



TANTEX Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – February 2014

Subject	TANTEX Executive Committee (EC) Meeting – February 2014	Date	02/09/2014	
Meeting Chair	Vijay Mohan Kakarla, President of TANTEX			
Facilitator	Krishna Reddy Uppalapati, Secretary of TANTEX	Time	2.00 PM	
Location	Office of National System Inc., 5945 Dallas Pkwy., #100, Plano, TX 75093			
Attendees				
	1. Balki Chamkura (Over Phone)	2. Neeraja Padigela (Absent)		
	3. Chinasatyam Veernapu	4. Sharada Singireddy		
	5. Chandrasekhar Kaja	6. Subramanyam Jonnalagadda		
	7. Jyothi Vanam	8. Venkat Danda		
	9. Krishnaveni Seelam	10. Subhashini Pentakota (Over Phone)		
	11. Krishna Reddy Uppalapati	12. Suresh Manduva		
	13. Mahesh Aditya Adibhatla	14. Vijay Mohan Kakarla		
	15. Narasimha Reddy Urimindi (Excused)	16. Shashikanth Kanaparthi (Excused)		
	17. Sunil Devireddy (Absent)	18. Raghu Chittimalla (Excused)		
	19. Raghu Gajjala	20. Venu Pavuluri (Absent)		
	21. Sreelu Mandiga			

Key Points Discussed

No.	Agenda Items	Meeting Highlights
1	Previous GoB meeting minutes: Review & Approval	<p>Raghu Gajjala proposed and Chinasatyam Veernapu seconded the February 9th meeting minutes with the following changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raghu Chittimalla was nominated to serve as the Chair for Business & Member services. Venu Pavuluri was nominated to serve as the Chair for Membership and Registration services. •
2	Calendar for 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vijay Mohan Kakarla and Subramanyam Jonnalagadda who prepared the TANTEX calendar 2014 shared the same with the EC. They explained about the highlights of the key activities planned and requested Secretary and Joint Secretary to publish them to national organizations, such as, IANT, TANA, ATA, NATS and NATA to avoid future program conflicts and for better coordination and artist cost sharing
<u>3</u>	Upcoming Events	<p><u>Sports:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volleyball is scheduled for 22nd and 23rd and Venkat Danda, Chair, Youth & Sports Committee updated the EC team about logistics and venue. • President requested to give leads on sponsors for sports events. <p><u>Health Seminar:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President mentioned this year special emphasis will be given to health of individuals and community at large. Part of this activity first seminar is on Cardio vascular disease with panel of six doctors. All Doctors are Telugu speaking people.(Dr Alla, Dr Gunukula, Dr Mundluru, Dr Kosuri, Dr Padma & Dr Potluru). • Health fair will be conducted on March 29th 2014. This will be combined with Kite festival. President mentioned that he spoke with City of Irving and got permission. Cimarron Recreation Center in Irving is the venue. • Chandra Kaja suggested that video recording be done during health seminars where Doctors interact with individuals. This will be beneficial for those who missed the program. This will be taken care of by Audio/Video chair (Shashi Kanaparthi). <p><u>Ugadi Utsavaalu:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The date for TANTEX Ugadi Utsavaalu has been tentatively planned for 04/05/14. Trinity High School, Euless, TX is the target venue pending availability • Mahesh Adibhatla volunteered to serve as the Ugadi Utsavaalu Event Coordinator.

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ugadi Utsavaalu budget has been proposed at \$20,000.• President suggested that the Ugadi program format should have a mix of 50% local talent and 50% external artists from India or outside DFW area maximum effectiveness |
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<p><u>4</u></p>	<p>Treasurer report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treasurer Chinasatyam Veernapu went over the financial summary and gave clarification to questions from the EC. • President gave an update on the pending dues from sponsors for 2013. In response to a question from the EC, Suresh Manduva, Immediate Past President revealed that the \$10,000 check donated by TANA was spent to meet the operating expenses for Deepavali Vedukalu. Executive Committee was not informed or did not approve the usage of TANA donation of \$10,000 to meet TANTEX operating expenses. • It was also learnt that the amount collected as a part of Life Membership dues during 2013 was put in Checking Account and this amount was spent during the year 2013. This amount belonging to restricted fund category need to be replenished in the Savings Account. • The Executive Committee agreed to revisit NATS (North America Telugu Society) to request payment that was promised as part of their convention to TANTEX for being the local host. Suresh Manduva to follow-up with NATS authorities and provide an update.
<p><u>5</u></p>	<p><u>Open Items (Roundtable discussion – Sankraanti feedback)</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall feedback about Sankraanti was positive. • Chandu Kaja mentioned the quality of the program was good • Suresh Manduva expressed food fell short and needs to be taken care of. • Sreelu Mandiga mentioned Vanita Vedika team has been formed. Feedback she received was Sankraanti Program quality was good but there was shortage of food. • Subbu Jonnalagadda felt the program quality was good. He expressed the participants tend to leave when their program gets over, which is unacceptable. Need to request program coordinators to ensure they remain until end of the event. He felt there was extensive coverage in print and electronic media and thanked the team. • Mahesh Adibhatla expressed the quality of the program was great. • Secretary Krishna Reddy Uppalapati read the survey comments received from members. He mentioned he is yet to receive the sub-committee members from respective chairs. • Raghu Gajjala mentioned that the quality of the program were good. He commented out that fillers should be made available between two programs. He recalled the positive comments received from members about the quality of food provided. He mentioned that cafeteria where food is served, should be used to promote vendor business which in turn generates revenue. • Krishnaveni Seelam expressed that the quality of programs were good. She requested EC members to be available at the venue on time as promised during preparatory meetings/calls. Being Marketing chair this year, she mentioned to bring earliest life members from Fort-Worth, Duncanville.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharada Singireddy expressed to ensure there is ample lighting, room to move around backstage, she mentioned to look for venues where Greenrooms are available where participants can change. As Cultural Chair she would like to emphasize kids programs. • Jyothi Vanam expressed that the program went really well, with good program execution. She mentioned the GoB introduction was greatly executed; all EC's were helpful in executing the program. Within the crunch of time, found good MC's. As chair of Community Services this year she mentioned Health seminar is being conducted on 22nd February 2014 and requested good participation for the event. • Balki Chamkura stated there should be quantity checks on food and to ensure restaurants provide what they promise for. • President expressed local talent should be given priority. Expressed satisfaction that the year started on a good note. A special note of thanks was delivered to Narsimha Reddy Urimindi for logistics coordination and Chinasatyam Veernapu for sharing work effort between Telugu Velugu and event coordinator for Sankraanti Sambaralu. Also thanked all GOB members for showing one team spirit at Sankranthi Event. • Chinasatyam Veernapu, Event Coordinator for Sankraanti Sambaraalu thanked the team for all the help and making the program a grand success. • President mentioned pending Bylaw amendments will be updated and sent to GoB soon Same can be reviewed by GOB before publishing to web and to our members.
<u>6</u>	<u>New proposals</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President mentioned there will be a special meeting convened for Radio proposals.
<u>7</u>	<u>Meeting Adjourn</u>	Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM by the Chair, Vijay Mohan Kakarla.

Action Plan			
No.	Action Item(s)	Owner	Target Date
1.	To prepare initial version of "List of duties for nominated committees". Also prepare all committees names and chairs contact info with structured format.	Mahesh Adibhatla	<u>02/28/2014</u>
2	To follow up with sponsors for collecting pending payments due and provide updates	All concerned team members	
3	To find venue for Ugadi Utsavaalu and food vendor	Mahesh Adibhatla	<u>03/02/2014</u>
4	<u>Circulate Team contact info to GOB</u>	<u>Secretary-KRU</u>	<u>03/28/2014</u>

