



**TANTEX Governing Board Meeting Minutes - OCTOBER 2012**

<b>Subject</b>	TANTEX Governing Board (GoB) Meeting – October 2012		<b>Date</b>	10/7/2012
<b>Meeting Chair</b>	Geeta Dammanna, President of TANTEX			
<b>Facilitator</b>	Narasimha Reddy Urimindi, Secretary of TANTEX		<b>Time</b>	2:00 PM
<b>Location</b>	ERP Logic (Granite Plaza) 7301 N. State Highway 161, #Suite 150, Irving, Texas 75039			
<b>Attendees</b>	1. Ananth Mallavarapu (Absent)	2. Rajeswari Jujaray (Excused)		
	3. Balki Chamkura	4. Sirisha Bavireddy		
	5. Chinasatyam Veernapu	6. Subramanyam Jonnalagadda		
	7. Geeta Dammanna	8. Subhash Nelakanti		
	9. Indu Reddy Mandadi	10. Subhashini Pentakota		
	11. Jyothi Vanam	12. Suresh Manduva		
	13. Krishnaveni Seelam	14. Vijay Mohan Kakarla		
	15. Krishna Reddy Uppalapati	16. Rajesh Chilukuri		
	17. Mahesh Aditya Adibhatla (Excused)	18. Poorna Chandra Rao Vemulapalli		
	19. Narasimha Reddy Urimindi	20. Raghu Chittimalla		
	21. NMS Reddy	22. Murthy Mulukutla (Absent)		
	23. Dr. Ramana Reddy (Absent)	24. Ramakrishna Lavu (Absent)		
	25. Dr. Srinivas Reddy Alla	26. Dr. CR. Rao		
		27. MVL Prasad (Observer)		

**Key Points Discussed**

No.	Agenda Items	Meeting Highlights
1	Previous EC meeting minutes: Review & Approval	<p>The President called the meeting to order @2:12 PM, but due to lack of quorum the meeting has been adjourned for ten minutes and reconvened at 2:22 PM</p> <p>Balki Chamkura proposed and Krishna Reddy Uppalapati seconded the September 13, 2012 meeting minutes with the following corrections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Modify the sentence in agenda item 3, bullet #4 with the addition of "converting the referenda into bylaws decision "</li> <li>• Add "Governing Board decided to conduct the annual General Body meeting on October 7th @2:00 PM" to the upcoming events</li> </ul>
2	Planning of the Annual General Body Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Per Geeta Dammanna due to the legal notice received and to be in-compliance with the 15 day requirement, we have moved the General Body meeting to 10/21</li> <li>• Some of the members of the governing board expressed the need for improved communication from BoT/President and involvement of the whole team to make effective decisions for the organization</li> <li>• Some members complained that EC was not consulted with about postponing the GB meeting. Geeta Dammanna clarified that all the updates were timely given to ECs about legal notice</li> <li>• Suresh Manduva questioned the reason for postponing the GB meeting for a week. Geeta Dammanna clarified that earlier notification did not meet the 15 day requirement and was short of one day. Upon asking for reason for delay, the President responded that it was due to the Secretary misleading the BoT about time frames and depending on this assurance BoT did not send the matter to be enclosed with notice.</li> <li>• Narasimha Reddy Urimindi raised objection to President's understanding of the issue and clarified to the team that BoT didn't have the Amendment documents ready for distribution to members, and this status was reconfirmed by the BoT Chair, Dr. Alla Srinivas Reddy.</li> <li>• Some of the members expressed concern that they do not want to be part of the law suits. With Chair's permission MVL Prasad clarified that being part of the Governing Board they have to bear the risk, however, he added that there are indemnification provisions laid out in the bylaws.</li> <li>• In response to a few questions from the Governing board members about the usage of "referenda's, MVL Prasad, explained that it is a public opinion poll. The intent was to get the opinion from the public. Focus group was introduced so that they can gather the input and provide as input to the bylaws committee.</li> <li>• Geeta Dammanna briefed the team about the legal notice received over the weekend. She explained about the issues raised in the notice. Per TANTEX attorney's advice, the meeting was postponed by a week. Regarding the other items raised in the notice, she informed that the Attorney said ' not to worry'. She also said that attorney will take care of preparing the response to the notice and she would share it with the team.</li> <li>• Parliamentarian MVL Prasad was asked to explain the process and specific</li> </ul>

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		<p>activities related to the agenda item #6, "Referendum voting on the bylaws amendments" at the Annual General Body meeting. Mr. MVL Prasad clarified that only the process is binding and not the referendum as a whole.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Some of the members requested to ensure bylaw amendments are identified from the referenda and take a vote at the General Body meeting</li><li>• Any questions related to the amendments of the two referenda, the team is requested to direct them to the Bylaws Committee-2012 via email <a href="mailto:bc2012@tantex.org">bc2012@tantex.org</a> by 10/12, Friday evening 5:00 PM.</li><li>• There will be another Governing Board meeting next week to finalize the reports and other agenda items</li><li>• Based on the previous Governing Board meeting the team discussed at length about the eligibility criteria for the Election Committee members</li><li>• Dr. Alla Srinivas Reddy informed the team about the appointment of Mr. MVL Prasad as the BoT choice for the Election Committee-2012 member.</li><li>• Dr. Alla informed the Governing Board about the appointment of Mr.MVL Prasad as the Bylaws committee advisor and Parliamentarian at the upcoming General Body meeting. Mr. MVL Prasad accepted these appointments</li></ul>

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3	Upcoming Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date/Venue is not yet finalized for the upcoming Deepaavali Vedukalu event although Coppell Middle School West appears to be a possibility</li> <li>• Due to last minute change of the scheduled speaker, Surbamanyam Jonnalagadda informed the team that he is in search of the Chief Guest for the 63rd "Nela Nela Telugu Vennela" session.</li> <li>• Maitri session will be scheduled on Sunday, 10/14</li> <li>• Per Suresh Manduva, Ramakant Middela will host two yoga sessions under "Sukheebhava" program.</li> <li>• Krishnaveni Seelam informed the team about the upcoming Food drive under the "Community Services" program</li> <li>• CR Rao, the liaison for Audit committee informed that the Concerns related to the Silver Jubilee Audit Report can be directed to sjaudit@tantex.org</li> </ul>
5	Open Items (If time permits and with the approval of President)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As a part of the action items from earlier, Geeta Dammanna prepared and distributed the draft code of conduct and requested the team to review and provide feedback. She insisted on adopting these policies especially in view of conflict of interest and confidentiality issues we have had by providing examples. She said a decision about TANTEX adopting Code of Ethics will be made in next week's GoB meeting.</li> <li>• The team agreed to close the registration at the General Body Meeting by 3:00 PM</li> <li>• China Satyam Veernapu proposed the approval of 9 life members and seconded by Sirisha Bavireddy. Out of 166, 155 life members were already approved previously and 2 members still pending.</li> </ul>
6	Meeting Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 6:34PM by the Chair, Geeta Dammanna

Action Plan			
No.	Action Item(s)	Owner	Target Date
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