

# TELUGU ASSOCIATION OF NORTH TEXAS



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<b>TANTEX OB Meeting Minutes</b>	TANTEX Governing Board (GoB) Meeting – February, 2016	<b>Date</b>	02/13/2016
<b>Meeting Chair</b>	Subramanyam Jonnalagadda, President of TANTEX		
<b>Facilitator</b>	Chinasatyam Veernapu, Secretary of TANTEX	<b>Time</b>	2:30 PM
<b>Location</b>	PENSOFT Tech Inc. 1300 W Walnut Hill Ln., #175, Irving, TX		
<b>Attendees</b>	<b>EC Members:</b>		
	1. Ajay Govada	2. Chandrasekhar Kaja	
	3. Chinasatyam Veernapu	4. Jyothi Vanam (CC)	
	5. Krishna Reddy Koduru	6. Krishna Reddy Uppalapati	
	7. Krishnaveni Seelam	8. Lakshmi Paleti	
	9. Lokesh Naidu Konidela	10. Mahesh Aditya Adibhatla (CC)	
	11. Dr. Narsimha Reddy Urimindi	12. Padmasree Thota	
	13. Praveen Billa (CC)	14. Raghu Gajjala (CC)	
	15. Shaker Raj Brahmmadevara	16. Sharada Singireddy (Excused)	
	17. Sri Lakshmi Mandiga	18. Subramanyam Jonnalagadda	
	19. UmaMahesh Parnapalli	20. Venkat Danda	
	21. Venu Pavuluri (Excused)		
	<b>BOT Members:</b>		
	1. Dr. Raghava Reddy Siripireddy	2. Ramakrishna Reddy Rodda	
	3. Ramana Putlur	4. Shyama Rumala	
	5. Srinivas Bavireddy (CC)	6. Srinivas Reddy Gurram	
	7. Sugan Chagarlamudi		

Key Points Discussed		
No.	Agenda Items	Meeting Highlights
1.	Previous EC meeting minutes: Review & Approval	<p>Lakshmi Paleti proposed and Krishna Reddy Koduru seconded the January 3<sup>rd</sup>, meeting minutes.</p> <p>Sugan Charagrlamudi – BOT Member requested two BOT meeting minutes (Jan 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and Feb 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016) sent by BOT members to be included in addendum.</p>



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Membership Update

**Fourteen** new Life Members joined since January 2016. Membership and Registration Chair - Krishna Reddy Koduru proposed the new Life members and Venkat Danda Seconded Life members.

1. Sumanth Boppana
2. Satish Kotapati
3. Chandra S Reddy Police
4. Rao Karusala
5. Prasanth Chundu
6. Prasanth Chagarlamudi
7. Ajay Sai Veerapaneni
8. Dinesh Makkapati
9. Srinivas Eyyunni
10. Sai Rajesh Mahabhashyam
11. Sundeep Chowdary Meka
12. Varma Kalidindi
13. Kishore Thota
14. Srinivas Chilakamarri

- Shyama Rumalla informed that couple of life members aren't receiving eNews and requested to take care of the issue. Membership Chair Krishna Reddy Koduru informed that the team will contact all the life members and will get their latest email address.
- As the GoB meeting was in progress an outsider entered the meeting room and delivered the letter(s) without permission of meeting Chair. The person introduced himself as the delivery guy for KIM Throne law office and came to deliver a letter.
- Later BoT Chair, Srinivas Reddy Gurram declared the team that he filed a lawsuit due to the differences within the BoT.
- The delivery person from the Law Firm left 3 envelopes on the table without Chair's Permission. The team suggested not to touch those envelopes and left them on the table for the remainder of the meeting.



<p>3</p>	<p>Treasurer's Report</p>	<p>Treasurer went through the Sankraanthi Sambaraalu event sales &amp; Bank account details</p> <p><b><u>Sankraanti Sambaraalu 2016</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total revenue: \$19,500.00</li> <li>• Expenses: \$8,700.00</li> <li>• Net proceeds: \$10,800.00</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Bank of America Account Details (as on 02/13/2016)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check bank Amount: \$9,983.65</li> <li>• Savings Account : \$206,203.62</li> <li>• Business Investment Acct : \$2,949.22</li> <li>• 9MO Risk free CD : \$1,612.53</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Treasurer apprised the team on the outstanding amounts of \$2000.00 towards Sankraanti event expenses from checking account. 19 life member's amount (\$3,800.00) are pending to be transferred into Savings Account. He reminded that the organization is tight on budget and requested the team to realize the pending sponsorship dues or acquire new sponsors for the upcoming events.</li> <li>• President requested an update on 9 MO Risk free CD to the GoB team. Immediate past Treasurer Krishnaveni Seelam updated the same to GoB team – 9 MO Risk free CD account we have \$13,000 as of December 2015, but moved \$12K into checking account to cover the funds needed for the Sankraanti 2016 event and other TANTEX activities.</li> <li>• Need to recover the 2015 sponsorship pending dues of about \$24,000 from annual sponsors and \$15,000 from North American Telugu Association (NATA)/Dr. Prem Reddy.</li> <li>• Dr. Narsimha Reddy informed the team about the NATA Dues and mentioned, last year Dr. Prem Reddy came in as the Diamond sponsor from March 2015 to May 2016. So far they paid for two events and yet to pay for the remaining events that happened. He informed that the team is still following up with them.</li> <li>• Overall in 2015, adding up Annual Sponsors &amp; Diamond sponsors (NATA + Dr. Prem Reddy) pending dues to be collected stand</li> </ul>
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around \$40,000.00.

- President-Elect Krishna Reddy Uppalapati requested the Treasurer to provide account details report from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2015 to 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2016. Treasurer provided the following details:  
Balance as of 1/1/2015 = \$10,400.00  
Balance as of 1/1/2016 = -\$10,000 (after 9MO CD amount deduction from checking account)  
Balance in 2016 (Overall with dues) = -\$10,000.00  
Total Payment to make = \$5,000.00  
Total receivables (Sponsor dues) = \$40,000.00
- Treasurer insisted to work towards collecting all the receivables in 2015.
- Mahesh Adibhatla suggested to have an ETA for all the receivables and requested to assign the task to team members to work with the Sponsors on the dues.
- President Subramanyam Jonnalagadda updated the team that Ajay Reddy, Texas Physicians, Sim Parvathaneni, Rex Programming are not continuing their sponsorship for 2016.



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Review of Sankranti  
Sambaraalu Event

**Members of GoB shared their views about the recently  
concluded Sankraanthi Sambaraalu. Here is the summary**

- TANTEX Members must have felt the venue (City of Corinth) was bit far. This might be the reason for lesser audience (compared to previous events).
- Event Location was in new city, marketing/publishing should have started little early. Rain played spoilsport for lesser turn around.
- Usually members prefer venue location(s) either Irving or Euless area. Going forward need to ensure Irving locations if we need to see bigger crowds in our events.
- All the programs received a good response. Plan the programs that will draw larger crowds.
- A request was made to Cultural team to work towards engaging audiences to stay until end of our event by talking to choreographers/kids parents as kids/parents were leaving after their performances are done. This should be controlled, think of giving incentives that may make difference to retain audience till the end of the program.
- Within the less time after our 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2016 GoB meeting, the team did the best in planning and implementing the event. One of the biggest challenges was locating and finalizing the venue as our regular event venue locations were not available.
- Venue and amenities were good. Despite limited items, Food was liked by the members. More time should be allocated to the external artists and paid MC's.
- One of the BoTs suggested to try Food as candle light dinner for one of the events and see if that makes any difference to pull more crowd.
- Venue was good even though new location. Auditorium sound quality is good. Event staff helped well compared to other venue locations. Over all execution was good. Kudos to event Coordinator and entire Team.
- Team need to be proactive and shouldn't say negative points on stage.
- If non-members can participate and attend the event, it will make a huge difference. Use Social networking to the max, if the community members are personally invited through your own account might be very effective. Reaching out to maximum members will help to increase attendance for our events.
- To resolve the issue on not receiving eNews by few members, let's have two ambassadors in each city and let them work in that area

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to identify the members with this issue.

- Cultural chair commended the team, said Hall, Audio, Food was great. Regarding Programs, in given 2 weeks span had conversation with every choreographer and worked closely with all coordinators. Received a positive feedback from everyone.
- President Subramanyam Jonnalagadda updated team that the team was searching for venue since Oct/Nov time and tried lot of options for venue and couldn't find any in Irving, Euless, Plano or Frisco Area.

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## Upcoming Ugaadi Event Planning & Budget Approval

President Subramanyam Jonnalagadda updated team about upcoming event.

- Ugadi Utsavaalu is on April 16<sup>th</sup> 2016, venue was blocked as Irving High School. Event will start @ 2PM and go until 11 PM.
- Sreelu Mandiga agreed to serve as Event Coordinator.
- President updated that the artists will be finalized soon, President-Elect Krishna Reddy Uppalapati coordinating with Artists. Uttej will be in town, need to contact him for his availability.
- President requested BoT Team to approve funds for Ugadi event and proposed \$30,000. Few BOT Members requested to give four days' time for approval.
- BoT member Dr. S.R Reddy volunteered to follow up with NATA for the dues pending.
- President informed the team that TANA-TANTEX Tax Seminar event is on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2016 and TANA Team requested our support. The team agreed to extend the support for Tax Seminar.
- Krishna Reddy Uppalapati and Sujan Chagarlamudi informed team, going forward, we need to support only 501(c) Org. we are giving benefit to all organizations and we are not utilizing services.

Action Item: BOT to articulate the process how to support other organizations.

- President updated team regarding Yuva Radio, KC requested TANTEX to come as Gold sponsor and they will support all our events and announce in FM Radio. We don't have any financial implications. We include YUVA Media logo in our flyers/eNews/Web. GoB team agreed to have deal with Yuva Radio.



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TANTEX Building  
Committee

**Building Committee Team**

**The Following GoB members showed interest to serve in Building  
Committee**

- Mahesh Adibhatla
- Praveen Billa
- Lakshmi Paleti
- Lokesh Naidu
- Dr. SR Reddy
- Krishnaveni Seelam
- Sharada Singireddy
- Krishna Reddy Koduru
- Dr. Narasimha Reddy Urimindi
- Subramanyam Jonnalagadda
- Venkat Danda
- Krishna Reddy Uppalapati
- Chinasatyam Veernapu (Optional)
- Ajay Govada (Optional)
- Vijay Mohan Kakarla (Optional)
- Chandrashaker Kaja (Optional)
- VenuMadhav Pavuluri(Optional)

**Members from General Public :**

- MVL Prasad
- RK Panditi
- Venkat Kuruvari

- Building Committee consists of 10 members GOB and 9 external. If we didn't get 9 members from general public, those positions will be filled with GOB.
- GoB team decided, each member in Building committee need commitment to raise 10K.

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## Open Items

- President informed on a request, Ramesh Babu from Atlanta approached for TANTEX support to screen the movie “D-Day” in DFW metroplex. This documentary is about the questions to parents from kids, who are raised in USA. It was well appreciated by many in Atlanta. President will forward the trailers/snippets of the film to the team.
- Krishnaveni Seelam suggested to setup in-Person meetings when the feedback/suggestions are expected from GOB/EC meetings. Everyone in the meeting agreed for that.
- BoT Member, Shyama Rumalla, demanded a response to her email from President/Bot Chair. This is about the complaint to GOB on the abusive WhatsApp conversation between the BoT members. It is TANTEX GOB duty to reply when one has an issue with fellow team member. Replying to it, President said it happened between two individual BOT members and advised to discuss within BoT and resolve internally.
- Adding to that, President updated his discussion with BoT Chair, Srinivas Reddy Gurram was already talking to both the parties and to update President on the outcome of their talks.
- President will acknowledge the email and respond.
- Sreelu Mandiga suggested to have defined code of conduct to protect all the members in organization as TANTEX is prominent and old org. in USA.
- On this subject, Dr. Narasimha Reddy Urimindi mentioned to revisit the Code of Conduct which was brought in 2012.
- BoT Member Rama Krishna Reddy Rodda advised that any issues/personal from now on, must be addressed ASAP as it comes.
- President-Elect proposed plans to increase the Email Lists in the database. Currently there are only 2300. Let’s focus on taking it to next level.
- There was a concern raised about the email from okkadu4All. Team decided to respond to those emails, find out the sender details and then proceed legally. The email listed all the internal details which alarms the integrity of the team. Members agreed to proceed for a legal opinion to resolve the [okkadu4all@gmail.com](mailto:okkadu4all@gmail.com) email issue. President will take care of the Legal opinion. Raghava Reddy volunteered to help President.
- Membership and Registration Chair, Krishna Reddy Koduru as everyone said lets work on workshop and also centralize membership database. He reminded an eNews request has been made to the members to update their mailing addresses.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ramana Putlur requested an update on organizing health seminars and the next steps for this. Dr. SR reddy to confirm on this.</li> <li>• BoT Member Sujan Chagarlamudi updated the team that BoT minutes were sent out on Feb 6<sup>th</sup>. A fiduciary responsibility to act on that. President replied that when BoT Members requested to attend the meeting the President and Secretary attended as an Observer.</li> <li>• BoT member Shyama Rumalla said that she doesn't have any issues with Dr. S.R Raddy on the conversation happened on WhatsApp, compromised after discussing with each other.</li> </ul>
8.	Meeting Adjourn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM by the Chair, Subramanyam Jonnalagadda.</li> </ul>

## Action Plan

No.	Action Item(s)	Owner	Target Date
1	BoT to articulate the process how to support other organizations.	BoT Team	04/30/2016