorum if there is anything needed for the voting, he will send it for electronic voting.

Agenda Item 4:**VSNA 45th Convention updates**Discussion: **Start Time: 2:10 PM EST**

Mr. Harish thanked all organizing committees, all chapter presidents, volunteers, and donors for the successful VSNA 45th Convention. There were lot of encouragement came in from every corner. 18 Agnatha Sharanaru which was main theme of the Samanvaya convention became a Sharana Samanvaya as a content as many folks get to know many of the sharanas.

In addition, we had all the local artists participated in the convention. It showcased how much local talent we have here within USA. On food side, there was one comment saying there were too many options. There was a concern on the expenses just before the convention, but in the last week we got about \$20K in donations. Mr. Guruswamy Ayya volunteered to donate \$5000 for reception dinner on Friday night which was not initially planned. Mr. Harish thanked Mr. Gadigeppa, Mr. Nadish Dhananjaya, Mr. Jay Jayadev, Mrs. Bhavani, Mr. Sajjan Shiva, and Mr. Ravi Bhoolapur for their support and donations.

Mr. Harish Shared the financial report as of July 27th, 2022, as there were couple more pending expenses to be paid like souvenir etc. **(Attachment #1: Detailed Financial Report PPT presented).**

VSNA 45th Sharana Samanvaya Convention 2022		
Financial Summary Report - As of July 27th 2022		Amount \$
C01	Seed Money from CTF	\$19,900
C02	VSNA Life & Annual Memberships	\$3,425
CVF	Central VSNA Funds	\$23,325
RD1	Donations & Sponsorships	\$52,229
RR1	Pure Registration Revenue	\$34,473
RCF	Convention Funds	\$86,702
REV	Total Central & Convention Funds (Revenue)	\$110,027
EXP	Total Convention Payments (Expenses)	(\$54,701)
NET	Total Central & Convention Funds less Payments	\$55,326
CVF	Central VSNA Funds	(\$23,325)
CSA	Convention Surplus Amount	\$32,000
CTF	Contribution to Convention Trust Fund	(\$16,000)
CHO	VSNA Central & Houston Organizers Share	\$16,000

Mr. Harish talked about some history on the convention. He mentioned for this convention we completely deviated from the bylaws as no chapter came forward to organize the convention. Most of the VSNA board members wanted to have a onsite convention, But Houston chapter was not ready to take any financial

responsibility and offered only volunteer support. Hence, for the first time in VSNA history, the Central VSNA took the total financial responsibility and accountability for organizing and conducting the convention. What it means to Central VSNA? If we are short by \$10K today, I would have called similar meeting of all the board members and would have asked to help us to fund the shortage.

Mrs. Kavya Hiremath took responsibility of fund raising along with Mr. Gadigeppa and Mrs. Bhavani on behalf of central VSNA. Mr. Harish mentioned that among key donors, Dr. Sudhir Kumar, BOR member donated for Basava Dasohi, which was \$9000, Mr. Guruswamy Ayya \$5000 and San Antonio chapter donated \$6000 along with active volunteering.

Mr. Yatish Jakatimath from San Antonio worked actively in the food committee and got all the north Karnataka food from India. He donated all the expenses and food to the convention.

Food expenses is the biggest one which is about 20K. Facility was about 6K etc so total expenses were about \$54.7K. Total Incoming funds is \$110K and expenses were less than 50%.

Mr. Harish mentioned he needed some advice on the remaining surplus funds which are around \$32K. As per the Bylaws, 50% of the Surplus funds belongs to Convention Trust Fund and remaining 50% (\$16K) need to be shared by the organizing chapters (Central VSNA and Houston Chapter). He mentioned that he has already talked to Mr. Gadigeppa, Mrs. Bhavani, Mrs. Nagarathna, Mr. Jay, Mr. Nandish regarding this matter and got differing opinions. Various scenarios have emerged, shall we share it equally with Central VSNA and Houston chapter (50% each - \$8K each) or shall we share with different proportions. Those arguing for different proportions are pointing out the 100% financial responsibility taken by Central VSNA.

As the five-year Chapter President of Houston and current Central VSNA president, I am in a tricky situation with respect to this sharing issue and hence would like to Abstain from voting or indicating my personal position. Hence, the VSNA Board need to decide the apportionment of the balance funds between two organizing partners – Central VSNA & Houston Chapter.

Mr. Gadigeppa said all these years central VSNA didn't take any financial responsibility. So in this specific convention case, the balance surplus amount this additional \$16K should also must go to Convention Trust Fund.

Mr. Sajjan Shiva agreed with what Mr. Gadigeppa said but looking at different angle, so that next time local chapter can come and organize the local chapter share 25% (\$4K) to local chapter and remaining (\$12K) to Central VSNA. But as per by laws all need to go to central VSNA.

Mrs. Bhavani mentioned that she is in line with what Mr. Sajjan Shiva said to incentivize local chapter (\$4K) so that in future other chapters can come forward to host the convention.

Mr. Harish Said next year Georgia chapter coming forward to host the VSNA 46th Convention and taking full financial risk and responsibility of hosting the convention.

Mr. Jay Jayadev said as local chapter put in lot of effort along with donating some money. So, 50%-50% (\$8K each) share good but as Mr. Sajjan and Mrs. Bhavani mentioned keep 25% (\$4k) to the Houston chapter.

Mr. Nandish Dhananjaya said he echoes what Mr. Gadigeppa and Mr. Sajjan Shiva mentioned earlier. But as per By Laws to avoid any future questions from anyone, let 50% (\$8K) goes to Houston chapter and then Houston chapter can donate money to the Convention Trust Fund.

Mrs. Nagarathna Totada said she echoes what Mr. Sajjan, Mr. Jay and Mr. Nandish said.

Mrs. Vidya said, these are all good thoughts. We can keep it open and go with voting. Whatever is the majority saying and we will go with that.

Mr. Swaroop mentioned he partially agreed to what everyone said but some things he doesn't agree. From day ones when he was approached to host the convention this was never discussed, and he was told it was going as per bylaws. If there is any slightly deviating from bylaws, then he totally disagrees what people have said. Also, regarding putting Houston chapter as separate from all chapters what is the purpose? We have equally contributed financially, voluntarily and every aspect of the convention. With this assumption Houston chapter members participated this convention. He said he will strongly disagree If it is just 25% (\$4K) or nothing for the chapter. Even his chapter members are asking for the financial report of this convention. He recommends going with bylaws.

Mr. Sajjan shiva said it is all chapters.

For this Mr. Swaroop countered saying why it is called Houston Chapter and All chapters? Take out Houston chapter and should have said All Chapter convention. Our chapter members were under the impression that they are equally part of this physically, mentally in every possible way to host this convention.

Mr. Harish requested Mr. Swaroop to check the Cordial request and for this Mr. Swaroop said yes, he has checked it but never said we are going against by laws for surplus funds.

Mr. Harish said everyone agrees on the work done by Houston Chapter and no one is questioning about it. But from Day 1, none of the Houston chapter members including the chapter committee were ready to take financial risk. Central VSNA took the responsibility without worrying on negative or surplus funds. He also said the whole VSNA knows about this. This was discussed in the board. If central VSNA was not ready, we never would have had this convention.

Mr. Swaroop said regarding financial aspect on going negative or surplus never discussed in writing with Houston Chapter. He agrees central VSNA taking financial responsibility but equally they have worked hard to raise the money. But now after the convention with having surplus money, you can not say we are giving 25% (\$4K). and Houston chapter disagrees with this one. Mr. Harish agreed and acknowledged the differing opinions of the board members about sharing proportion between the organizing partners Central VSNA and Houston Chapter. He thanked everyone's opinion and said he will send this electronically and take everyone's opinion as we don't have a quorum today.

CONCLUSION:			
ACTION ITEMS: Send financial report for review		PERSON RESPONSIBLE: Mr. Harish Hiremath	DEADLINE
Agenda Item 5:		Elections	
Discussion: Start Time: 3:08 PM EST			

Mr. Harish said he has already sent the details on the election like closing dates, starting point etc. We have an independent election committee headed by Mr. Ravishankar Bhooplapur, Mr. Naveen Hanuman, and Mrs. Roopa Guddimath.

October 1st is the deadline to receive nominations.

October 15th is the deadline for withdraw the nominations

November 1st all process will be done.

CONCLUSION:	
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ACTION ITEMS:	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
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Agenda Item 6:	7 Amendments
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Discussion: **Start Time: 3:12 PM EST**

Mr. Harish said many seniors have talked to him and requested to make some changes to bylaws by amendments. We worked diligently for the past one year. We can discuss these, but it goes for on and on. Here are 7 amendments we would like to share and discuss. The reasoning behind these etc. We will share this and then vote them by saying yes or no with proper reasoning. If we agree, then we will go to general body and then if we get 2/3rd majority then we will amend it (**Attachment #2: VSNA Bylaw 2022 Amendments Details**).

First, we present it to BOD and BOR. If approved, then send it to election committee for General body voting.

Amendment 1: Life Membership

Currently it is for the family and voting is for only one person. If someone expires the voting rights go to spouse. So created new life membership with 150% of current life membership so that both couples can vote. With this, we can generate additional \$75K if all current 300 life members can avail this.

Annual Central VSNA membership People misuse this. At the time of the election, we see spike in annual membership. With \$25 annual membership fees if someone registers 200 people by paying \$5000, they can topple the 300 life members votes. This happened last time when bylaw changes were made where life members were not in favor, but 300 annual members voted and changed the life members wish. This is an abuse and we have seen instances like \$500 check from one individual. So we have to put something in to control this where annual chapter members become central VSNA members and take out central member annual membership. Regarding voting, we can give options and go for general body approval.

Option 1: Family life members gets 2 votes (Husband and wife) and individual chapter members have 1 vote.

Option 2: Chapter members have or don't have the voting rights

Both these are controversial but would like to get everyone's opinion.

Amendment 2: Board of director Election Committee

All or Any General body voting needs to be done by the independent Election Committee. Voting with the electronic ballot must be conducted by a third party or an independent appointed body election committee. Candidate can contest only one position in an election.

Amendment 3: Board of Directors.

Life member deadline should be January 1st of the previous year to become eligible for contesting elections.

Amendment 4:

Veerashaiva International Resource Center (VIRC). The good initiatives like Vichara Vedike and other initiatives should be led by VIRC but by the approval of BOD. VIRC Director and Committee should be approved by BOD.

International Basava Jayanti. We can expand this to throughout the world.

VSNA Children Talent Festival. With virtual platform we can expand this as last year we have 140 children. This year we are expected to get 200+ children. Create a group similar like VIRC and continue to work in future with new Officers and BOD.

Amendment 5: Changing Board of Regents to Board of Trustees.

Mr. Gadigeppa explained about this. BOR was initiated long time back 1997, Dr. Munavalli came up with BOR and BOD. In the last 25 years most of the time BOD and BOR are not cooperating well and not working together. So now thinking about taking some powers out of BOR. One example being BOR needs to approve budget. That creates clashes between BOD and BOR.

Create a new Title Board of Trustees (BOT) and transfer responsibility from BOR to BOT. Almost 90% of the powers what BOR has will be transferred to BOT and only 10% we will make the change to give BOD more power to make decision.

Amendment 6: New article Mega donations. Any donations \$50K or more are accepted with or without stipulations by the VSNA officers with an approval from BOD. Any changes to this in future will be approve from the VSNA General body.

Amendment 7: Change VSNA Emblem. Select by ranking new emblems.

Mr. Jay mentioned going forward keep only operations items with the officers like president, VP etc and everything else all decisions must be approved by BOD just like all other corporations so that in future no one will misuse the powers.

CONCLUSION:

ACTION ITEMS: Send amendments via email to BOD and BOR

PERSON RESPONSIBLE: Mr. Harish Hiremath

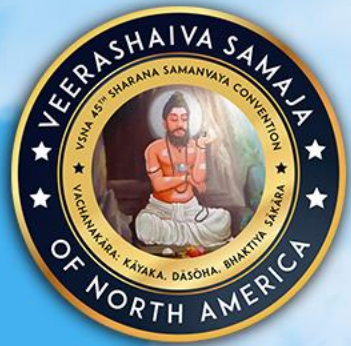
DEADLINE

Meeting ended at 3.44 PM EST.



VSNA 45TH SHARANA SAMANVAYA CONVENTION

VACHANAKĀRA: KĀYAKA, DĀSŌHA, BHAKTIYA SĀKĀRA!



Financial Report

As of July 27th 2022

WE ♥
HOUSTON

HOSTED BY: VSNA HOUSTON & ALL CHAPTERS
@ INDIA HOUSE & HILTON WESTCHASE, HOUSTON
JULY 1ST - 3RD 2022; WWW.VSNA.ORG/CONVENTION

A Cordial Request to Attend...



Sharana, during the last quarter of 2021, we were not sure whether we would be able to dream of restarting our regular onsite/in person annual VSNA convention. When we requested all our chapters during the third quarter of 2021, we observed the hesitation/ reluctance from all the chapters to take up this challenge. VSNA officers approached Houston Chapter members to help us in this situation by joining central VSNA in organizing this key 45th convention. As the Houston Chapter is relatively new, very small and mainly consists of new younger families, they agreed to support with the voluntary effort to organize convention activities while central VSNA taking all the financial risks and fundraising responsibility. After the COVID Omicron wave, in Feb 2022, most of the board members along with Houston members voted to conduct the onsite/ in-person convention again. Immediately Convention Voluntary Group (CVG) was formed and within six weeks Programs and Guest Rooms facilities were searched and finalized. We request you support us by Early Bird Registration and generous donations.

Please peruse the key reasons and motivations for all of us to support, attend and celebrate our **VSNA 45th Sharana Samanvaya Convention 2022** below:

1. As a main goal to **RESTART** the broken chain of our conventions organized year after year from four decades and to continue it to posterity raising to the previous levels.
2. Most of us have not attended in-person gatherings at National Level for the past three years and it is an opportunity to meet our friends of decades to renew the relationships and forge new relationships.
3. It is our duty and responsibility to help our own organization community gatherings that rekindle in us the memories and legacies of our common beliefs, culture, and heritage.
4. Our children will get exposed and introduced to our religious concepts and get a chance to cultivate and develop new friendships with their peers.

5. VSNA Annual Conventions along with other national events, like International Basava Jayanthi and VSNA Children Talent Festivals, are providing the parents an opportunity to prevent their children being swept away and absorbed in the melting pot of various cultures and conflicting religious ideologies prevalent in our adopted land.

Our theme for the Convention ``Vachanakara: Kayaka, Dasoha, Bhaktiya Saakara!``, is an attempt to introduce lesser-known Vachana Writers among our Adi Sharanas to our community-at-large by remembering them and celebrating their unique contributions to our literature, social reforms and faith. **See you in Houston! So do not miss this opportunity and go online to register today.**

Convention Programs Facility

India House, Houston
18888 W. Belfort Ave, Houston, TX 77031



[India House Video](#)

Convention Guest Rooms Facility

Hilton Houston Westchase
9999 Westheimer Rd, Houston, TX 77042



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[Convention Registration Link](#)

[Guest Rooms Booking Link](#)

On behalf of VSNA 45th Sharana Samanvaya Convention Committee,

Harish Hiremath



"SAMANVAYA"

Om Namah Shivaya, Om Sri Guru Basava Lingaya Namah

29 Stalynn Ln, Houston, TX 77027

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VSNA 45th Sharana Samanvaya Convention 2022

Financial Report - As of July 15th 2022

A01	Donations Details
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A02	Payments To Date Details
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A03	Revenue & Payments Summary
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A04	Questions & Answers
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Convention Donations - Total	\$52,229
Donations - Direct Payments	\$34,507
Donations - Via Registration	\$15,621
Donations - Other Sponsorships	\$2,101

Donations - Direct Payments	\$34,507
Dr. Sudhirkumar - Basava Dasohi	\$9,000
Guruswamy Ayya - Channabasava Dasohi	\$5,000
Veerendra Durgam - Sharana	\$3,001
Ravi Bhooplapur - Sharana	\$3,000
VSNA Dallas Chapter	\$2,103
VSNA Houston Chapter	\$2,001
Basavaraj Pawate	\$2,000
VSNA Georgia Chapter*	\$1,500
KP Channabasappa	\$1,000
Houston Kannada Vrinda	\$750
Guru Bale	\$500
Prashanth B Shadaksharaiah	\$500
Sandeep Mudnal	\$500
Dr. Suresh Shroff	\$500
VSNA New York Chapter	\$500
Sidd Bagali	\$500
VSNA Detroit Chapter	\$500
VSNA Maryland Chapter	\$500
VSNA Ohio Chapter	\$250
Prabhu Patil	\$250
Donation # D01	\$201
Donation # D02	\$200
Donation # D03	\$101
Donation # D04	\$100
Donation # D05	\$50

Donations - Via Registration	\$15,621
Naganna Channaveeraiah - Sharana	\$2,185
Nandish Dhananjaya	\$1,385
Shashidhar Siddagangaiah	\$1,360
Mallikarjun Arethimmappa	\$1,335
Shekara Mahadevaswamy	\$1,310
Gadigeppa Doddamani	\$1,000
Shiva Prakash	\$750
Harish Hiremath	\$750
Vijay Kurki	\$750
Sajjan Shiva	\$750
Amruthesh Shivachar	\$750
Bina Prakash	\$700
Swaroop Korishetty	\$501
Anil Basavaraj	\$501
Kiran Babaladi	\$500
Satewar Mukta	\$251
Rachappa Bellappa	\$251
Donation # R01	\$220
Donation # R02	\$101
Donation # R03	\$100
Donation # R04	\$100
Donation # R05	\$50
Donation # R06	\$21

Donations - Other Sponsorships	\$2,101
Namma Partner - Sudhir & Yash	\$1,001
Right Taxmate - Gangaraju Hanumanthappa	\$600
Rangaraju Shetru - Booth	\$500

Convention Donations - Total	\$52,229
Donations - Direct Payments	\$34,507
Donations - Via Registration	\$15,621
Donations - Other Sponsorships	\$2,101

Donations - By Food Donation	
North Karanataka Food - Yatish Jakatimath	\$2,500
Kayi Holige - Suresha Jayappa	\$330

Code	Registration Revenue - Cut off July 27th 2022	Amount \$
R01	Registration Payment Received	\$53,519.00
R02	Donations Received via Registrations	(\$15,621.00)
R03	Registration Revenue less Donations	\$37,898.00
R04	Life & Annual Memberships	(\$3,425.00)
R05	Registration Revenue R05 less Memberships	\$34,473.00
R06	Pure Registration Revenue (Approx)	\$34,473.00

Payments Summary - VSNA 45th SS Convention 2022

Convention Total Payments	\$54,701
Payment made upto Cut-Off Date	\$48,111
E01 - Food Service Related Payments	\$20,954
E02 - Facility Related Payments	\$6,050
E03 - Decorations & Banners Related Payments	\$4,763
E04 - Photography & Video Related Payments	\$4,169
E05 - Transport Services Related Payments	\$2,463
E06 - Felicitations Related Payments	\$3,751
E07 - Child Care Service Related Payments	\$1,036
E08 - Hilton Lodging Related Payments	\$3,020
E09 - Competitions Related Payments	\$351
E10 - Registration & Printing Related Payments	\$680
E11 - Stage Setup Related Payments	\$613
E12 - Miscellaneous Payments	\$261
F01 - Souvenir Expenses & Balance Payments (Approx)	\$6,590

VSNA 45th Sharana Samanvaya Convention 2022		
Financial Summary - As of July 27th		Amount \$
C01	Seed Money from CTF	\$19,900
C02	VSNA Life & Annual Memberships	\$3,425
C03	Central VSNA Funds	\$23,325
R01	Donations - Direct Payments	\$34,507
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R05	Convention Funds	\$86,702
REV	Total Central & Convention Funds (Revenue)	\$110,027
EXP	Total Covention Payments (Expenses)	(\$54,701)
BAL	Total Central & Convention Funds less Payments	\$55,326
C03	Central VSNA Funds	\$23,325
CSA	Convention Surplus Amount	\$32,000

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CTF	Contribution to Convention Trust Fund (50%)	\$16,000
	Contribution to Organizing Chapters (50%)	\$16,000
	Need BOD Advise on Sharing	
	VSNA All Chapters (100% Financial Risk & Accountability)	???
	VSNA Houston Chapter (Only Volunteering & Zero Risk)	???



Questions ?



Our Sincere Thanks to
all of you





Proposed VSNA Bylaw Amendments A#1 to A#7 - 2022

VSNA All Chapters <harish.vsnapresident@gmail.com>

Sat, Jul 30, 2022 at 3:02 PM

To: vsna-officers@googlegroups.com, vsna-chapters-presidents@googlegroups.com, vsna-elected-bod@googlegroups.com, vsna-advisors@googlegroups.com, vsna-bor@googlegroups.com

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A#3	Yes/No	Yes	
A#4	Yes/No	Yes	
A#5	Yes/No	No	
A#6	Yes/No	Yes	
VSNA Emblem	Rank		Comments
A#7	Yes/No	Yes	Either Select (1st) or provide Ranking-1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th
Logo#1		3rd	
Logo#2		1st	
Logo#3		2nd	
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2 attachments

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VSNA Bylaw Amendments 2022 - A#1 to A#7			
SI#	Current Bylaw	Proposed Amendment	Reasoning
A#1	<p>Article III Corporation Member, Section 1:</p> <p>(a) Requisite for the Membership: The membership categories shall be: Life Membership, Annual Member family membership, Individual & youth annual Membership.</p> <p>(b)Life membership: Life Membership includes the couple- husband and wife and minor children. This membership is entitled to 1 vote. Annual family membership: includes parents and children less than 26 years. This membership is entitled to 1 vote. Individual and Youth membership: Any individual 18 years or older can be eligible for this membership. This membership is entitled to 1 vote. Term of annual membership is for 1 year from January 1 to December 31 of the calendar year.</p> <p>Section 6:</p> <p>Transfer of Membership: Corporation's membership shall neither be transferred nor assigned to another individual. Annual Member, however, shall have the privilege of becoming a Life member on the fulfillment of the eligibility requirements and financial obligations.</p>	<p>Article III Corporation Member, Section 1:</p> <p>(a) Requisite for the Membership: The membership categories shall be as follows:</p> <p>(b) Life membership includes either husband or wife or individual 18 years or older. This membership is entitled to 1 vote.</p> <p>(C) Life Family Membership includes both husband and wife. This membership is entitled to husband and wife to one vote each. Membership fees for this category must be 150% of Life Membership to encourage the couples to participate in the voting process.</p> <p>(Central VSNA Annual membership category is removed.)</p> <p>All the Chapter Members who have paid the Annual Chapter Membership dues are also Annual Members of Central VSNA organization.</p> <p>(Eligibility of Voting of Chapter Members will be determined by GB Voting)</p> <p>Section 6:</p> <p>Transfer of Membership: Corporation's membership shall neither be transferred nor assigned to another individual. However, in case of death, the Life Membership will be transferred only to his or her spouse.</p>	<p>Life membership including husband and wife with one vote creates confusion who is entitled for the vote. Also creates problem between spouses as who carries the membership in case of divorce or difference of opinion on voting between husband and wife etc. Also, such a membership is undemocratic. Hence, a new category of Life Family Membership is proposed to give voting rights to each spouse and with 150% of Life Membership Fees. This provision can generate around \$75K additional revenue if our existing Life Member families can induct their spouses.</p> <p>Over the years, VSNA has grown into a large organization and there is a need to rejuvenate the alignment of chapter members with Central VSNA. By empowering them to have a say in the elections and issues related to Central VSNA, the organization will become much stronger at the grass root level. Also, we have seen in recent years, much abuse of Central VSNA Annual Membership for election or bylaw voting purposes. Hence, Central VSNA Annual Membership is proposed to be removed and "Once you are a Annual Member of a Chapter, then you are Annual Member of Central VSNA" principle will be adopted which will be truly democratic.</p> <p>Eligibility of Voting by Annual Chapter Members (TBD by GB voting)</p> <p>Option 1: Family Chapter Members have two votes for husband and wife. Individual Chapter Members have one vote.;</p> <p>Option 2: Chapter Members don't have the voting rights.</p>
A#2	<p>Article V Board of Directors, Section 21: Election Committee: (current section is retained as it is with the proposed addition).</p>	<p>Article V, Section 21: Election Committee: (in addition to current section) Provisions of this section are applicable to all general body voting. Voting with electronic ballots must be conducted by a third party or by the independent appointed Election Committee. The candidates can contest for only one position in an election.</p>	<p>This amendment is in addition to the current Article V, Section 21 of the Bylaws.and will be added to the VSNA Bylaws after the approval by the General Body.</p>
A#3	<p>Article V Board of Directors, Section 3: Elected Directors: (a) Eligibility: (ii) Shall be a Life Member of the Corporation in good standing for no less than one year.</p> <p>Article VI Officers, Section 2: Election and Term of Office: Only Life-member of VSNA shall be eligible to serve as an officer. He/she should be a life member of VSNA at least for one (1) year.</p>	<p>Article V Board of Directors, Section 3: Elected Directors: (a) Eligibility: (ii) Shall be a Life Member of the Corporation in good standing as of January 1st of previous year to the elections.</p> <p>Article VI Officers, Section 2: Election and Term of Office: Only Life-member of VSNA shall be eligible to serve as an officer. He/she should be a life member of of the Corporation in good standing as of January 1st of previous year to the elections.</p>	<p>This amendment clarifies the specific requirement related to Life Membership needed to be eligible to self-nominate for any VSNA Officer or Elected Board of Director positions.</p>
A#4	<p>Article XVII, The Veerashaiva International Resource Center (current section is retained as it is with the proposed additional Section 12).</p>	<p>Article XV11, Section 12: With the approval of Board of Directors, VIRC Committee will take lead (to provide continuity and to strengthen the relations built with various US & International Organizations) in organizing periodic VSNA Vichara Vedike presentations from invited scholars (international platform for brainstorming our way of life), annual virtual International Basava Jayanti (to propagate Guru Basava's message as a writer and social reformer), and annual virtual VSNA Children Talent Festival to enhance the international platform for children Vachana and related competitions focussing and promoting Veerashaiva and Lingayath way of life.</p>	<p>This new Section is an addition to the Article XVII of the Bylaws.and will be added to the VSNA Bylaws after the approval by the General Body.</p>
A#5	<p>Article VII Board of Regents</p> <p>Section 1: Board of Regents: (a) Eligibility. To be a Regent, a member shall be at least twenty-one (21) years of age, and shall be a Lifetime Member in good standing for no less than one year of the organization.He or she shall have demonstrated the dedicated commitment to the mission, the goals and the objectives of the VSNA.</p> <p>Section 9: Powers and Responsibilities of the Board of Regents:</p> <p>(a) Powers: The Board of Regents shall exercise neither administrative nor executive power or authority except as provided by the Corporation's Bylaws. The following actions shall require approval of both the Board of Directors and Board of Regents. (i) Amendment of the articles of incorporation, (ii) amendment of the Bylaws of the Corporation; (iii) the sale, lease or exchange of substantially all of the Corporation's assets and properties; (iv) the dissolution of the Corporation or a revocation of dissolution; (v) approval of reimbursement for expenses incurred to the Corporation by directors, officers or regents;(vi) the revocation or suspension of a member; and (vii) such other action as specifically provided in the Bylaws. In the event of disapproval of the amendments of the bylaws by BOR, the BOD shall still have the right to present the bylaws to the General Body.</p> <p>(b) Responsibilities: The Board of Regents shall be responsible for (i) the development of policies and procedures, (ii) the development of long term projects with a life span of more two (2) years; (iii) defining and establishing the goals and objectives of the Corporation; (v) Monitoring the progress of all on-going long term projects; (vi) reviewing financial reports of the Corporation; (vii) preparing and presenting the "Chairperson's Report to the Annual Convention" of the Corporation; and (viii) assisting in resolving concerns and issues brought to its attention by the BOD and the BOR shall be kept informed of the BOD's rejection of a genuine written grievance by a VSNA member or a committee or a chapter. (ix) The BOR shall have the right to call a combined meeting between BOD and BOR members on special occasions to discuss issues or concerns that may</p>	<p>Article VII Board of Trustees</p> <p>Section 1: Board of Trustees: (a) Eligibility. To be a Trustee, a member shall be a Lifetime Member in good standing for no less than ten years of the organization. He or she shall have served as a VSNA Officer, Elected or Appointed BOD or have demonstrated the dedicated commitment to the mission, the goals and the objectives of the VSNA.</p> <p>Section 9: Powers and Responsibilities of the Board of Trustees:</p> <p>(a) Powers: The Board of Trustees role is purely advisory and shall exercise neither administrative nor executive power or authority. The following actions shall require approval of both the Board of Directors and Board of Trustees. (i) Amendment of the articles of incorporation, (ii) amendment of the Bylaws of the Corporation; (iii) the sale, lease or exchange of substantially all of the Corporation's assets and properties; (iv) the dissolution of the Corporation or a revocation of dissolution. In the event of disapproval of the amendments of the bylaws by BOT, the BOD shall still have the right to present the bylaws to the General Body.</p> <p>(b) Responsibilities: The Board of Trustees shall be responsible for (i) the development of policies and procedures, (ii) the development of long term projects with a life span of more two (2) years; (iii) defining and establishing the goals and objectives of the Corporation with the approval of BOD; (v) Monitoring the progress of all on-going long term projects; (vii) preparing and presenting the "Chairperson's Report to the Annual Convention" of the Corporation; and (viii) assisting and advising in resolving concerns and issues brought to its attention by the BOD.</p> <p>Note: Replace BOR with BOT in the Bylaw references</p>	<p>This amendment is enhances the stature of the current BOR by increased Life Membership requirement to truly act as an advisory board by involving senior leaders of our community.</p> <p>Some of the powers and responsibilities for the BOT has been modified to limit the interference in the administrative powers and responsibilities of BOD and to facilitate only advisory role.</p>
A#6	<p>New Article is added</p>	<p>Article XIX Mega Donations, Section 1: Mega donations (\$50K or more) are accepted with or without stipulations (Gift Agreement) by the VSNA Officers with the approval of Board of Directors. Any changes or deviations to such agreed stipulations in future shall be implemented only with the explicit approval of the VSNA General Body.</p>	<p>This Article is an addition to the Bylaws.and will be added to the VSNA Bylaws after the approval by the General Body.</p>
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Proposed VSNA Bylaw Amendments A#1 to A#7 - 2022 - POSTPONED

1 message

VSNA All Chapters <harish.vsnapresident@gmail.com>

Wed, Sep 7, 2022 at 7:46 AM

To: vsna-officers@googlegroups.com, vsna-chapters-presidents@googlegroups.com, vsna-elected-bod@googlegroups.com, vsna-advisors@googlegroups.com, vsna-bor@googlegroups.com

Sharanu,

We received various responses with respect to the proposed amendments to our VSNA Bylaws. After discussing among VSNA officers, we are sharing following formal response and path forward:

1. Methodology used for the proposal of Bylaw Amendments: As per VSNA Bylaws, there is no specific requirement to form a committee to propose any amendment to Bylaws to the BOD. Also, as per VSNA Bylaws there is no set process to follow to submit proposals for amendments to BOD (**Article V Board of Directors, Section 11 & 19**). Executive Officers or any Board member or any Life member or any committee formed by the BOD can submit the proposal for amendments to Bylaws for the majority approval of BOD. BOD is supreme and what is important is that the majority of BOD members need to approve before taking the amendments to the General Body for voting. As per VSNA Bylaws, BOD doesn't need the approval of BOR for taking the amendments for General Body voting (**Article VII Board of Regents, Section 9**). VSNA Bylaw clearly spells out ONLY the specific voting requirements for passing the amendments by the General Body (**Article XIV Amendments Section 1**). Hence, we request you again to review VSNA Bylaws in detail to understand the approach followed by the VSNA Officers is appropriate.

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On Sun, Jul 31, 2022 at 1:32 AM VSNA All Chapters <harish.vsnapresident@gmail.com> wrote:

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MEETING MINUTES	Date: 26 DEC 2022	Time: 11 AM EST/10AM CST	Venue: Zoom
Meeting Chair:	Harish Hiremath		
Type of Meeting:	Anubhava Mantapa Session #06 – 2022 (VSNA Board Meeting)		
Note Taker:	Nandi Nagaraj / Kiran Babaladi/ Harish Hiremath		
Attendees:	See Below		

	Title	Name	YES/NO		Title	Name	YES/NO
1	President	Harish Hiremath	YES		Chapters Presidents (Cont)		
2	Vice President	Rathna Totada	YES	21	Youth Chapter	R. Swamy	NO
3	Treasurer	Bhavani Moodabagil	YES	22	Houston - TX	CK Swaroop	NO
4	Secretary	Kiran Babaladi	YES	23	San Antonio, TX	Chaitanya Mallikarjuna	NO
5	Elected BOD	Dilip Shivanna	YES	24	Maryland	Shivani Mahashetty	NO
6	Elected BOD	Dr. Suresh Shroff	YES	25	New England	Rudresh Kottani	NO
7	Elected BOD	Mahesh Patil	NO	26	NY & NJ	Onkar Murundi	YES
8	Elected BOD	Girish Budhibetta	YES	27	North Carolina	Poornima Halnur	NO
9	Elected BOD	Nandish Dhananjaya	YES	28	Ohio	Sudhir Naikar	NO
10	Elected BOD	Prabhu Setru	NO	29	Pittsburgh-PA	Virupaksha H.	YES
	Chapters Presidents			30	Pennsylvania - East	Sidd Tumkur	NO
11	Alabama	T. Shivashankar	NO	31	Tennessee	K R Channabasappa	NO
12	California - N	Rupali S.	NO	32	Toronto - Canada	Kiran Shivappagoudar	YES
13	California - C	M. Hiremath	YES	33	DC & Virginia	Lokesh Hebbani	YES
14	California - S	Uma Hukkeri	YES	34	Alberta, Canada	Sumangala D.	YES
15	Chicago - IL	Akash Angadi	NO	35	Indiana	Nandi Nagaraj	YES
16	Connecticut	Mahantesh Nashi	YES	36	West Virginia	Vivek Nagenhalli	NO
17	Dallas - TX	Santosh Teli	YES		Invited Guests		
18	Detroit - MI	Vidya Takkalaki	YES	1	Election Committee	Ravi Bhooplapur	YES
19	Austin - TX	Manohar Mudnal	YES	2	VSNA Sammilana	Shrikanth H.	YES
20	Georgia	Jay Jayadev	YES	3	VSNA 46 th Convention	Chaitra Shekar	YES



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Agenda:

- 1.Om Chanting & Vachana – Harish
- 2.Quorum update – Kiran
- 3.Condolences & Opening Remarks
- 4.VSNA 46th Convention Presentation
- 5.VSNA Matrimony Success Presentation
- 6.VCTF 2022 Update & Status
- 7.Our thanks to Out Going BOD & EC
- 8.Election Committee Presentation
- 9.VSNA Legal Cases Update
- 10.Financial Details of 2021 by Treasurer
- 11.VSNA Chapter Elections – Bylaw Requirements

AMS Chair, Harish Hiremath, started the session with Om Chanting and reciting the vachana. Session started without the quorum and VSNA Secretary soon confirmed session attaining the needed quorum.

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AGENDA ITEM:	Condolences & Opening Remarks
Discussions: Chair expressed the condolences for Dr. Somashekar Munavalli, Founder, Past President and active volunteer for decades. Dr. Munavalli was part of our advisor group and will be remembered his continuous support for the current board from past two years. Also offered condolences to Mrs. Preeti Aruna from Pittsburg Chapter and Virupaksha H, Pittsburg Chapter President briefed about the background.	
Our board has conducted eleven Anubhava Mantapa Sessions very professionally and will continue to conduct similarly the last session giving opportunity to all to express their voices and opinions in orderly manner.	
CONCLUSION:	NA

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Chair to moderate the session professionally	Harish Hiremath	NA



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AGENDA ITEM:	VSNA 46 th Convention Presentations	
Discussions: Chaitra Shekar, VSNA 46 th Convention Chair along with the Jay Jayadev, Chapter President, lead the presentation related to the updated activities of the convention committee (Attachment #01: VSNA 46 th Convention Update). Brief Contents shared: Convention focused on Next Generation Youth, Registration packages & convention Budget \$195K, Convention Committee Leads Contact information.		
CONCLUSION:	All Chapter Presidents along with their members to support the convention by participation and donations.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
VSNA 46 th Convention Regular Updates to the Board	Chaitra Shekar/ Jay Jayadev	NA
Involve all the interested Chapter Presidents in Convention Committee	Chaitra Shekar/ Jay Jayadev	2/28/2023

AGENDA ITEM:	VSNA Matrimony Success Presentation
<p>Discussions: Shrikanth presented the success story of two marriages happened via VSNA Sammilana, Atheeth Hiremath with Tanushri Mavinahalli and Tejashwara Chigateri with Priyanka Swamy (Attachment #02: VSNA Sammilana Succes Stories). He also narrated the progress of Sammilana platform and mentioned it has now around 75 profiles of girls and 50 profiles of boys. He thanked Harish and Mahantesh Nashi for the continuous support.</p>	
CONCLUSION:	

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Spread and support the VSNA Sammilana platform among our members	All Chapter Presidents	NA

AGENDA ITEM:	VCTF 2022 Update & Status	
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Discussions: Chair updated that all the videos and documents from the participating children have been received and the same has been sent to the Judges for the evaluation. He mentioned that the VCTF 2022 finalists' presentation program will be held in the first quarter of 2023. He requested all the chapter presidents to donate generously for the gift certificates for the children and assured that all the funds collected will be utilized specifically for Gift Certificates only.

CONCLUSION:

ACTION ITEMS

PERSON RESPONSIBLE

DEADLINE

Conduct the VCTF Finalists' Program

Harish Hiremath & team

3/31/2023

AGENDA ITEM:

Our thanks to Out Going BOD & EC

Discussions: Chair thanked out going board members member for their excellent support for all the activities and assisting to conduct all the board proceeding cordially for nearly twenty months. He mentioned that all the Life and Annual Members have liked our programs, trusted the decisions taken by the board and approved the way the legal cases have been handled by voting the current administration by clear majority.

Expressed his concerns for the negativity shared by few board members during the election process. He requested the board members to attend the AM sessions and express their thoughts logically instead of trying to influence by other form of communications.

Chair complimented the excellent and diligent work done by Election Committee Chair, Ravi Bhooplapur, past president and its members Roopa Guddimath, Past VA Chapter President & Naveen Hanuman, Past Pittsburg Chapter President. Appreciated the way they have cooperated with Chapter Presidents for the missing ballots and accommodated lot of last-minute requests for support and verifications.

CONCLUSION:

NA

ACTION ITEMS

PERSON RESPONSIBLE

DEADLINE



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AGENDA ITEM:

Election Committee Presentation – Mr. Ravi Bhooplapur

Discussions:

Election Process and Results: Ravi provided briefly about his voluntary involvement with VSNA and thanked the board for providing the opportunity to lead the election process. He also thanked his fellow EC members Roopa Guddimath and Naveen Hanuman for their excellent support and teamwork. He reiterated that they provided the guidelines to all the candidates and members to follow the process as per the VSNA Bylaw. Wherever the candidates and members had challenges in strictly following the guidelines, they took the decision by helping them as needed while remaining pragmatic and flexible with best interest of the organization. He also mentioned that he had given his personal number for members to contact, and he didn't receive any complaint. He mentioned that board trusted the EC and they have reciprocated by conducting the election process as fairly and unbiasedly to the highest standards accommodating all the requests. He welcomed any board member or candidate to come forward and verify the results or view the recorded video, if needed.

VSNA Bylaw violation by BOR Chair: He shared his observation that a respected leader of VSNA, BOR Chair, has violated the VSNA Bylaws by voting in the election after becoming Life Member only in October 2022 which less than three months requirement to vote. He mentioned that he has sent these observations in writing to the board as it was his responsibility, and it is left to the board to take any further appropriate action (Attachment #03: Election Committee Chairman observations).

Questions & Answers: Girish Budibetta mentioned that once the candidate has withdrawn from the position like Thej Kartal, he must not have allowed to contest in the elections. EC chair responded that only Thej Kartal came back with a request to reconsider his candidacy within the stipulated Nomination Withdrawal time. EC discussed and took a decision to allow him to contest the elections. EC has taken similar high road for the benefit of the organization with respect to other candidates too and didn't disqualify them. Hence, the decision of EC is final.

CONCLUSION:

Election Committee declared that the results published are final and requested the board to take the appropriate actions on the Bylaw violation by BOR Chair.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Board to take appropriate actions on the Bylaw Violations by BOR chair	Harish Hiremath & Bhavani Moodabagil	NA



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AGENDA ITEM:	VSNA Legal Cases Update		
Discussion:			
<p>Chair provided an update on Legal Cases and their background information. He mentioned that these cases are internal to VSNA community. As there is potential for the leakage of our strategy, as per the Attorney Client agreement, we followed legal advice for all steps in the process and sharing information only after the approval of the attorneys. He reminded to stop the negative emails, personal accusations since it can hold the writer in the court of law and the same can come back to hurt later.</p> <p>Chair explained that many decisions are taken by discussing with key VSNA seniors and leaders. He clarified that as a person Harish Hiremath, he doesn't have any relation with the legal case as all the action executed by him is as VSNA president with unanimous approval of BOD and BOR. He shared the following exhibits (Attachment # 04A to #04F) as proofs to support the officers actions related to Legal Cases.</p> <p>4A. AMS #01-2021 – VSNA Resolution 2021-01 – Approval to spend \$10,000 to indemnify VSNA Officers.</p> <p>4B. Guidance given by Nayantara Swamy to VSNA President for resolution to retain a professional lawyer to defend VSNA.</p> <p>4C. VSNA BOD authorization voting tally (29 Yes) to retain a professional lawyer to defend VSNA.</p> <p>4D. Information from the Attorney Engagement Agreement regarding Retention \$7,500 and Hourly Rates (\$250 to \$500).</p> <p>4E. Dismissal and Penalty (\$6.500 to \$11,500) judgement from District Court of Harris County.</p> <p>4F. Attorney email providing the update on the Hadimani Legal Case which is currently in Court of Appeals, Texas.</p> <p>With this, he again requested negative emails to stop with personal accusations, attacks against VSNA officers.</p> <p>Ravi Bhooplapur acknowledged the contribution of the chair to the VSNA and requested the board members to exercise caution before sending attacking emails since sender can get sued. He reiterated that all officers and board members are protected by VSNA Bylaws. He also encouraged a separate session to educate BOD on By-Laws.</p> <p>Lokesh H thanked Harish for great job in legal case, wish good luck for next term, and Jay for next convention success.</p>			
CONCLUSIONS	NA		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE



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VSNA Board members are requested to stay away from sending, forwarding and supporting any negative emails	All Board Members	NA

AGENDA ITEM:	Financial Details of 2021 by Treasurer		
<p>Discussions: Treasurer presented quick review of Legal expense for Hadimani case (Attachment #05: Financial Details related to Defamation Legal Case). Addressed recent negative emails floating on expenses – clarified all expenses were blanked approved by BOD. All expenses to the penny have been accounted.</p> <p>Chair reminded the various positive contributions of the board and officers including saving 50% of the revenue of the VSNA 45th Convention.</p> <p>Chair again strongly reminded Official VSNA group is for Official communications only. He requested board members not to forward emails & personally attack officers and volunteers since this will hurt VSNA long term growth and might draw them personally into legal issues. He reiterated volunteer time to be respected and all need to work cordially in harmony for the growth of VSNA organization.</p>			
CONCLUSION:			
ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None		NA	NA

AGENDA ITEM:	VSNA Chapter Elections – Bylaw Requirements
<p>Discussions: President reminded Central VSNA by-laws are applicable to all chapters and Chapter Bylaws, if they have, must be in line with Central Bylaws. He stated that he has received many complaints from the several chapter members that proper democratic process is not followed while electing the Chapter Committees and gave few examples. He shared the official directions for the chapters to follow while conducting VSNA Chapter Elections as per the VSNA Bylaws including steps to be taken to form the Election Committee, Call for Nominations, Withdrawal, and subsequent elections, if needed (Attachment #06: VSNA Chapter Elections Process as per VSNA Bylaws). He mentioned that several of our chapter members are not even Annual members, they can't even vote in the board members elections. Hence, he stressed that all board members for the term 2023-2024 must preferably become Life Members or at the minimum Annual Members for both years.</p>	

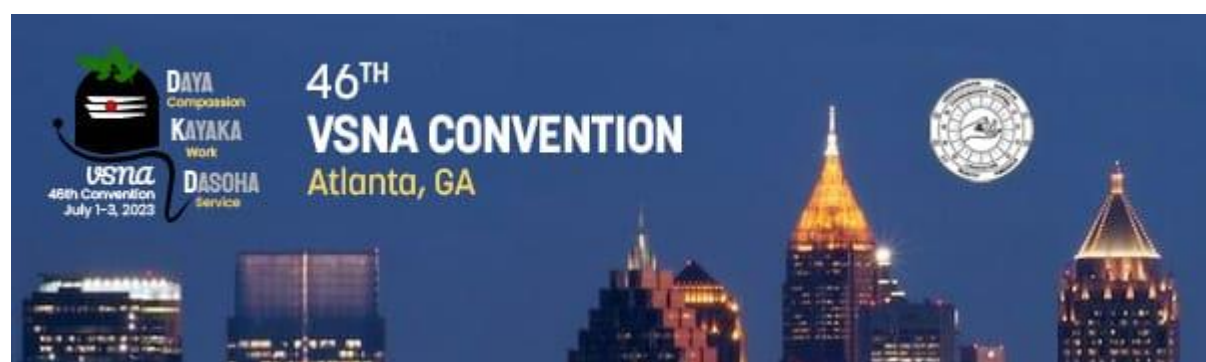


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CONCLUSION:	1.All chapter presidents to follow Official Directions as per VSNA Bylaws to elect the Chapter Committees.	
	2.All the board members must make sure that they are preferably Life Members or at the minimum Annual Members by our first board meeting in 2023.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Chapter Presidents to implement the official directions given to elect the chapter officers.	All Chapter Presidents	01/31/2023
All Chapter Presidents must become Life Members or at the minimum Annual Members of Central VSNA by first board meeting in 2023	All Chapter Presidents	Feb 2023

Meeting adjourned.



Convention Update

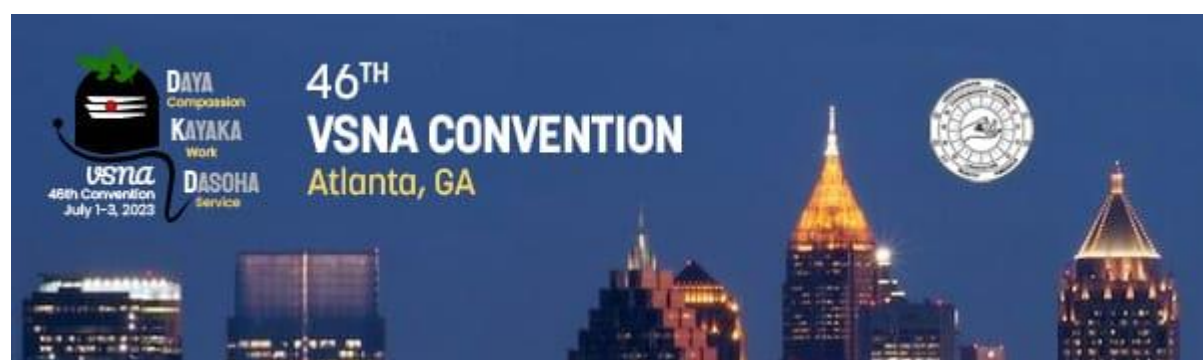


- Convention location finalized, contract signed and other logistical planning for the location is in-flight. Convention location is Crowne Plaza Atlanta Perimeter at Ravinia.
- Insurance procurement is in-flight
- Food committee is checking the vendors for the right quality and will be making decisions in the next 30 to 90 days. Some of the food may be procured outside of US.
- Website to represent vsnaga.org and registration is complete and registration link will be provided soon to register for the convention.
- Thanks to overwhelming support, donations for the convention are on right track to collect.
- Guidelines have been established for artists, programs and each committee requirements
- Steering committee is created to provide guidance, assistance and approvals for each one of the active items.
- Convention program draft has been published and being debated by the steering committee
- Stage and other decorations at the site is being planned and purchase of certain items are in-flight outside of US
- Program Committee – Reaching out to well known artists for performance
- Expected between 450 and 500 paid registrants for the convention (goal is to surpass 600)

VSNA GA 2023
Convention Chair
Chaitra Veerashekar

VSNA GA 2023
Convention co-chair
Vidya Rudresh

VSNA GA Chapter
President
Jay Jayadev

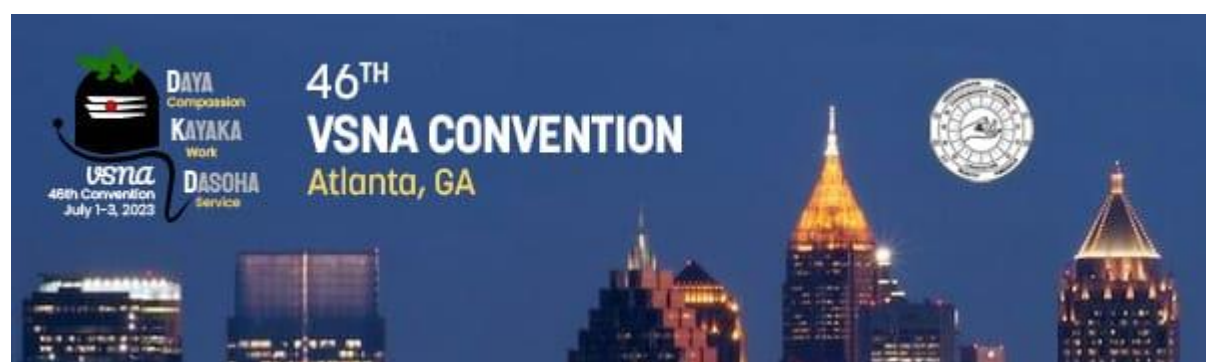


Financial Update

REGISTRATION PACKAGES



- Total expected expenses for 2023 convention - **~\$195K**
- Breakdown (~)
 - Facilities - **\$75K**
 - Food - **\$75k**
 - Stage/AV/Photo - **\$25K**
 - Artists & Entertainment - **\$10k**
 - Miscellaneous - **\$10k**
- Convention treasurer is appointed and in the process of collecting donations
- **Anticipating donation from convention trust fund**



Committee Leads

Convention Committees	Committee Leads	Convention Committees	Committee Leads
Facilities Committee	Sangeeta Patil spatil1964@yahoo.com	Photography and Video Committee	Rajesh Shivakumar
Finance Committee	Harini Rajesh harinibrajesh@yahoo.com	Yoga Committee	Nagarathna Totada nltotada@gmail.com
Registration Committee	Nagarathna Totada nltotada@gmail.com	Youth Committee	Sanjana Gowda Sanjana.basanth04@gmail.com
Fundraising/Marketing Committee	Nanda Gulve nanda.hiker@gmail.com	Religious/Shiva Puja Committee	Veer Muchandi Veer.muchandi@gmail.com
NextGen Committee	Vidya Rudresh vidyarudresh@gmail.com	Decorations Committee	Tejashree Patil tejashree4@gmail.com
Communications, Hospitality & Volunteers Committee	Sujatha Banav nsbanav@gmail.com	Anubhava Ghosti	Mamata Hirannaiah mhirann@gmail.com
Entertainment Committee	Roopa Praveen roopapraveen23@gmail.com	Medical/Health Forum	Jyothi Mattam jmattam@yahoo.com
Food Committee	Sangeeta Patil spatil1964@yahoo.com	Competitions Committee	Kusuma Tawady sumahanji@gmail.com
Business Forum	Raj Mahadevaiah rajmahadevaiah@eicusa.com	Matrimonial Forum	Mamata Hirannaiah mhirann@gmail.com

VSNA Sammilana Success Stories 2022

Perfect partner may appear from anywhere, you never know, might be found on VSNA Sammilana. If you are Interested to get to know someone 😊, please send your profile to

vsna.sammilana@gmail.com Youth will be invited to join Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/389657165684672/>

WhatsApp group for parents <https://chat.whatsapp.com/FIScvVeieDFDemNjRNUpyV>

Parents can join the VSNA Poshakara Sammilana group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/391938522190565/> Google drive link youth profile VSNA Sammilana 2021 - Google Drive

VSNA SAMMILANA

(A Matrimonial Service for the community)

A SUCCESS STORY....

Sharanu, it is our pleasure to share a good news with you all! Our son, Dr. Atheeth Hiremath found his life partner, Dr. Tanushri from our VSNA Sammilana (Matrimonial Service) and their marriage was performed on Sunday, Nov 6th, 2022, at ISKCON Mysore. As a family, we are indebted to our beloved VSNA for helping and blessing us with our new family member and earnestly wish all of you to explore and find such an opportunity in our group.



VSNA SAMMILANA is a group started nearly two years ago to serve our community and well participated by nearly 170 parents belonging to our faith. Our sincere thanks to Shrikanth Hanumanthappa, past Pittsburg Chapter President and Mahantesh Nashi, Dallas Chapter President who have been leading this effort for VSNA from past two years. Also, Pushpa Bagali, Life Member from Houston, who joined them to lead during VSNA 45th Convention.





Here's another Success Story; outcome of VSNS Sammilana Matrimony ! ❤️ ❤️ ❤️ !
The wedding of my son Tejeshwar with Priyanka was solemnised on Oct 9th at Lafayette Hotel, Lafayette-CA USA.
— Prabhudeva Chigateri,
Sr. VP- Basavasamithi Bangalore.





VSNA Matrimony{Sammilana}

Akkamma, Akshata, Anjali, Annappa, Anu, Arun, Aruna, Aruna's, Ashwini, G, Gayathri, Harish, Harish, Jayanthi, Jyothi, Kamala, Kapali, Latha, Mahantesh, M...



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With Parents



Congratulations to the married couple and to proud families

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With Parents



We the parents of Tejeshwara & Priyanka jointly express our gratitude to all those friends in this group for their Greetings and Blessings 🌸🙏🙏🙏🙏🌸

Thank you once again

With warm Regards 🌸

12:59 AM





Harish Hiremath <harishhiremath@gmail.com>

Fwd: Announcement from VSNA Election Committee

1 message

Kiran Babaladi <kiran.vsnasecretary@gmail.com>

Tue, Dec 20, 2022 at 2:13 PM

To: vsna-elected-bod@googlegroups.com, vsna-officers@googlegroups.com, vsna-chapters-presidents@googlegroups.com, vsna_regents@googlegroups.com

Cc: Ravishankar Bhooplapur <bhooplapur@gmail.com>, Naveen Hanuman <vsnaelectioncommittee2022@gmail.com>, Roopa Guddimath <rguddimath@gmail.com>, Naveen Kumar Hanuman <naveen.ah@gmail.com>

Hi All,

As per instruction from the Election Committee, I am forwarding this email.

Regards,

Kiran

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Naveen Hanuman** <vsnaelectioncommittee2022@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Dec 20, 2022 at 9:04 AM

Subject: Corrections in the announcement

To: Kiran Babaladi <kirangb@gmail.com>, Harish Hiremath <harishhiremath@gmail.com>, Roopa <rguddimath@gmail.com>, Naveen Kumar Hanuman <naveen.ah@gmail.com>

TO: VSNA Board of Directors,

While conducting the Election Process for 2023-2024, we found the following VSNA Bylaw violations by Mrs. Nayantara Swamy for your immediate corrective action.

VSNA Bylaw Violation #1: In the Life Member Register submitted to EC by VSNA Treasurer, Dr. Mallikarjuna Swamy is a life member with identification # FL-MS100132. Mrs. Nayantara Swamy is also a life member with identification# FL-NS2022362 indicating the date of becoming a life member as Oct 2nd, 2022. Hence, she is not eligible to vote in the current election. Knowing this fact, she has committed fraud as per VSNA Bylaw by sending her vote to elect the officers and board members in the current election.

Article III Corporation Member, Section 1 (C) Eligibility to Vote: A bonafide member whose name is listed in the VSNA membership roster, annual or Life Membership shall have one vote per membership. To be eligible to vote, a member shall have paid the stipulated membership dues at least three (3) months prior to the scheduled election voting date. She was fully aware of it that she become a member only in October 0f 2022.

VSNA Bylaw Violation #2: As Mrs. Nayantara Swamy has become formally a life member of the VSNA organization on Oct 2nd, 2022, she must not continue to be a Board of Regent member as she doesn't qualify to hold any office until Oct, 2nd 2023 as per the bylaw.

Article VII Board of Regents, Section 1 (a) Eligibility. To be a Regent, a member shall be at least twenty-one (21) years of age and shall be a Lifetime Member in good standing for no less than one year of the organization.

Ravi Bhooplapur
Chair, VSNA Election Committee

You received this message because you are subscribed to the Google Groups "VSNA-Elected-BOD" group.

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To view this discussion on the web visit <https://groups.google.com/d/msgid/vsna-elected-bod/CAAYbguVLzp8i6M5oZcbB2vqcF%2BA0jnEtgOzuJCttx-xYMeT-jw%40mail.gmail.com>.

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MEETING MINUTES:	DATE:2/27/2021	TIME: 2:00 PM EST	VENUE: ZOOM
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MEETING CALLED BY:	Harish Hiremath, VSNA President
TYPE OF MEETING:	Anubhava Mantapa Session # 1
NOTE TAKER:	Kiran Babladi, VSNA Secretary
ATTENDEES:	See Below

		Name
1	President	Harish Hiremath
2	Vice President	Nagarathna Totada
3	Treasurer	Bhavani Moodabagil
4	Secretary	Kiran Babaladi
5	BOD	Dilip Sivanna
6	BOD	Prabhu Setru
7	BOD	Suresh Sharoff
8	BOD	Girish Budibetta
9	BOD	Nandish Dhananjaya
10	BOD	Shiva Patil
Chapter President /Proxys		
10		Roopa Guddimath
11		Kiran Shivappagoudar
12		Sajjan Shiva (Proxy for Chennabasappa)
13		Srikanth Hanumathappa
14	NYNJ	Onkara Murundi
15		Tumbesh Halnur
16		Santoshkumar Teli
17		Mahantesh Nashi
18		Mruthunjaya Hiremath (Proxy for Shankar Yediyurappa)
19		Rudresha Kottani
20		Nijaguna Prasad
21	N. CA	Shivu Vibhuti
22	S. CA	Uma Hukkeri
23	Ohio	Sudhir Naikar
24	Florida	Vidya Takkalaki
25		Nagaraj Shivakumar
26		Swaroop CK
27		Sidd Tumkur

	KIRAN BABALADI (Me, participant ID: 350276)		
	Harish Hiremath (Host)		
	Bhavani Moodabagil		
	Dilip Sivanna - GA		
	Sidd Tumkur		
	Sajjan Shiva		
	Girish Budibetta		
	Kiran Shivappagoudar		
	Mahantesh Nashi		
	Nagaraj Shivakumar		
	Nandish Dhananjaya		
	Nijaguna Prasad		
	Onkara Murundi		
	Prabhu Setru		
	Rathna Totada		
	Roopa Guddimath		
	Rudresha Kottani		
	SANTOSHKUMAR TELI		
	Shivu Vibhuti		
	Srikanth Hanumanthappa		
	Sudhir Naikar		
	suresh sharoff		
	Swaroop CK		
	Thumbesh Halnur		
	Uma Hukkeri		
	vidya Takkalaki		



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AGENDA ITEM:

Resolution on protecting VSNA officers with monetary fund of \$10,000

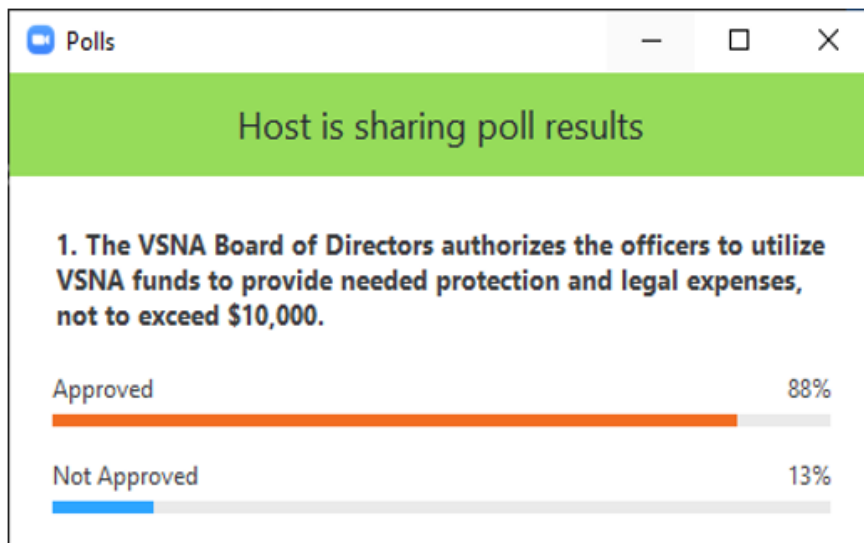
Discussions: **Start Time: 2.43 PM EST**

VSNA RESOLUTION NO 2021-01

As VSNA Officers, Elected BOD, Chapter Officials including Youth Chapter are indemnified and legal protection is provided to them as per VSNA Bylaws, Article XV Indemnification, Section 2: Indemnification of Directors and Officers; Section 3: Indemnification of Employees and Agents, the VSNA Board of Directors authorizes the officers to utilize VSNA funds to provide needed protection and legal expenses, not to exceed \$10,000.

Article XV Indemnification, Section 2: Indemnification of Directors and Officers: The Corporation shall indemnify and advance expenses to a director, regent, or officer of the Corporation in connection with a proceeding to the fullest extent permitted by and in accordance with the Indemnification Section.

Section 3: Indemnification of Employees and Agents: With respect to an employee or agent, other than a director, regent or officer, of the Corporation, the Corporation shall, as determined by the Board of Directors and Board of Regents of the Corporation, indemnify and advance expenses to such employee or agent in connection with a proceeding to the extent permitted by and in accordance with the Indemnification Section.



Sid Tumkur: Get Insurance for the Directors and Officers. - President will check and get back to find out whether we have already insured or not.

President confirmed we have funds to cover this and if more needed the team will come back to the BOD with



VSNA All Chapters <harish.vsnapresident@gmail.com>

edited draft- requesting BOD vote.

1 message

nayantara swamy <sarangamath10@yahoo.com>
 To: Harish Hiremath <harish.vsnapresident@gmail.com>

Thu, Aug 19, 2021 at 9:34 PM

Sharanu Board of Directors.

We seek your guidance. After informally discussing with a few lawyers, VSNA Officers had an Executive Committee meeting and reviewed the details of the Defamation Case from Mr. Hadimani. The officers are unanimous in seeking your approval for hiring of a lawyer, and utilizing BOD resolution 2021-1[feb 27,2021], in accordance to Bylaws Article XV section 2 [indemnifying all in bod/bor]. Although we have all documentation to easily refute Mr. Hadimani's claims, it is obvious and essential that VSNA must respond formally.

We seek your formal approval for hiring an appropriate lawyer to respond appropriately to the defamation suit by Shrishail Hadimani. Please indicate your approval and authorization by responding to this email by Sunday, Aug 22nd, 2021.

" We the VSNA Board of Directors, authorize the VSNA Officers to retain a professional lawyer to defend VSNA & all its Officers against Mr. Hadimani's Defamation suit"

1. Yes
2. No
3. Abstain

Please Note: Time is of the essence. Responses not received by the deadline Sunday, Aug 22nd, 2021, will be deemed as "Yes".

Sincerely

**Harish Hiremath
 Nagarathna Totada
 Bhavani Moodabagil
 Kiran Babaladi**

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: VSNA All Chapters <harish.vsnapresident@gmail.com>
To: Mallikarjuna Swamy Swamy Nayantara Swamy <sarangamath10@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021, 08:49:53 PM EDT
Subject: Akka, please review and give your edits.

Sub: Defamation Case from Mr. Hadimani: Retaining the lawyer to defend VSNA & Officers

Sharanu Board of Directors,

After discussing with a few lawyers, VSNA Officers had an Executive Committee meeting and reviewed the details of the Defamation Case from Mr. Hadimani challenging the resolutions passed by VSNA BOD & BOR as intentional specifically to shame, embarrass, humiliate, and injure his reputation. After evaluating the criticality of the situation, officers unanimously agreed to retain professional lawyer to defend VSNA & its officers' interests against the case in line with the provisions of VSNA Bylaws, Article XV Indemnification, Section 2 and VSNA Resolution No 2021-01 approved by BOD on Feb 27th, 2021.

As VSNA Officers need to respond to the legal case immediately by retaining the professional lawyer, we are looking for your guidance, direction, advice and approval. Please indicate your support and authorization by responding to this email by Sunday, Aug 22nd, 2021.

"We authorize the VSNA Officers to retain a professional lawyer to defend VSNA & Officers"

1. Yes
2. No
3. Absent

Note: Responses not received by the deadline Sunday, Aug 22nd, 2021, will be deemed as "Yes".

On behalf of VSNA BOD,

Harish Hiremath
Nagarathna Totada
Bhavani Moodabagil
Kiran Babaladi

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Sharanu Sharanarthigalu,

Kindly Join "VSNA All Chapters" @ FB & YouTube Channel & Support

Harish Hiremath

President, VSNA.



"SAMANYAYA"

Om Namah Shivaya

Om Sri Guru Basava Lingaya Namah

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VSNA All Chapters <harish.vsnapresident@gmail.com>

CONFIDENTIAL! Defamation Case from Mr. Hadimani: FINAL VOTE TALLY for Retaining the lawyer to defend VSNA, Officers & BOD

1 message

VSNA All Chapters <harish.vsnapresident@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 23, 2021 at 1:38 PM

To: vsna-chapters-presidents@googlegroups.com, vsna-elected-bod@googlegroups.com, vsna-officers@googlegroups.com

Sharanu, On behalf of VSNA Officers and BOD, we thank your near unanimous support to retain the professional lawyer to protect VSNA & BOD members. Appreciate, taking time to discuss with me, understand this unique situation and demonstrating the support in such a short time (Yes = 29). United we stay strong in any given situation and together we get over this hurdle quickly and continue to focus on re-building our sacred VSNA organization. Some of you have given a few good suggestions and we will not leave any stone unturned to minimise the impact on all of us. Confidential information meant for only BOD and not to be shared without approval from VSNA officers.

Veerashaiva Samaja of North America (VSNA)		
BOD Voting Update for "We the VSNA Board of Directors, authorize the VSNA Officers to retain a professional lawyer to defend VSNA & all its Officers against Mr. Srishail Kumar Hadimani's Defamation suit"		
Final Voting Tally after Aug 22nd, 2021: Yes = 29; Abstain = 5; No = 1		
#	Positions	Names
1	President	Harish Hiremath
2	Vice President	Nagarathna Totada
3	Treasurer	Bhavani Moodabagil
4	Secretary	Kiran Babaladi
5	Elected BOD	Girish Budibetta
6	Elected BOD	Dilip Shivanna
7	Elected BOD	Suresh Shroff
8	Elected BOD	Mahesh Patil
9	Elected BOD	Nandish Dhananjaya
10	Elected BOD	Prabhu Settru
#	Chapter	Chapter President
1	Chicago	Mr. Akash Angadi
2	Detroit	Mr. Santosh Teli
3	Georgia	Mr. Jay Jayadev
4	California Central	Mr. Mrutyunjaya Hiremath
5	Alberta, Canada	Ms. Sumangala Desaigoudar
6	Alabama	Mr. TS Shivashankar
7	DC & Virginia	Ms. Roopa Guddimath
8	Pennsylvania East	Mr. Sidd Tumkur
9	Youth Chapter	Mr. Rudraradhya Hiremath
10	Houston	Mr. C.K. Swaroop
11	San Antonio	Dr. Chaitanya Mallikarjuna
12	Tennessee	Mr. KP Channabasappa
13	Pittsburgh	Mr. Srikanth Hanumanthappa
14	Connecticut	Mr. Nagaraj Shivakumar
15	West Virginia	Dr. Vivek Neginahal
16	Dallas	Mr. Mahantesh Nashi
17	Florida	Ms. Vidya Takkalaki
18	North Carolina	Mr. Thumbesh Halnur
19	New England	Ms. Rudresh Kottani
20	New York & New Jersey	Mr. Onkara Murundi
21	Ohio	Mr. Sudhir Naikar*
22	California North	Mr. Shivu Vibhuti
23	Maryland	Mr. Nijaguna Prasad
24	California South	Ms. Uma Hukkeri
25	Toronto	Mr. Kiran Shivappagoudar*

On Fri, Aug 20, 2021 at 12:04 PM VSNA All Chapters <harish.vsnapresident@gmail.com> wrote:
Sharanu, Board of Directors!

As this is a matter of urgency, we are reaching out to you via email for your quick response by Sunday, August 22, 2021!

We seek your guidance. After discussing with a few lawyers, VSNA Officers had an Executive Committee meeting and reviewed the details of the Defamation Case from Mr. Srishail Kumar Hadimani challenging the resolutions passed by VSNA BOD & BOR as being intentional and specifically to shame, embarrass, humiliate, and injure his reputation. Since this lawsuit requires a response within 14 days, we need to address the situation in a timely manner.

Hence with the criticality of the situation, officers unanimously agreed to retain a professional lawyer to defend VSNA & its officers' interests against the case in line with the provisions of VSNA Bylaws, Article XV Indemnification, Section 2 (indemnifying all in BOD/BOR), and VSNA Resolution No 2021-01 approved by BOD on Feb 27th, 2021.

As VSNA Officers need to respond to the legal case immediately by retaining a professional lawyer, we are looking for your guidance, direction, advice, and approval. Please indicate your support and authorization to retain a lawyer as soon as possible by responding to this email by Sunday, Aug 22nd, 2021.

"We the VSNA Board of Directors, authorize the VSNA Officers to retain a professional lawyer to defend VSNA & all its Officers against Mr. Srishail Kumar Hadimani's Defamation suit"

1. Yes
2. No
3. Abstain

Please note as time is of the essence, responses not received by the deadline Sunday, Aug 22nd, 2021, will be deemed as tacit approval - "Yes".

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VSNA Officers

Harish Hiremath, Nagarathna Totada, Bhavani Moodabagil & Kiran Babaladi



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do not include matters not specifically set forth herein. If you desire that KLF provide other representation, then you must request such further representation in writing and KLF must agree in writing to such further representation.

Hourly Rate Compensation

Robert J. Kruckemeyer's ("RJK") hourly rate is \$500.00; and

Michael T. Kruckemeyer's ("MTK") hourly rate is \$250.00.

KLF reserves the right to increase the rates during the course of the representation should the representation last longer than one year from the date of this agreement.

Pursuant to the standard billing procedure, you will be billed in .25 (1/4) hour increments for work and services performed for your file. We work on numerous matters during the course of a day, are subject to frequent interruptions, and time may not be recorded contemporaneously or with exactness. Therefore, the time amounts charged to your file will represent a good faith estimate of the time spent and you agree to pay this amount. We reserve the right to charge for all travel time. You are obligated to pay all out-of-pocket expenses which KLF incurs on your behalf (which includes without limitation) long distance telephone, messenger service, travel, parking, use of local counsel, cost of investigation and computerized research, or other costs advanced by KLF. KLF will also bill you a reasonable charge for photocopying and telecopying performed on his premises by his personnel. These costs will be billed and noted separately on my invoice. It is the usual practice to send to clients for direct payment by them invoices received from third parties such as court reporters, expert witnesses, and reproduction services. You agree to pay such invoices promptly upon receipt.

Billing Mechanics and Matters

KLF normally bills on a monthly basis, or at otherwise appropriate intervals, and will provide you with a statement setting forth, in reasonable detail, all advances for the above-mentioned expenses, and a reasonable description of services rendered by KLF in your behalf. KLF requests payment immediately upon of your receipt of your invoice. Accounts become past due on the 30th day following the date they were billed. KLF reserves the right to charge interest at eighteen percent (18%) per annum for any amount unpaid after thirty (30) days. If in the course of our representation a significant increase in the level of our activity on your behalf is anticipate, e.g., the commencement of trial preparation or trial, you may be billed on a basis more frequent than monthly. It is expected that such statements will also be paid promptly.

Initial Retainer and Trial Retainer

You will provide RJK an Initial Retainer in the amount of **\$7,500.00**. In addition, you agree to pay each month's invoice on a current basis. If in the course of our representation KLF anticipates a significant increase in the level of our activity on your behalf, e.g., the

RJK
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CAUSE NO. 2021-49696

SRISHAIL KUMAR HADIMANI,	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT
<i>Plaintiff,</i>	§	
	§	
v.	§	11th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
	§	
HARISH HIEMATH,	§	
<i>Defendant.</i>	§	HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

**ORDER GRANTING HARISH HIEMATH'S MOTION TO DISMISS UNDER
CHAPTER 27 OF THE TEXAS CIVIL PRACTICE AND REMEDIES CODE**

The Court has considered Harish Hiemath's ("Hiemath") Motion to Dismiss Under Chapter 27 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code (the "Motion"). The Court, after reviewing the Motion, pleadings, filings, and evidence, to the extent timely submitted, and hearing the arguments of counsel, finds that the Motion should be, and hereby is, GRANTED in its entirety.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Motion is hereby GRANTED in its entirety, and that all claims asserted by Plaintiff Srishail Kumar Hadimani ("Plaintiff") in the above-referenced legal action against Hiemath are hereby dismissed in their entirety with prejudice.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code § 27.009(a)(1), Hiemath is entitled to recover his court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in defending against this legal action. In addition, the Court will issue sanctions against Plaintiff pursuant to Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code § 27.009(a)(2).

Hiemath is hereby awarded \$ 6,250 in attorney's fees and costs and \$ 0 in sanctions. Additionally, the Court conditionally awards the following reasonable and necessary appellate fees to Hiemath in the event this matter is appealed by Plaintiff:

\$2,500 for appeal to the Court of Appeals;

\$2,500 for appeal to the Texas Supreme Court;

SIGNED this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Signed: 
12/14/2021

JUDGE PRESIDING



I, Marilyn Burgess, District Clerk of Harris County, Texas certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original record filed and or recorded in my office, electronically or hard copy, as it appears on this date.

Witness my official hand and seal of office this December 14, 2021

Certified Document Number: 99420521 Total Pages: 2

Marilyn Burgess, DISTRICT CLERK
HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

In accordance with Texas Government Code 406.013 electronically transmitted authenticated documents are valid. If there is a question regarding the validity of this document and or seal please e-mail support@hcdistrictclerk.com



VSNA All Chapters <harish.vsnapresident@gmail.com>

RE: Hadimani Case Update

1 message

Robert Kruckemeyer <bob@kruckemeyerlaw.com>

Tue, Dec 20, 2022 at 12:04 PM

To: VSNA All Chapters <harish.vsnapresident@gmail.com>, Michael Kruckemeyer <mike@kruckemeyerlaw.com>

Harish,

Nice to hear from you. I hope all is well.

There is nothing to report. The case remains with the Court of Appeals

For reference, I had a case appealed from a Judgment I obtained on December 16, 2019 and the COA entered its opinion affirming the judgment on November 30, 2022.

Happy Holidays.

Thanks,

Bob

From: VSNA All Chapters <harish.vsnapresident@gmail.com>**Sent:** Tuesday, December 20, 2022 11:01 AM**To:** Robert Kruckemeyer <bob@kruckemeyerlaw.com>; Michael Kruckemeyer <mike@kruckemeyerlaw.com>**Subject:** Hadimani Case Update

Bob, How are you?

We are having a board meeting shortly and please update the status of our case which is in the Court of Appeal, if any.

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2021 VSNA Expnese Details

Date	Amount	Payee	Method	Notes
2/10/2021	38.8	Mailing Expense	Check #1535	Mailing charge reimbursed to S Hadimani by Shiva Patil
3/1/2021	\$590.00	PNC Bank	Account Debit	Service charge for copies of checks deposited
3/16/2021	\$23.80	USPS	Debit card PNC	Cost to mail stuff back to Shiva Patil & book of Stamps
3/16/2021	\$15.21	Shiva Patil	Check #1540	Shiva Patil's mailing expense of treasurer's documents
3/25/2021	\$500.00	Daniel Lee Webunun	Check #1541	Lawyer to represent VSNA for lawsuit final appearance
4/1/2021	\$156.00	PNC Bank	Account Debit	Service charge for checks look up
4/5/2021	\$69.17	Staples	Debit card PNC	To print 76 LM certificates and 76 letters for mailing
4/6/2021	\$90.00	USPS	Debit card PNC	Postage purchase to mail 76 LM certificates
4/8/2021	\$67.10	PNC Bank	Account Debit	New checks ordered, old checks no longer valid
5/10/2021	\$3,751.00	Sewa International	Debit card PNC	Donations collected from members plus \$1000 matching funds from Central VSNA for Covid India help
5/14/2021	\$5.00	MI State Annual Meeting Sub	Debit card PNC	Operating Exp
6/10/2021	\$3,951.00	Sewa International	Debit card PNC	Donations collected from members for Covid India
6/24/2021	\$5,000.00	Bank of America VSNA	check #1353	To open a new VSNA account for zelle accommodation
7/18/2021	\$900.00	Harish Hiremath	check #1354	2021 VSNA Convention Expenses Artists charge Khan Bros & Ramesh K India payment reimbursement
8//2021	\$7,500.00	Robert Kruckenmeyer Esq	PNC check	Written by Harish Hiremath for Legal retainer for Hadimani Lawsuit
9/3/2021	\$1,101.00	Phildelphia Insurance Co	Check #1355	Annual Liability Insurance fee
9/7/2021	\$20.00	MI State Annual Meeting Sub	Debit card PNC	Operating Exp
9/18/2021	\$88.00	Joel Kaufamann	Check #1356	Lawyer fees to obtain Judgement from MI Judge for Hadimani case
9/18/2021	\$1,812.50	Kruckenmeyer Law Firm	Check # 1357	August legal fees to represent Hadimani Case for VSNA
10/4/2021	\$364.00	Legal Nature	Debit card PNC	Georgia Chapter registration fee
10/13/2021	\$1,375.00	Harish Hiremath	Check # 1358	2021 VSNA Convention Children's competition Prize money pd by HH
10/15/2021	\$1,000.00	FMG legal firm	Check # 1359	Legal Firm Retainer in GA for Chayapathy G case
10/31/2021	\$8,750.00	Kruckenmeyer Law Firm	Check # 1360	September /October legal fees to represent Hadimani Case for VSNA
11/1/2021	\$1,620.00	Harish Hiremath	Check # 1361	VSNA members' donation to Kodekal Guruji in India
11/28/2021	\$973.25	Harish Hiremath	Check#1362	2021 VSNA Convention Expenses - zoom, website, graphic design, canva subscription, webcam)
12/8/2021	\$7,562.50	Kruckenmeyer Law Firm	Check# 1363	November legal fees to represent Hadimani case for VSNA
12/13/2021	\$675.00	Anil Sakhuja Accountant	check# 1364	2020 VSNA Tax filing fee to the accountant
8/1/2021	29	Bank service fee	Bank Debit	Check copy, Wire, etc
8/2/2021	11.5	Postage	Debit card PNC	Operating Exp
	\$48,038.83			
	\$25,625.00	Kruckenmeyer Law Firm	\$18,125.00	Total expense minus retainer fee
	\$1,000.00	FMG Legal Firm		
	\$588.00	Other Legal payments		
	\$1,873.25	2021 Convention Expenses		
	\$1,375.00	VCTF Prize Money paid		
	\$7,702.00	Covid Relief to India via Sewa International (\$6602 donations, \$1000 VSNA Donation)		
	\$1,620.00	Guru Dakshina to Kodekal Swamiji (\$1469 donations, \$151 VSNA Donation)		
	\$1,101.00	VSNA Corporate Insurance coverage		
	\$5,000.00	Transferred to BOA account for ZELLE usage		
\$2,154.58	\$2,154.58	Misc operations Expenses		
	\$48,038.83			



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Ref No: VSNA/2022/12/01

Date: Dec 26th 2022

To: VSNA Chapter Presidents,

Sub: VSNA Chapter Elections Process as per VSNA Bylaws

As per VSNA Bylaws, Article VIII VSNA Chapters, Section 4 & 5, each VSNA chapter must implement the following process when conducting the local chapter election of their officers:

1. An Election Committee (preferably three Life Members or Annual Members or at minimum Active Chapter Members) should be appointed by end of the third quarter (end of September) of the election year. Current VSNA Chapter Officers or Committee members must not be part of the Election Committee.
2. Election Committee should formally call for nominations for the available positions from paid Chapter Members giving a deadline with sufficient notice (three to four weeks). This is an important step to follow to demonstrate our adherence to VSNA Bylaws and copies of these notifications must be shared with VSNA officers.
3. After the Nomination deadline, sufficient time must be provided for the withdrawal of the nomination of candidates (two to three weeks).
4. If there are multiple candidates for the same positions, then an election should be conducted by secret ballot to elect the chapter officers democratically.
5. Once the Election Committee determines the final list of VSNA Chapter Officers or Committee Members, their names, contact cell phone numbers and email addresses must be shared with VSNA Officers for proper record keeping and to use for communications.
6. Elected Chapter Presidents and officers should be preferably VSNA Life Members, or at the minimum, they must become VSNA Annual Members for their term of service.
7. Any new Chapter President who is not currently a central VSNA life or annual Member, will not be eligible to vote on VSNA BOD resolutions.

Whenever an officer position becomes vacant, then the same process must to be followed to adhere to the VSNA Bylaws. As per Article VIII VSNA Chapters, Section 6, Central VSNA will not interfere in the elections of a local chapter, but will monitor and ensure Compliance with the VSNA Bylaws. By following this process, as per VSNA Bylaws, we can together demonstrate that each chapter holds a fair democratic process to elect local chapter officers and to avoid complaints & allegations from chapter members.

On behalf of VSNA BOD,

Harish Hiremath
President, VSNA



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Attachment #1- A sample of the nomination email from EC - to be customized for local chapter



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A sample of the nomination email from EC - to be customized for local chapter

Dear VSNA Esteemed Chapter Members,

Sharanu, we the election committee hereby call for nominations (approval of the candidate must be taken before filing the nomination) or self-nominations for the election for the following positions to serve the Chapter VSNA organization for the year 20XX-20YY

- 1.Executive Officers 20XX-20YY: 4 positions
 - a.President
 - b.Vice President
 - c.Treasurer
 - d.Secretary
- 2.Youth President: 1 position, 20XX-20YY

Key dates to adhere to during the election process:

- A.Cut-off date for Chapter Memberships: July 31st, 20XX
- B.Chapter Members Voting for the electing the Chapter Officers: Nov 1st, 20XX (min three months from membership cut-off date)
- C.Last date for submitting the self-nominations: Oct 1st, 20XX, 5 PM Local Time
- D.Last date for withdrawal of self-nominations: Saturday, Oct 15th, 20XX, 5 PM Local Time

Please email your nominations to vsnachapterelectioncommittee@gmail.com

Eligibility Criteria for Self-nominations to board positions:

- 1.Shall be at least twenty-one (21) years of age. Candidates for Youth Chapter President shall be between the ages of 18 years to 29 years.
- 2.Shall be a Chapter Member or Life Member of the Corporation in good standing for no less than one year.
- 3.Shall have demonstrated active interest and participation in the activities and growth of the VSNA local chapter.
- 4.Shall apply for only one position. Applying to multiple positions will disqualify the candidate from all the positions applied.
- 5.Self-declaration must be signed by all the interested candidates: **"I hereby declare, confirm, and pledge that I will uphold the VSNA Mission, Goals, Objectives and Bylaws and serve the VSNA Chapter to the best of my ability. I will refrain from any conflict-of-interest activities impacting the future growth and harmony of VSNA Chapter and organization and community. I am in good health and willing to commit the time needed to serve the nominated or self-nominated position."**