



TANTEX Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Subject	TANTEX Governing Board (GoB) Meeting – April 2012	Date	04/01/2012
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 (Excused)	
	3. Balki Chamkura (Excused)	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	
		MVL Prasad (Observer)	

Key Points Discussed		
No.	Agenda Items	Meeting Highlights
1	Previous EC meeting minutes: Review & Approval	<p>Vijaya Kakarla proposed and Rajesh Chilukuri seconded the April 1st meeting minutes with the following changes</p> <p>ACTION ITEMS from previous meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions items from the previous meeting of 3/4 were reviewed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A team of EC members took the action item to consult the local school districts to understand the requirements to introduce Telugu language in the middle/high school. The team do not have a definite date to complete this action item ○ As regards to insurance to protect the Governing board members against any lawsuits, NMS Reddy brought some information from the vendor. Geeta Dammanna and Suresh Manduva to review and provide a recommendation before making any commitment.
2	Ugaadi Utsavaalu -2012: Quick review of the program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following is the summary of the input and opinions expressed by various members of the GOB regarding the recently concluded Ugaadi Utsavaalu-2012 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Attendance is thin and execution seems to be reasonable. Too many activities in town contributed to less attendance and perhaps lack of star attraction could have resulted in thin attendance. ○ Food committee and cultural committee, registration committee all made good contributions. Audio quality is good. ○ Need to make sure we improve backstage access and need to give immediate attention to such matters in future. ○ Per the Registration Committee 481 tickets were sold and generated \$4157 revenue, minus \$400 towards life membership. Need to add the revenue from PayPal membership. ○ From now on we need to take checks from the participants in advance so that we can improve the net proceeds. Current policy to continue that everyone pays for the event. ○ Per the Cultural Committee, the event started promptly at 6:58 PM and concluded right at 10:15 PM in spite of other unscheduled items such as "Ugaadi Pachchadi" and "sampradaaya vastradhaarana" poteelu ○ More teenagers be given priority as MCs in future ○ Audio files quality need to be checked and improved. For future events we need to receive the audio files in advance.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Need to avoid duplicate entry of the same songs○ Need to have adequate # of volunteers to supply water for the future events. Perhaps 3 or 4 EC members could share the water. Dr. Ramana Reddy volunteered to donate \$250/event in support of volunteer services for future events○ Reception area was well decorated by Krishnaveni Seelam and Indu Reddy Mandadi but need to make sure we do not portray TANTEX as a religious organization since it is a non-religious organization.○ Need to avoid pasting flyers to the walls of the event hall in future.○ Need to fix the date and program and advertise marketing material early to improve the coverage● As of March 31, 2012 a total of 15 new Life members joined in 2012 and they have been approved by the Governing Board

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3	Manabadi proposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeking feedback from EC within a week and then we can make a decision on the proposal per Geeta Dammanna
4	Planning on feedback session/General Body meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geeta Dammanna said as a part of the action items from the 2011 General Body meeting, TANTEX need to conduct the member feedback session and is scheduled for 4/15. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The purpose of the feedback session is to take suggestions from members to improve the organizational effectiveness. The feedback session has a limited scope. • Dr. Alla Srinivas Reddy informed the team that BoT is calling for an emergency General Body meeting in view of “too much disturbance” in the community about TANTEX functioning post Silver Jubilee and most importantly after 2011 EC elections. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Several members of the Executive Committee questioned BoT’s unilateral action to call for a General body meeting and for not involving EC team in the decision making process. ○ EC members questioned BoT’s action to call for the General Body meeting especially after the recent petition has been nullified ○ Narasimha Reddy Urimindi expressed concern that the BoT is conducting meetings with members where the Secretary was not invited. After the initial invitation the Secretary was asked not to attend the outside meetings at the request of the attendees. Secretary requested the BoT to avoid such situations in future. • Members of the Governing Board expressed their personal views about the need for the emergency General Body meeting. While no voting has been conducted, many members questioned the need for the General body immediately following the feedback session. At the same time several members also supported BoT’s call for General body meeting. Each members opinion was sought and they have expressed their concurrence or opposition to the general body meeting. • NMS Reddy moved a motion to seek legal opinion on the media and communication activities affecting the image of TANTEX and Raghu Chittimalla seconded. • MVL Prasad, observer to the GoB meeting shared his views about the need for a bylaws committee post the General Body meeting to study the impact of any changes to the amendment • General Body meeting is tentatively planned for May 20th. • Geeta Dammanna informed the team that Dr. Pailla Mallareddy gave \$4000 check as a part of the Silver Jubilee contribution
5	Community outreach activities)	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geeta Dammanna said as a part of the Golden Jubilee celebrations of IANT, each of the supporting organization is expected to raise \$5000 and attend all the regular meetings. Geeta Dammanna requested the GoB members to think about the participation and get back to her at the next meeting Community service events "Lone Star Cares 2012 Fundraising Banquet" and "Primary Care Clinic of North Texas" needed to be added to the website and e-news Two representatives from TANTEX will be send to the DFW International events to observe and identify the value to members
6	Open Items (If time permits and approved by the President)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Ramana Reddy informed the team that Ramakrishna Lavu, has received the President's volunteer service award. The team congratulated Ramakrishna Lavu for his recognition.
7	Meeting Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM PM by the Chair, Geeta Dammanna

Action Plan			
No.	Action Item(s)	Owner	Target Date
1.	Work with local schools to understand the requirements to introduce Telugu language	Ananth Mallavarapu Balki Chamkura Jyothi Vanam NMS Reddy Subramanyam Jonnalagadda	TBD
2	Obtain the details of the Insurance to provide legal protection to the members of the Governing Board	Geeta Dammanna Suresh Manduva	TBD
3	Circulate a draft response to Manabadi Proposal	Geeta Dammanna	TBD
4	Obtain the legal opinion on the radio shows and anonymous emails	Geeta Dammanna	TBD