### TANTEX Governing Board Meeting Minutes

**TANTEX Governing Board (GoB) Meeting – January 2015**

**Date** 01/04/2015

**Meeting Chair** Vijay Mohan Kakarla & Dr. Narasimha Reddy Urimindi, President of TANTEX

**Facilitator** Krishna Reddy Uppalapati & Mahesh Aditya Adibhatla, Secretary of TANTEX

**Time** 2.00 PM

**Location** Hilltop Indian Cuisine
8350 N. MacArthur Blvd., #190, Irving, TX

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### Attendees

1. Ajay Govada
2. Neeraja Padigela
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 (Excused)
17. Sunil Devireddy
18. Praveen Billa
19. Raghu Gajjala
20. Venu Pavuluri
21. Sreelu Mandiga
22. Ajay Reddy
23. Sugga Chagarlamudi
24. Srinivas R Gurram (Excused)
25. Shyamala Rumala
26. Ramana Putlur
27. Ramakrishna Reddy Rodda
28. Srinivas Bavireddy

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### Key Points Discussed

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<th>Agenda Items</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>Previous EC meeting minutes: Review &amp; Approval</td>
<td>Sreelu Mandiga proposed and Venkat Danda seconded the December 14&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt; meeting minutes.</td>
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Induction of the new Governing Board Members

• President – 2014, Vijaymohan Kakarla thanked the members of the Governing Board-2014 and listed various activities executed successfully during the year. He requested Governing Board members to raise funds for the TANTEX. He requested to involve the sub-committee members to be more active and deliver the duties of each committee. President further requested the team to work cohesively and keep the President always updated, transparency in financial activities by updating Treasurer and President. He also requested everyone to extend the same cooperation during the new regime in 2015.

• Vijaymohan Kakarla invited Bhima Penta, Chairman of Election Committee-2014 to formally induct the new members of the Governing Board. Bhima Penta formally inducted the following members of the Governing Board to serve in 2015:
  
  o Vijaymohan Kakarla has been formally inducted as Immediate Past President for 2015.
  o Dr. Narsimha Reddy Urimindi has formally been inducted as the President of TANTEX for 2015.
  o Subramanyam Jonnalagadda has formally been inducted as the President-Elect for 2015.
  o Ramakrishna Reddy Rodda, Ramana Putlur, Shyamala Rumala and Srinivas Bavireddy as the new BoT Members for 2015 were elected unopposed.
  o Ajay Govada, Chinasatyam Veernapu, Krishna Reddy Koduru, Mahesh Aditya Adibhatla and Praveen Billa and as the newly elected members of the Executive Committee who were elected unopposed.
  o Krishnaveni Seelam, Lakshmi Paleti as the new women members of the Executive Committee who were elected unopposed.

• Past President – Vijaymohan Kakarla informed the committee that BOT team has discussed and arrived with a decision that the following BOT members would act as Chair and Co-Chair for the year 2015.
  
  o Ajay Reddy – Chair
  o Sugan Chagarlamudi – Co-Chair
Formation of the new office bearers

**Office Bearer Elections:**

President 2015 Dr. Narsimha Reddy Urimindi officially called the meeting to order & indicated his ideas for the year 2015 and requested the co-operation and support of all team to execute the needed projects for the community.

- Dr. Narsimha Reddy Urimindi and Ajay Reddy took in charge of conducting the 2015 office bearer elections and leveraged the previously defined guidelines and the secret ballot process where applicable. After the elections for 2015 office bearer positions the Chair of the meeting announced the results:
  - Krishna Reddy Uppalapati has been declared elected as the Vice-President for 2015.
  - Mahesh Aditya Adibhatla has been declared elected as the Secretary for 2015.
  - Chinasatyam Veernapu has been declared elected as the Joint-Secretary for 2015.
  - Krishnaveni Seelam has been declared elected as the Treasurer for 2015.
  - Venu Pavuluri has been declared elected as the Joint-Treasurer 2015.

**Committee Chair Elections:**

The following individuals have been nominated by the President as the new Chairs for the Committees based on the interest. Volunteer Committee has not been assigned to any one and the team agreed to distribute the load by bringing volunteers.

1. Marketing – Shashi Kanaparthi
2. Business & Member Services – Praveen Billa
3. Radio Committee – Subbu Jonnalagadda
4. Media & Public Relations – Sharada Singireddy
5. Spoorthi – Lakshmi Paleti
6. Telugu Sahitya Vedika – Venkat Danda
7. Telugu Velugu – Chinasatyam Veernapu
8. Web Committee – Venu Pavuluri
9. Youth & Sports – Chandrasekhar Kaja
10. Logistics & Hospitality – Krishna Reddy Koduru
11. Audio Video – Sunil Devireddy
12. Food Committee – Krishna Reddy Uppalapati
13. Community Services – Raghu Gajjala
14. Special Events – Sharada Singireddy
15. Maitri – Sreelu Mandiga
16. Sukheebhava – Sreelu Mandiga
17. Cultural Committee – Jyothi Vanam
18. Membership & Registration – Ajay Govada
19. Vanitaa Vedika – Sreelu Mandiga
20. Decoration & Reception – Neeraja Padigela
**Upcoming Events (Sankraanti Sambaralu – 2015 & Other Events)**

- Event Coordinator Venkat Danda provided information to the committee about the preparations and latest updates on the activities. He informed there will be a conference call soon to discuss the action items in detail.
- President informed that 25% of the program will be catered to external artist/s per the previous month’s discussion. Mimicry artist from India - Siva Reddy is the name preliminarily being considered. President is talking to the artist and will confirm soon.
- President informed that there will be an orientation session for both new and existing GoB members after Sankraanti Sambaralu.
President envisioned some of his goals for the year 2015 during his inaugural speech. Complete list of the 2015 initiatives were distributed to members in the Sankraanti Edition of the Telugu Velugu magazine.

- Improve Quality of TANTEX Programs – President stressed the need to improve the quality of the programs and elevate the experience of the members.

- TANTEX Season Pass: Dr. Narasimha Reddy Urimindi shared the concept in the December Governing Board meeting where the new pricing model (TANTEX Season Pass) priced @$100 per year per family allows saving of close to 60% for a family of four.

- Providing platform for local singers - President commented there is ample talent locally and would like to utilize them on TANTEX platforms where possible.

- Introducing mobile App for TANTEX - President reminded in the new age where technology is growing, he felt TANTEX should adapt to new technologies such as TANTEX App for Smart Phones, where the Telugu living population in DFW can get regular updates from TANTEX.

- Personality development for youth, children – President opined that apart from education the next generation Telugu kids should cultivate personality development that is on par with the mainstream kids.

- Senior Citizens forum – President felt the need to educate and involve the aging population about the importance of Health, Insurance and other benefits via TANTEX. He mentioned this will be done via Committees such as Community Services, Maitri.

- TANTEX Membership drive in local universities – President mentioned the need of involving University students where there are many Telugu origin students. Conducting a membership drive and familiarizing them of TANTEX and related activities.

- TANTEX permanent building – Due to the increase in costs for renting venues for conducting TANTEX activities, the President advised that the permanent building proposal should take shape and a concrete plan is formalized and presented to the life members.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM by the Chair, Dr. Narsimha Reddy Urimindi.
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<td>Develop alternate pricing proposal guidelines draft and circulate to the GoB. Once approved, it will be broadcasted via e-news to the members at large.</td>
<td>Dr. Narsimha Reddy Urimindi</td>
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<td>Clean up the membership address database and ensure the addresses are up to date.</td>
<td>Membership &amp; Registration Chair-2015</td>
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