



Telugu Association of North Texas (TANTEX)

<http://www.tantex.org>

P.O.BOX 167781, Irving, TX 75016

E-mail: info@tantex.org (Incorporated: 1986)

Office Bearers:

President

Lakshmi Annapurna Paleti
president@tantex.org

President-Elect

Uma Mahesh Parnapalli

Vice-President

Sharath Reddy Yerram

Secretary

Kalyani Tadimeti

Joint Secretary

Sarita Eadara

Treasurer

Chandra Sekhar Pottipati

Joint Treasurer

Sravanthi Yerramaneni

Immediate Past-President

Krishna Reddy Koduru

Executive Committee :

Bhanu Prakash Venigalla
Lokesh Naidu Konidala
Mallik Reddy Konda
Nagaraja Challa
Neeraja Kuppachi
Prabhakar Reddy Metta
Raghunatha Reddy Kummetha
Subba Reddy Kondu
Suresh Pathaneni
Uday Kiran Nidiganti

Board of Trustees :

Dr. Pavan Pamadurthi [Chair]
Venkat Mulukutla [Co-Chair]
Ananth Mallavarapu
Dr. Bhaskara Reddy Sanikommu
Geeta Dammanna
Sree Lakshmi Mandiga
Srikanth Polavarapu

TANTEX - Annual Meeting of the General Body called for by the Governing Board -2021

Date: Saturday, October 16th, 2021

Time: 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Venue: Shubham Event Center

2429 Preston Rd #300,

Frisco, TX 75034

Meeting Minutes Recorded by: Kalyani Tadimeti

Presiding Officer: Lakshmi Annapurna Paleti, President

BoT Chair: Dr. Pavan Pamadurthi, Chair, Board of Trustees

Attendees: According to the verification and confirmation from the Subba Reddy Kondu, Membership & Registration Chair [at the meeting time], a total of 52 people attended.

Having started at 1:00 PM, the attendance count was obtained from Membership Chair, Subba Reddy Kondu, every 30 minutes. Because the quorum requirements for initiating the General Body Meeting were not met, it was decided to hold a regular meeting, which was called to order at 1.15 PM by Lakshmi Annapurna Paleti, President, and Dr. Pavan Pamadurthi, Chair, Board of Trustees.

MEETING AGENDA:

1. Welcome by Joint Secretary & Secretary
2. Review of 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 Annual General Body meeting minutes and for approval
3. President's Report
4. Secretary's Report
5. Treasurer's Report (un-audited)
6. Open items with the Approval of the Chair
7. Vote of Thanks by Executive Committee Member

Member Verification Started @ 11:30 AM followed by Social Hour & Lunch until 1:00 PM

Life Members = 1322 as of October 16th, 2021

Annual Members = 5 Annual members joined in this year 2021

Quorum #1 @ 1:05 PM : 40

Quorum #2 @ 1:30 PM : 41

Quorum #3 @ 2:00 PM : 52

Quorum #4 @ 2:30 PM : 37

President Lakshmi Annapurna Paleti called the meeting to order at 1:15 PM because the quorum requirements were not met.

Joint Secretary's Welcome:

Sarita Eadara, Joint Secretary, welcomed the members and thanked them for their attendance. She welcomed Board of Trustees Chair Dr. Pavan Pamadurthi and President Lakshmi Annapurna Paleti as Chairperson to the dais to conduct the meeting, and then she invited Secretary Kalyani Tadimeti, Treasurer Chandra Sekhar Pottipati, and Joint Secretary Sravanthi Yerramaneni.

Secretary's Welcome:

Kalyani Tadimeti, Secretary, greeted the attendees and thanked them for their presence. She has reviewed the meeting's ground rules and voting procedures and has asked each member to cooperate in order for the meeting to run smoothly. The secretary requested that the meeting be recorded with the permission of the members.

Review of 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 Annual General Body meeting minutes and for approval :

All members who attended the meeting reviewed the previous year's meeting minutes, but due to a lack of quorum, the minutes were held until a quorum of 50 was present to approve the minutes.

Board of Trustee Chair:

Dr. Pavan Pamadurthi, Board of Trustees Chair welcomed and addressed the members present for this Annual General Body Meeting, which would be conducted according to the agenda circulated because quorum was not present. The Board of Trustees Chair then welcomed the President to the chair and presided over the meeting.

President's Report:

President Lakshmi Annapurna Paleti stated that running a non-profit organization smoothly requires dedicated volunteers and generous donors. She stated that she is proud to see the dedication of many volunteers, sponsors, and new members over the course of TANTEX's 36-year history.

Overall programs taken place in this Pandemic year:

- We are all working together to help and serve the community, primarily with the goals of the organization in mind, and we are all one at your service to help the community in all aspects.
- Despite the fact that it was a virtual event, our year's first signature event, Sankranthi Sambaralu, was a huge success. Even our sponsors supported this program with funds for guest artists in India who were affected by the pandemic. The guest artists expressed their heartfelt gratitude to our organization.
- We raised funds for the Ugadhi Calendar and Ugadhi Magazine, but we were unable to hold the Ugadhi Utsavalu event due to the pandemic.
- Encouraged new members to become both Life and Annual Members of TANTEX.
- During the Snowstorm, there was a food drive.
- TAX planning, Estate & Financial Services
- Blood Drive through Carter Blood
- Covid-19 - 2nd Wave Fund Raising
- Mother's Day Celebrations with the Past Women Presidents and Local Social workers and the program went off without a hitch.
- Father's Day Celebrations with our previous TANTEX presidents and it's a great success.
- IAFC - Gitanjali's Interactive Science Workshop led by Gitanjali Rao and the children interacted and enjoyed the program.

- The 14th Telugu Sahitya Sadassu Anniversary was a huge success as a virtual event.
- PILUPU TV - To celebrate International Women's Day, PILUPU TV invited and organized for Women Telugu Organization Presidents across the country [USA], as well as honored Women Leaders.
- TANA - Tribute and remembrance for our dear friend Dr. CR Rao garu, who served as our Treasurer and Volunteer in the past.
- TANA - SAT training program
- Buddha CEO Quantum Foundation - Guided Meditation
- TANA -Meet & Greet with TANA Leaders and Patasala books distribution program
- IANT - Gandhiji's 152nd birthday celebration - Gandhi Peace Walk and the distribution of free mask boxes.

The following is an overview of the President's report:

Financial well-being: Despite disturbances and differences in the community, we were able to keep the sponsors and maintain the financial status.

TANTEX actions: Throughout the year, TANTEX implemented programs to meet the needs of diverse members of cultural, health, and community events.

Strength: Understanding the needs of the members and working to fill gaps in each area as needed.

Potential: Membership growth is expected to be sustainable through 2021.

Illustration of TANTEX: Traditional programs such as Telugu Sahitya Vedika, Ganasudha mana TANTEX Radio, and Community service in pandemic situations have helped to improve TANTEX's image. In our community, TANTEX serves as a cultural ambassador, promoting and preserving our tradition, art, and culture for future generations.

Thank you to everyone who has made it possible for me to represent as the 36th President of TANTEX and to serve our Telugu community through the TANTEX platform.

Secretary's Report:

Kalyani Tadimeti, Secretary provided a summary of the activities of various wings of TANTEX, such as Telugu Sahitya Vedika, Vanitaa Vedika, Maitri, Spoorthi, Sports team, Telugu Velugu, Sukheebhava, Community Services, Ganasudha Mana TANTEX Radio and others, for the benefit of the new members.

- **e-News Metrics / Social Media / Web:** TANTEX currently sends out e-News twice a week to over 2724 email addresses. The open rate is 20 (%) percent, whereas the industry average of -2 (%) percent for non-profits. For items with active links, the click rate is around 3%.
- **TANTEX-Supported Activities:** Activities with many local and national organizations in support of literary, cultural, social, and health-related needs.
- **Community Outreach Programs:** Backpack programs, Telugu language support, health awareness camps, and tax and immigration seminars are examples.

Membership Report:

The following report was provided by Subba Reddy Kondu, Membership Chair:

As of 10/16/2021, twelve (12) Life Members and five (5) Annual Members have been added to the list for the year 2021.

TANTEX has **1325** Life Members as of today.

Treasurer Report:

Treasurer Chandra Sekhar Pottipati provided an update on various types of TANTEX accounts, as well as the specific process used for revenue and expense transactions.

The following is a summary of Account Types:

Business Checking for day-to-day transactions	---	\$ 7,460.76
Business Savings (with Life Membership)	---	\$ 261,233.16
Business Investment	---	\$ 2,862.14
CD Account (CD account closed, and funds (\$1615.52) moved to Savings on 03/29/2021)	---	CLOSED
Paypal Account	---	\$ 187.23

Revenue Sources: Revenue comes primarily from annual sponsors, event sponsors, Telugu Velugu advertising, membership dues, and other donations.

Expenses: The Treasurer provided an overview of the various types of event expenses that TANTEX incurs throughout the year.

Meeting proceedings, suggestions, and Floor discussions

- Life Membership - Why is TANTEX charging a high fee of \$ 200.00 when national organizations charge much lower fees?
- We cannot be compared to national organizations because we are a local organization. Many of our events include dinner for a minimum price of \$ 10.00.
- This year, how many new members have joined?
- A total of twelve (12) life members and five (5) annual members.
- Membership should be expanded due to the significant growth of the Telugu community in DFW in recent years.
- A member suggests holding TANTEX membership drives in different communities across the metroplex. Reduction in membership fees
- Life members' children over the age of 21 receive a membership discount.
- Suggestion for membership after children of members aged 21 and up
- A special membership drive was required to increase the number of members.
- The election process must be updated as part of a structural change that necessarily involves a full quorum.
- Age-based Executive Committee positions, such as encourage youth and students, should be filled in the coming years.
- Why are elections not held? It is suggested that youth leaders be included as well.
- Conduct youth-related education camps to support children and bring our mythological scriptures in an easy-to-understand format for younger children. It was suggested that supportive programs for youth be introduced.
- Spoorti Chair Kalyani Tadimeti stated that despite the current economic climate, we finished three partnership programs this year with TANA.

President Lakshmi Annapurna Paleti responded, saying, "We will discuss these topics at our next GoB meeting and respond accordingly to make a decision."

The next annual general body meeting will implement a special membership drive with reduced fees for a limited time in major Telugu families. Membership drives in a number of Telugu-speaking communities.

MVL Prasad's discussion points:

- The current By-laws were drafted in response to specific situations and circumstances that existed at the time. Right now, our main issue is a lack of quorum; members are unable to attend for a variety of reasons. He is also willing to update the By-laws with the help of a volunteer.
- What are the reasons that members do not attend Annual Meetings? We must investigate the root causes and work to eliminate them. All structural changes require a quorum. Minor discussions can be held, and then we can vote and move on to the next item on the agenda.

President Lakshmi Annapurna Paleti stated, "We are attempting to involve members in the upcoming meetings, and we will make every effort to increase the number of attendees." She invited the current members in attendance to join their friends and families as TANTEX members.

Suggestions:

- In the absence of quorum, MVL Prasad makes a recommendation regarding approval of previous years' Annual General Body Meeting Minutes. Dr. Pavan Pamadurthi, BoT Chair, asked if anyone had any reservations about approving meeting minutes for four (4) years, i.e. 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020. Because we have an exceptional quorum situation, we can approve meeting minutes from the previous four years while deferring major structural proposals. Proposals 1-13 are exempt because the 2017 meeting minutes require a full quorum.
- An open item pertaining to 2020 meeting minutes that is a suggestion rather than an amendment related to quorum; because we have not had quorum for the last few years, it was suggested to remove quorum for the Annual General Body Meeting; however, the member who proposed this has withdrawn his suggestion (Ramakrishna Rodda).
- To maintain clarity for all members, it is suggested that a detailed financial report be added to the Annual General Body meeting in the future. These statements have been missing from the meeting minutes for the past four years.
- Meeting attendance - Include all BoT, EC, and GoB meeting attendance, as well as all those who stay from start to finish. In the future, add and implement the template shared with President Lakshmi Annapurna Paleti. Going forward, it's a good idea to include meeting minutes in Telugu as well.
- All four-year meeting minutes must be approved, with the exception of key points that require a full quorum. (2017 to 2020).

Review and approval of the 2017 Annual General Body meeting minutes

- Proposed by Ramakrishna Rodda Seconded by Venkat Mulukutla

Review and approval of the 2018 Annual General Body meeting minutes

- Proposed by Ramakrishna Lavu Seconded by Narasimha Reddy Urimindi

Review and approval of the 2019 Annual General Body meeting minutes

- Proposed by Suresh Pathaneni Seconded by A V M Srinivas

Review and approval of the 2020 Annual General Body meeting minutes

- Proposed by Chinnasatyam Veernapu and seconded by Ramakrishna Rodda

NOTE: All issues raised at the Annual Body meeting will be addressed at the next GoB meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 03:15 PM. by the Chair, Lakshmi Annapurna Paleti