



TANTEX Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Subject	TANTEX Governing Board (GoB) Meeting – June 2012		Date	06/10/2012
Meeting Chair	Geeta Dammanna, President of TANTEX			
Facilitator	Narasimha Reddy Urimindi, Secretary of TANTEX		Time	10.30:00 PM
Location	Perfect Tax Office: 4940 McDermott, Plano TX			
Attendees	1. Ananth Mallavarapu (Excused)	2. Rajeswari Jujaray		
	3. Balki Chamkura	4. Sirisha Bavireddy		
	5. Chinasatyam Veernapu (Phone)	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 (Excused)	16. Dr. Alla Srinivas Reddy		
	17. Mahesh Aditya Adibhatla (Excused)	18. Murthy Mulukutla		
	19. Narasimha Reddy Urimindi	20. CR. Rao		
	21. NMS Reddy	22. Ramakrishna Lavu (Excused)		
	23. Poorna Chandra Rao Vemulapalli	24. Dr. Ramana Reddy		
	25. Raghu Chittimalla	26. Rajesh Chilukuri		

Key Points Discussed

No.	Agenda Items	Meeting Highlights
1	Previous EC meeting minutes: Review & Approval	<p>Rajesh Chilukuri proposed and Subramanyam Jonnalagadda seconded the May 1st meeting minutes with the following changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace “President did not explain the reasons for such rejection” with “President gave explanation that BoT has authority to call for an emergency GB meeting under bylaws provisions and the motion cannot be raised to defeat that authority” • Replace "structural deficiencies" with “inconsistencies” in the sentence “MVL Prasad, meeting observer and clarified the team about the structural deficiencies in the bylaws and need to fix them” • Remove the sentence “He reminded EC that he was not present at Feedback session as he was out of town” from the paragraph “Rama Krishna Lavu, BOT member agreed with the concerns of the EC members that agenda items should have been chosen from General body feedback session. He reminded EC that he was not present at Feedback session as he was out of town” • Add the sentence “Need to maintain consistency in the agenda and presentation in the GB meeting and EC members expressed concern about the agenda item 'where only specific office bearers were listed as opposed to “all” office bearers to be directly elected” • Replace the sentence “The plan is to pick the agenda items from the member feedback” with “The plan was to pick some agenda items from the member feedback and thee items from the petitioners” • Remove the word " Unilaterally" in the sentence ” BoT unilaterally decided to call for this emergency meeting”
2	Approval of new life members	<p>5 new life members joined since the previous Governing Board meeting.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Ravi Chikkam 2) Srinivasulu R Donapati 3) Srinivas Makkapati 4) Rama Motukuri 5) Prasad Veera <p>Sirisha Bavireddy proposed and Subhash Nelakanti seconded the approval of the above new life members.</p>
3	Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint Treasurer Indu Reddy Mandadi is currently fulfilling the role of Treasurer as Krishna Reddy Uppalapati is out of country. • President requested the financial statement for the Emergency General Body meeting and Indu Reddy is going to provide it soon • Suresh Manduva informed that the net proceeds from the “Teluguku Parugu” event conducted earlier in the morning is \$900
4	Process set up based on the General Body Meeting	<p>The process to handle the upcoming elections needs to be established based on the outcome of the General Body Meeting held on May 20, 2012. The major decisions made at this meeting are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of direct elections to all office bearers • Approval of elections with in-person voting

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		<p>Every Governing Board member is entitled to provide input to the formation of the Bylaws committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President explained the sequence of actions needed immediately. Formation of the committee, give a 30 day notice for them to submit the report to GoB. The report will be circulated to the public and then we will give the notice to GB meeting. <p>In addition, members of the Governing board were allowed to provide their input to the current operations and most importantly the General body meeting.</p> <p>Here is the Summary of the input:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to have bylaws committee and a Focus group plus legal help to fine tune the document • Need to have one leader to orchestrate and manage documentation of the bylaws and a Focus group to coordinate the input. The Focus group is selected from members-At-Large by the Governing Board • Several members of EC expressed concern over lack of communication by the President in various aspects of the TANTEX operations and events leading to the General body meeting. President conveyed to the team that she has been keeping everyone in the loop • Prefer a non-Telugu attorney • Some EC members requested to bring every future decision onto the table first and review within EC before going to BoT. • Need to give preference to youth and groom them for future leadership roles. • Need a 15-member Focus group and involve the attorney early on to help guide the process. • Need an orientation session for all the new members of the Governing board and a crash course on TANTEX bylaws. • One possibility is to outsource the entire process to an outside attorney <p>Dr. Srinivas Reddy Alla requested that there need to be improved communication going forward from the President and BoT to the Executive Committee members</p> <p>The Governing board will approve the final deliverables before taking it to the General body</p> <p>The role of the Focus Group is to gather input from and play the “liaison” role between the Bylaws committee and members-At-Large.</p> <p>It was agreed in the meeting that both the Bylaws committee and the Focus Group need to be selected by the Governing Board based on the defined criteria.</p> <p>The team debated whether to pick 5 or 7 people for the Bylaws committee. After a quick voting majority of the Governing board agreed to move</p>

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		<p>forward with a 5-member Bylaws committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Out of the 5, it was decided to have one member each from BoT and EC teams.• The remaining three will be selected from members-At Large. One of the three members from members-At-Large outside will be a past President.• Narasimha Reddy Urimindi and Subramanyam Jonnalagadda to come up with the eligibility criteria for members-At-Large to join the Bylaws Committee and the Focus Group.• Narasimha Reddy Urimindi, Subramanyam Jonnalagadda, Suresh Manduva and Poorna Chandra Rao Vemulapalli to work together to define the role of the Focus Group.• In response to the invitation to represent EC in the Bylaws committee, Narasimha Reddy Urimindi, Balki Chamkura and Poorna Chandra Rao Vemulapalli expressed interest. President to inform the other members about the opportunity before making a decision on the election process <p>President briefly went over the high level skeleton of the time line for the formation and installation of the Bylaws Committee and Focus groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• By June 25th we need to form the Bylaws committee of 5 members.• Need to circulate the request via eNews to select the Focus group• Several EC members expressed concern that they do not understand the timeline or the process to be followed in 2012 elections.• EC members questioned the intent of the BoT to display a timeline at the GB meeting without even informing the EC team, if there was a plan. <p>The team agreed to move forward with a 15 member Focus group to be elected by the GoB from members-At-Large.</p>

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4	Upcoming Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balki Chamkura informed the team that Outdoor Volleyball tournament is scheduled for 6/23 and 6/24 which starts from 5:00 PM to midnight in McKinney. Adequate number of sponsorships received and they should cover the expenses for the event. • Per Subramanyam Jonnalagadda, the 5th Anniversary of the Telugu Sahitya Vedika is confirmed for July 14th at Trinity High School. The program includes "Panchakaavyam" choreographed by Mr. KV Satya Narayana. The program will start at 2:00 PM and end by 10:00 PM. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Telugu Velugu issue to be distributed just before the 5th Anniversary is in progress. Seeking sponsorships and requested the GoB members assistance • Per Suresh Manduva, TANTEX Carnival is tentatively being planned for 8/26. Venue not confirmed but Lewisville Grand Theater is available. • Spoorthi - Tennis camp is under planning. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Subhash Nelakanti to coordinate with the Sports Chair • Maitri and Nela Nela Telugu Vennela events will be conducted at the same venue (IANT Office) on Sunday, 6/17/2012. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maitri from 12:00-2:00 PM and Sahitya Vedika from 2:00-4:00 PM. Mr. T.P. Chakrapani is the Chief Guest for Sahitya Vedika's 59th session. • MVL Prasad, meeting observer suggested the recognition of Dr. Bathukumilli Vidyasagar of UTD (FRS, one of 2), a renowned Robotic scientist who is also well versed in Telugu literature.
5	Elucidate EC Member role during extraordinary circumstances, when warranted (Request from Raghu Chittimalla)	Rolled into the next EC meeting agenda due to time constraints
7	Code of conduct for ALL Office Bearers and EC members -- Disciplinary Action Committee Formation using democratic process (Request from Raghu Chittimalla)	Rolled into the next EC meeting agenda due to time constraints
8	Event contact list standardization and process (Request from Poorna Chandra Rao)	Rolled into the next EC meeting agenda due to time constraints

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	Vemulapalli)	
9	Open Items (If time permits and with the approval of President)	
10	Meeting Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 2:11 PM PM by the Chair, Geeta Dammanna

Action Plan

No.	Action Item(s)	Owner	Target Date
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