



**TANTEX Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – August 2014**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>TANTEX Executive Committee (EC) Meeting – August 2014</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>08/03/2014</b>																								
<b>Meeting Chair</b>	Dr. Narasimha Reddy Urimindi, President-Elect of TANTEX																										
<b>Facilitator</b>	Krishna Reddy Uppalapati, Secretary of TANTEX	<b>Time</b>	2.00 PM																								
<b>Location</b>	National Systems Inc. 5945 Dallas Pkwy #100, Plano, TX 75093																										
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## Key Points Discussed

No.	Agenda Items	Meeting Highlights
1	Previous EC meeting minutes: Review & Approval	Krishnaveni Seelam proposed and Chinasathyam Veernapu seconded the July 2 <sup>nd</sup> meeting minutes.
2	Membership	<p>Membership chair Venu Pavuluri proposed and Jyothi Vanam seconded the approval of the following new TANTEX life members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• L1003 Mulukutla Somej</li> <li>• L1004 Kona Sudhakar Reddy</li> <li>• L1005 Nalajarla Prasad Rao</li> <li>• L1006 Kambham Divyabishek Reddy</li> <li>• L1007 Kavuri Ravi</li> <li>• L1008 Eragam Vishnu Kiran Reddy</li> <li>• L1009 Gondhi Raj</li> <li>• L1010 Padala Anil</li> <li>• L1011 Bala Satheesh Kumar</li> <li>• L1012 Tadi Venkata R</li> <li>• L1013 Gonuguntla Ravi</li> <li>• L1014 Kuchibotla Krishna</li> <li>• L1015 Nadipalli Koteswara Rao</li> <li>• L1016 Aerrebolu Devender Reddy</li> </ul> <p>Membership chair Venu Pavuluri proposed and Jyothi Vanam seconded the approval of the following new TANTEX life members subject to verification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• L1017 Pujari RamaKrishna</li> <li>• L1018 Simhadri Sudheer</li> </ul>
3	Treasurer's report	<p>Treasurer Chinasatyam Veernapu went over the pending payments from 2013 sponsorship and other dues of 2013 and 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2013 Sponsorship Outstanding dues : <b>approx. \$2000</b></li> <li>○ Current year 2014 Sponsorship Total dues: <b>approx. \$30,000</b></li> </ul> <p>Treasurer reminded the team to collect the pledged balance sponsorship amounts from respective sponsors.</p>
4	Upcoming Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As discussed in previous meetings, Dr. Shobha Raju's concert to be conducted on Aug,30-2014 6:30 to 9:00 pm at St. Mary's Church Farmers Branch. Dr. Narasimha Reddy Urimindi went over the details of the concert. There will be an admission fee of \$10 for the concert.</li> <li>• Spoorthi Festival will be held in two parts. Part #1 will focus on Spelling Bee, Analytical Bee, Painting, Drawing, Chess, Essay</li> </ul>

Writing completions and is scheduled for Aug,24-2014 from 3:00 to 6:00 pm at Ruchi Palace,3128 E Trinity Mills Rd, Carrollton TX 75006. Part #2 Grand Finale is scheduled for Aug,30-2014 from 3:00 to 6:00 pm at St. Mary's Malankara Orthodox Church, 14133 Dennis Ln Farmers Branch TX.

- Request came from Vegesna Foundation to support their annual fund raising event. No objection from any GoB member to support the event.
- "Nauka Vihaaram" hosted by Vanitaa Vedika is scheduled for Sept, 06 2014.
- Nela Nela Telugu Vennela, 85<sup>th</sup> session is scheduled for August 17-2014 and Nadiminti Narasinga Rao is the Chief guest.
- Community Service event/Maitri/Aarogya Avagahana Sadassu is tentatively planned for Sept. 14, 2014.

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Review new proposals/policies (Radio, Supported Events, Committee activities)

### Voting through email (electronic voting)

In response to an earlier request from Venu Pavuluri, EC Member, about the need for introducing electronic voting in TANTEX elections, Dr.Narasimha Reddy Urimindi briefed the team about the current Bylaws and the link to the mail-in ballots.

NRU informed that Article XVI, Section 10.2 of TANTEX Bylaws of 2009 states that “ *To ensure balanced and fair elections, the Election Committee shall conduct elections using mail-in postal ballots for all positions declared for elections*”. Amendment to the current Bylaws related to mail-in ballot requires submission of the proposal at the next annual General Body meeting. However we have various other issues that require clarity before going to the General Body meeting with this subject. Sober

NRU requested input from the members of the Governing Board on the subject and following is the summary:

- Electronic Voting is a good proposal, but more research and ground work is needed.
- There might be room for some abuse
- For each life membership, we need to gather respective email addresses of both husband and wife for their individual votes unlike the previously used common (Home) mailing address used to mail the ballots.
- Some members may not regularly check their emails.
- We could update the email/contact info as part of year book/directory.
- Based on timeline, implementation of electronic voting may not be feasible this year.

As a part of the action plan we need to do the following before taking the matter to the General Body Meeting.

- Registration committee was tasked to follow up and identify all those life members with missing email addresses and those who do not have email access.
- Identify and understand the need for each spouse to have their own individual email address.
- Investigate the scenario where one of the spouses do not use a computer or other device at all to access email address?

### Consolidation of TANTEX programs/activities

Need to analyze the number of TANTEX sponsored/supported events and streamline and consolidate them to reduce redundancies and increase the outreach for popular events.

Input provided by various team members on this topic is as follows:

- Need to limit up to two events every month apart from EC meeting.
- Would it makes sense to combine NNTV with Radio show when there are no major plans?.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spoorthi and Maitri can be continued as is but could cut down on the number of sports activities.</li> <li>• Consolidate similar events such as Health Awareness, Sukheebhava and other community services and roll them up into one event.</li> <li>• We should invite local dignitaries such as Mayor to our major events to spread cultural awareness.</li> <li>• Tantex events can be distributed throughout the year on a quarterly basis.</li> <li>• Can combine many small events in a one time as annual s mini convention.</li> <li>• Need to come up with ideas to engage more kids in Tantex activities.</li> </ul>
6	<u>Open Items</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Venkat Danda , Chair , Sports Committee, is planning Table Tennis tournament on Sep 13th with NATA , and TANTEX Sports Day on Oct 11<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Jyothi Vanam , Chair, Community Services/Sukheebava, informed that she is planning a Sukheebava event on September 28, Sunday.</li> <li>• Sharada Singireddy, Chair, Cultural Committee has proposed a dance competition before Deepawali event. Suresh Manduva suggested that dance competitions will adversely impact personal relations in the community based on his own experience in the past and suggested to avoid the same.</li> <li>• Sharada Singireddy has proposed a Fashion Show Parade at Deepawali event</li> <li>• Suresh Manduva suggested that that our e-news can be sent a little early in the morning and to share the flyers with the Governing Board before sharing with the public through e-News.</li> <li>• Gurram Srinivas Reddy, member of BoT suggested that we need to invite all the organizational leaders and present TANTEX activities and seek support as needed.</li> <li>• Chinasatyam Veernapu, Treasurer stated that 2013 TANTEX tax filing documents are ready and planning to visit CPA to review on Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Dr. Narasimha Reddy Urimindi proposed to request 2013 Scholarship committee members (Dr. Jagadeesh Puppala, Dr.Jagadeeshwaran Pudur and Dr. Sandhya Gavva) to review and select winners of the 2014 TANTEX scholarship program. He also reminded to send e-news to TANTEX Life members for soliciting funds in support of Mahatma Gandhi Memorial</li> </ul>
9	<u>Meeting Adjourn</u>	Meeting adjourned at 6:01 PM by the Chair, Narasimha Reddy Urimindi.

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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	09/30/2014
2	To follow up with sponsors for collecting pending receivables and provide an update	All concerned team members	<u>8/3/2014</u>
	Following items to be discussed in next EC meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ TANTEX supporting other organizations/programs in DFW</li></ul>	EC Team	09/07/2014