



TANTEX Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Subject	TANTEX Governing Board (GoB) Meeting – May 2012	Date	05/01/2012	
Meeting Chair	Geeta Dammanna, President of TANTEX			
Facilitator	Narasimha Reddy Urimindi, Secretary of TANTEX	Time	1:00 PM	
Location	Ohry's Restaurant, Irving TX			
Attendees	1. Ananth Mallavarapu	2. Rajeswari Jujaray		
	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. Dr. Alla Srinivas Reddy		
	17. Mahesh Aditya Adibhatla	18. Murthy Mulukutla		
	19. Narasimha Reddy Urimindi	20. CR. Rao		
	21. NMS Reddy	22. Ramakrishna Lavu		
	23. Poorna Chandra Rao Vemulapalli	24. Dr. Ramana Reddy		
	25. Raghu Chittimalla	26. Rajesh Chilukuri		
		27. MVL Prasad (Observer)		

Key Points Discussed

No.	Agenda Items	Meeting Highlights
1	Previous EC meeting minutes: Review & Approval	<p>Vijay Mohan Kakarla proposed and Rajesh Chilukuri seconded the April 1st meeting minutes with the following changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add the sentence "At the same time some members also supported BoT's call for General body meeting. Each member's opinion was sought and they have expressed their concurrence or opposition to the general body meeting". • Remove the word "weaken" in the phrase "Secretary alerted the team that such actions will weaken the organizational stability..." • Motion by NMS Reddy on "media and communication activities affecting the image of TANTEX • Replace NATA with "Pailla Mallareddy" • Remove the phrase "Unfortunately we had some serious restrictions from the management of the auditorium and hence we could not give adequate time to the external artist Mr. Parthu" • Add the exact count of the life members approved in April • Add the phrase "two representatives from TANTEX will be sent to DFW International's charity event." <p align="center">○</p>
2	Review of Member Feedback from 4/15/2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Body feedback session was held on 4/15 at Ruchi Palance in Carrollton, TX. • 37 members attended the event • Narasimha Reddy Urimindi summarized the key feedback items in the meeting. Some of the key questions/comments raised for future actions are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Need a monthly orientation event to help new people joining the North Texas area ○ Need to develop a package of materials to give away to new comers including latest updates from US Immigration ○ Why can't TANTEX assign only a single committee per EC member? ○ TANTEX need to safeguard the email addresses of the members ○ Who participates in Silver Jubilee audit committees?. Who decides? Does President has any powers? How do we recall if members do not like any governing board member? ○ Avoid bringing film personalities to our events. Try to be sensitive to members time ○ Remove shoes while felicitating accomplished artists on stage ○ What is happening with the Silver Jubilee Audit report?. Expected the report in January but no response from TANTEX ○ Can we have proxy voting? ○ What is the basis for selecting the members of Silver Jubilee audit committee? What was the scope?. ○ Please post the results of Silver Jubilee Audit to public ○ What are we doing to the society?. Anything to India?

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Need to improve our Audio system at the events. Can we replicate event execution process similar to IANT?

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3	Planning of the General body meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BoT has decided to call for the emergency General body meeting. The original plan was to pick some agenda items from the member feedback and three items from the petitioners. • BoT mentioned that they have six areas in mind for the General body meeting <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. General body notification time. There is an inconsistency of whether 4 or 6 Weeks notice time 2. Method of election: Mail in or in-person 3. Direct election of all office bearers 4. Election Frequency: Once every two years 5. Quorum requirements...Current 50 or lesser 1/5th of the eligible members to something higher number 6. Petition submission requirements: From current 25% of the eligible members to a higher number • Legacy Church in Plano is the venue for the upcoming emergency meeting of the General body scheduled for Sunday, May 20, 2012 @3:00 PM. Registration can start from 2:30 PM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ BOT suggested to give time to members to discuss 5 pros and 5 cons. ○ Several governing board members expressed concern that such practices will be unfair and suggested that opportunity be given to members to express their opinion • MVL Prasad, meeting observer and parliamentarian clarified the team about the inconsistencies in the current bylaws and the need to fix them • The emergency General body meeting is being called by BoT without the approval of Executive Committee. BoT decided to call for this emergency meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ When EC members asked questions about the need for such a meeting, BoT Chair responded saying “there is a lot of disturbance in the community” ○ Majority of the EC team did not agree or approve the agenda items for the emergency General body meeting. ○ Multiple attempts by the Secretary, to move a motion to confirm the actual vote count was rejected by the President. 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 ○ 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. • 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’ • The Governing Board members reviewed the preparations for the meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Color-coded wrist bands are required for life and annual

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		<p>members and the Membership Chair took the action item to procure and/or validate the in-house inventory from the Ugaadi event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Audio system need to be arranged by the Audio Video Chair○ Raising hands is the confirmed method of counting as per bylaws○ Need volunteers for counting and handling various tasks○ Two off-duty security guards will be hired to maintain order and the entire proceedings will be recorded○ Food Committee need to arrange tea and snacks○ Secretary to bring copies of the bylaws, proposed amendments and the previous meeting minutes

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4	Approval of new life members	<p>3 life members joined in the month of May 2012</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sravan Ponnala 2. Madhuri Chittajallu 3. Rajasekhar Koneru <p>Approval of the above life members to was proposed by Mahesh Adibhatla and seconded by Subramanyam Jonnalagadda</p>
5	Upcoming Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telugu Sahitya Vedika’s “Nela Nela Telugu Vennela” 5th anniversary is planned for Saturday, July 14, 2012. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Trinity High School is blocked for this event. No contract signed yet. • Need to explore opportunities to tap key literary experts from the ATA and NATA events scheduled in July 2012 • Dr. Pudur Jagadeeswaran could be a potential “Avadhaani” and give preference to local talent • Mr. KV Satya Narayana is in US and is looking for the opportunity to present “Panchakavyam” dance ballet. The expected remuneration is ~\$3000. • Subramanyam Jonnalagadda, Chair of Sahitya Vedika can start with an initial approved budget of up to \$12000 and coordinate the event. Inform the Governing Board if there is any variation from this approved budget. Sirisha Bavireddy proposed the approval of this initial \$12,000 budget and Balki Chamkura seconded. • 58th Nela Nela Telugu Vennela is scheduled for May 19th. Mrs.Rama Rangaraju, Telugu Professor at Sri Padmavati Degree College, Hyderabad is the confirmed Chief guest • June 9th Vanitha Vedika team is participating in the breast cancer run • June 10th Kids Marathon: Conducting the marathon in association with • Vijay Kakarla informed that DFW international organized the charity event and want the Spoorthi team to participate
7	Open Items (If time permits and approved by the President)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership cards need to be printed. Need to find the sponsors. • Need to limit the number of programs and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the programs • Bathukumilli Vidyasagar of UTD (FRS, one of 2), a renowned Robotic scientist and is well versed in Telugu literature • Vandemaataram is in town and may be opportunity to get together • Need to distribute the contact list of GOB members to all the GoB members
	Meeting Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM PM by the Chair, Geeta Dammanna

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Action Plan

No.	Action Item(s)	Owner	Target Date
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