



TANTEX Governing Board Meeting Minutes – September 2013

Subject	TANTEX Governing Board (GoB) Meeting – September 2013		Date	09/07/2013	
Meeting Chair	Suresh Manduva, President of TANTEX				
Facilitator	Subramanyam Jonnalagadda, Secretary of TANTEX		Time	3:30 PM	
Location	IANT Office, 701 North Central Expressway, Building # 5, Richardson, TX 75080				
Attendees	1. Ananth Mallavarapu (Absent)	2. Neeraja Padigela			
	3. Balki Chamkura	4. Sharada Singireddy			
	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 (Absent)			
	17. Mahesh Aditya Adibhatla	18. Shashikanth Kanaparthi			
	19. Narasimha Reddy Urimindi	20. Raghu Chittimalla			
	21. Sunil Devireddy				
	<b>Members – Board of Trustees:</b>				
	22. Dr. CR Rao	23. Lavu Ramakrishna			
	24. Murty Mulukutla	25. Dr. Ramana Reddy G (Absent)			
26. Ajay Reddy					

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1	Previous EC / GoB meeting minutes: Review & Approval	<p>GoB meeting got delayed for want of quorum. President Suresh Manduva called the meeting to order @ 3:45 PM.</p> <p>Previous EC meeting minutes have been reviewed by the committee. Subhash Nelakanti proposed and Mahesh Adibhatla seconded the August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 meeting minutes with the following changes.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">1) To add the following sentence for the subject “దీపావళి వేడుకలు – 2013” under ‘Upcoming Events’ section.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">“Mahesh Adibhatla has offered to take up the role of “Program Execution Management” for this event. Executive Committee has approved the request”</p>
2	Review of Action items from previous meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Status update on new website for TANTEX: Per Chair-Web Committee Chinasatyam, the new website is ready in all planned things. Indicated that membership validation would be taking place while buying the event ticket and further clarified the questions on event ticketing option provided in the new website.</li> <li>• To get list of properties-TANTEX Building Plan: Refer to the Sl.No.9</li> <li>• Status update on TANTEX Scholarships: President Suresh Manduva updated the committee about announcing winners during youth festival. Actual prize presentation to be done in November during Deepavali Vedukalu. Further informed to the committee that one of the Selection Committee member, Prof. Pudur Jagadeeswaran is preparing the procedures document on how the winners have been identified and the same will be circulated to the GoB committee for information and future use.</li> <li>• Status update on Life Member Map: Work is in progress</li> </ul>
3	Treasurer’s Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sponsor’s dues status was discussed. Treasurer Indu Reddy Mandadi provided the update to the committee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2012 dues: Lawson Travels, Suresh Manduva and Balki Chamkura to follow up for payment.</li> <li>○ 2013 dues: Horizon Travels: \$1500 have been collected <b>out of \$3000 total due.</b></li> <li>○ P&amp;L related to ‘Telugu Velugu August 2013 Edition’ has been presented to the committee with a nett of positive \$508</li> </ul> </li> <li>• BOT Member Ajay Reddy reiterated BOT teams help to get some funding to TANTEX.</li> <li>• Joint Secretary Krishna Reddy Uppalapati presented some ideas to get corporate funds / matching funds</li> </ul>

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4	Membership Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The approval of the life member applications of the following 3 members kept pending for want of payment confirmation from Treasurer. Treasurer confirmed that no payment was received from them. Hence the following names were not considered <b>due to non-payment</b>.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Nageshwar Nukala</li> <li>▪ Hari Dasu</li> <li>▪ Divyabhishek Reddy Kambham</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The following life members have newly joined and the list has been proposed by Membership Chair, Sunil Devireddy for the committee approval and the proposal has been seconded by Krishnaveni Seelam.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nagaraj Dandeboyina</li> <li>• Hari Medharametta</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
5	Marketing / Sponsors Update	No updates available for this meeting. Committee members felt that more sponsors are needed and more funds are to be generated.
6	Upcoming Events	<p>Committee has been informed about the following upcoming events tentatively planned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maitri event on 09/08/2013. Dr. Hima Reddy would be answering attendee's questions.</li> <li>• Vanitaa Vedika event “నౌకా విహారం – లాహిరి లాహిరిలో” on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Chair Krishnaveni Seelam provided the updates and highlights of the event to the committee members.</li> <li>• సాహిత్య వేదిక – 6వ వార్షికోత్సవం on Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>. Chair Sharada Singireddy presented the event details and expenses planned. The following persons of repute have been tentatively planned to be invited as guests of the event.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Avadhani Narala Rama Reddy</li> <li>○ Upanyasa Kokila Nandamuri Lakshmi Parvathi</li> <li>○ Folk Singer Ravi</li> <li>○ Cine Writer Kona Venkat</li> <li>○ Singer Anjana Sowmya</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ A detailed discussion about funding for event, has taken place among the members present. Committee felt that various prospective people to be approached to get sponsorship. BOT member Ajay Reddy indicated \$1000 sponsorship for the 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Sahitya Vedika. Sharada Singireddy has offered a personal sponsorship of \$500 towards the above event.</li> <li>▪ A budget amount of \$6000 has been proposed by Chair; Sharada Singireddy and GoB committee has approved the</li> </ul>

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		<p style="text-align: center;">same.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DFW Bathukamma &amp; Dasara Sambaralu event on October 5<sup>th</sup>: A request has been received to provide financial support from TANTEX. Similar to last year, an amount of \$500 has been proposed by BOT Chair Lavu Ramakrishna and seconded by Ajaya Reddy</li> <li>• 75<sup>th</sup> Nela Nela Telugu Vennela - Sahitya Vedika on 20<sup>th</sup> of October</li> <li>• October 26<sup>th</sup> Echoes of India: Received a request seeking TANTEX support without any financial obligation.</li> <li>• A request has been received from Dr. Gunukula advertising “Diwali Mela” event ad in our TANTEX website on payment basis.</li> <li>• TANTEX received a request from “Akshya Patra” annual fund raiser during first week of December 2013 for marketing support through e-News.</li> <li>• Feedback session for Life Members to be planned to be conducted during October month.</li> <li>• Vanitaa Vedika annual event is being planned during the month of November / December.</li> <li>• Annual Picnic “అడవిలో దోస”</li> <li>• Sankara Eye Foundation in Guntur: Sought support from TANTEX. Promised to provide ad in our Deepavali edition of Telugu Velugu</li> <li>• దీపావళి వేడుకలు - 2013: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Committee discussed about the upcoming event and tentatively planned to be conducted either on Nov 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>. President Suresh Manduva and Event Coordinator Balki Chamkura visited Allen Performance center. Suresh Manduva provided details about the rental info obtained from Allen Performance Center</li> <li>○ Cultural Chair Krishnaveni Seelam and President Suresh Manduva provided the updates on various artistes / guests tentatively planned to be invited and expenses involved.</li> <li>○ After detailed discussions relating to various expenses involved such as venue, food, artistes remuneration etc, the GoB committee approved a budget of \$30,000 for the event planned.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Services activity with provision of needy persons through “Dallas Life Foundation” in downtown area, preferably either on Saturday or Sunday.</li> <li>• Discussed about a possible TANTEX Annual Banquet to be conducted some time during October to enable participation of all past GoB, BOT members, senior members of the community for seeking feedback, suggestions and a fundraising for TANTEX building and other activities.</li> </ul>
7	Election Committee – 2013 formation	<p>Secretary informed the committee with the following list of nominations received.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bhima Penta – Past President / Past BOT Member</li> <li>• Damodhar Reddy Akula – Member-at Large</li> <li>• Ramakrishna Reddy Rodda – Past EC Member</li> <li>• Dr. Srinivas Gunukula – Past EC Member</li> <li>• Sudheer Chintamaneni – Member-at Large</li> </ul> <p>GoB committee members opined that the above list is in order except for the non-receipt of nomination from one of the past BOT member. It was decided to review the situation with BOT for necessary action to be taken.</p>
8	BOT Suggestions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ BOT Chair Lavu Ramakrishna presented BOT team’s suggestions for the proposed changes to the TANTEX bylaws, such as increase of BOT team strength from 5 to 7 members and EC team strength from 21 to 27. BOT Member Ajay Reddy provided further explanation about why these bylaw changes are thought of.</li> <li>▪ GoB committee members felt that the proposal would need a separate discussion for covering the changes in detail.</li> </ul>
9	TANTEX Building Plan	For want time, the item could not be discussed and hence moved to next meeting.
10	Open Items (If time permits and with the approval of President)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Committee members present requested President Suresh Manduva to send a letter to NATS organization for the financial commitment promised on the eve recently concluded their bi-annual event in Dallas.</li> </ul>
11	Snacks and Tea Expenses	As decided in May 2013 GoB meeting, Snacks & Tea expenses are to be borne by the GoB team. To begin with office bearers are taking turn. Today’s sponsor is President Suresh Manduva.
12	Meeting Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM by the Chair, Suresh Manduva

### Action Plan

No	Action Item(s)	Owner	Target Date
1.	Status on new website for TANTEX	Chinasatyam Veernapu	
2	Life members map	Sunil Devireddy	
3	TANTEX Building Plan	Suresh Manduva	