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TANTEX EC Meeting Minutes	TANTEX Governing Board (GoB) Meeting – May 2015	Date	05/14/2015
Meeting Chair	Dr. Narasimha Reddy Urimindi, President of TANTEX		
Facilitator	Mahesh Aditya Adibhatla, Secretary of TANTEX	Time	8.30 PM
Location	Virtual Meeting		
Attendees	1. Ajay Govada (Excused)	2. Neeraja Padigela (Excused)	
	3. Chinasatyam Veernapu	4. Sharada Singireddy	
	5. Chandrasekhar Kaja	6. Subramanyam Jonnalagadda	
	7. Jyothi Vanam	8. Venkat Danda	
	9. Krishnaveni Seelam	10. Lakshmi Paleti	
	11. Krishna Reddy Uppalapati	12. Krishna Reddy Koduru	
	13. Mahesh Aditya Adibhatla	14. Vijay Mohan Kakarla	
	15. Dr. Narasimha Reddy Urimindi	16. Shashikanth Kanaparthi	
	17. Sunil Devireddy	18. Praveen Billa	
	19. Raghu Gajjala	20. Venu Pavuluri (Excused)	
	21. Sreelu Mandiga (Excused)	22. Ajay Reddy	
	23. Sugan Chagarlamudi	24. Srinivas R Gurram	
	25. Shyamala Rumala	26. Ramana Putlur	
	27. Ramakrishna Reddy Rodda	28. Srinivas Bavireddy	

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Key Points Discussed

No.	Agenda Items	Meeting Highlights
1	Previous EC meeting minutes: Review & Approval	Ramana Putlur proposed and Sharada Singireddy seconded the April 5 th GoB meeting minutes.

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2015: Key Events

Swaraabhishekam:

- **A proposal was submitted by the President NRU to host “Swaraabhishekam” on TANTEX stage in late August, preferably on Saturday 8/29/2015. The event is being brought to United States by Kalalaya of California.** President NRU informed the GoB team about the value of hosting an elite program like “Swaraabhishekam” on TANTEX stage, which should elevate the image of the organization while giving opportunity for the member community to witness the E-TV’s top rated program.
 - The duration of the program is about four hours in length and E-TV typically broadcasts recorded program in 3-4 episodes in India
 - The key participants in this program is lead S. P. Balasubramanyam and include various top-rated singers, such as, Sunitha, Mano, Hemachandra, Geetha Madhuri, Sravana Bhargavi, Malavika
 - In addition to the top singers, the 40-member troupe also includes 8-10 musicians and the entire E-TV production crew
- Few members of the BoT asked various questions about “Swaraabhishekam” program, financial viability of hosting such a high budget program and TANTEX capabilities to raise the required funding. Some members of the BoT shared the value of such a good program to the DFW Telugu community.
- Several members of the Executive committee shared their personal experience about the quality, popularity and the entertainment component offered by Swaraabhishekam and echoed each other to bring such program to our TANTEX stage.
- In response to questions from BoT, President provided an approximate budget between \$60k to \$80k depending on the type of venue and the associated audio/lighting equipment.
- President NRU to meet BoT team to go over various components of the budget on Friday 5/15/2015

Saahitya Vedika 8th Anniversary:

- The annual signature event of Nela Nela Telugu Vennela from Saahitya Vedika committee is being planned either on 11th or 12 July, 2015 depending on venue and guests availability.

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- The chair, President among others got the approval for \$10,000 from Board of Trustees. This will be an approximate estimate and the cost may vary.

Paatala Pallaki (Stage for Adult Singers)

- President announced the team that the long awaited program for adult singers from Dallas called “Paatala Pallaki” (new name TBD) will start from June. This will establish a platform for adult singers from DFW to showcase their talent.
- The logistics are being worked and will be announced soon.

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3.	TANTEX Building Proposal: UPDATES and Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Praveen Billa – Continuing to look into buildings. • A general discussion prevailed about the location and the cost of the building to ensure the larger interests of the members can be accommodated.
4.	TANTEX 2015 Initiatives: Key Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobile App for TANTEX: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Key item discussed during the meeting was TANTEX mobile App. The App will provide the latest/past programs pertaining to TANTEX. The discussion prevailed about securing services from India on building the mobile friendly App. Krishna Reddy Uppalapati and Chinasyam Veernapu will be coordinating the efforts and identifying the resources in building such App. • Involving College students at TANTEX Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ As a part of the 2015 initiatives TANTEX will reach out to local Universities to meet students, understand their needs and make them part of TANTEX family. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ As a part of this effort President NRU visited University of Texas at Dallas and met several students (during a supported event with TANA) and planning to invite them to TANTEX events. ▪ Similar effort is needed for UT Arlington, University of North Texas and other institutions as needed. ○ A general discussion led to an understanding between the team to involve youth from colleges/universities in TANTEX events. This way the outreach of TANTEX will be larger. The means will be to invite them to TANTEX signature events via posting flyers at their locations, word-of-mouth e.t.c.
5.	Treasurer Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Krishnaveni Seelam went through the accounts. • Approx. \$22,000 saved through Ugaadi Utsavaalu (pending realization of few sponsorship amounts). • Chinasyam Veernapu shared the tax return update for 2014. He mentioned the tax return documents are being reviewed by Rewas and will receive updates by May 15th, 2015. He hoped the returns to be filed by 05/22/15 (pending verification by tax auditors).

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6.	Membership Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ajay Govada to provide if any new members joined in April. This data will be provided in the following month's (June) meeting.
7.	Upcoming Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Venkat Danda 94th NNTV on 17th May, 2015. Dr. Puttaparthi Naga Padmini is chief guest. Request all to attend.
8.	Open Items (if time permits and with the approval of the Chair)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sharada Singireddy requested to include CVR News as the official media partner for TANTEX. GoB approved the request to include CVR as our media partner for 2015. Sharada Singireddy requested GoB to conduct Vesavi Vennela (summer workshop) by Dr. Shobha Raju this summer. It was decided to pay the net proceeds from the workshop (only) to Dr. Shobha Raju but not the net proceeds from the concert (if applicable).
9.	Meeting Adjourn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting adjourned at 11.20 PM by President – Dr. Narasimha Reddy Urimindi.

Action Plan

No.	Action Item(s)	Owner	Target Date
1.	Follow-up meeting scheduled between BoT and President NRU	NRU	05/17/2015
2.	Chinasatyam Veernapu shared the tax return update for 2014. He mentioned the tax return documents are being reviewed by Rewas and will receive updates by May 15 th , 2015. He hoped the returns to be filed by 05/22/15 (pending verification by tax auditors).	Chinasatyam Veernapu	05/15/2015