



TANA - Board of Directors Meeting# 30 (2021 - 2023)

Monday, 13th February 2023 from 8:30 pm ET

Teleconference

	Position	Name	Present	Absent
1	Chairman	Dr. Hanumaiah Bandla	✓	
2	Secretary, BoD	Mr. Murali Vennam	✓	
3	Treasurer, BoD	Mrs. Laxmi Devineni	✓	
4	Director	Dr. Chowdary Jampala	✓	
5	Director	Mr. Srinivas Lavu	✓	
6	Director	Dr. Nagendra Srinivas Kodali	✓	
7	Director	Mr. Janardhan Nimmalapudi	✓	
8	President	Mr. Anjaiah Chowdary Lavu	✓	
9	Executive Vice President	Mr. Niranjan Srungavarapu	✓	
10	Immediate Past President	Mr. Jay Talluri	✓	
11	Secretary	Mr. Sateesh Vemuri	✓	
12	Treasurer	Mr. Ashok Babu Kolla	✓	
13	Chairman, TANA Foundation	Mr. Venkataramana Yarlagadda	✓	
14	Secretary, TANA Foundation	Mr. Sashikanth Vallepalli	✓	
15	Treasurer, TANA Foundation	Mr. Srikanth Polavarapu	✓	

The Special meeting was called to order by Dr. Hanumaiah Bandla, Chairman of BOD, with the following agenda via Teleconference, pursuant to the Bylaws and 15 members attended.

Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Approval of previous Board meeting minutes
3. Update on Gudipati et al legal matter
4. Update on Alluri et al legal matter
5. Update on Batineni et al legal matter
6. Payment of attorney fees
7. Legal notice from Sateesh Vemuri
8. Update on Reimbursement in Yarlagadda Venkata Ramana et al legal matter
9. Election communications
 - a) TANA Website
 - b) Email Communication
10. Issues with TANA website
11. Grievance by Ashok Kolla
12. Grievance by Murali Talluri
13. Foundation Donor members issue
14. Address changes to voters list
15. Grievance by Naren Kodali
16. Adjournment



MOTIONS

1. Mr. Ashok Kolla moved that “the minutes of “21-23 TANA BOD meeting #25, #26, #27, #28, #29 be approved”. This motion was seconded by Mr. Niranjana Srungavarapu and BoD members voted as follows.

Voted Yes – Mr. Chowdary Jampala, Mr. Sateesh Vemuri, Mr. Ashok Kolla, Mr. Jay Talluri, Mr. Niranjana Srungavarapu, Mr. Srikanth Polavarapu, Mr. Murali Vennam, Mr. Sashikanth Vallepalli.

Voted No –

Abstain - – Mr. Anjaiah Chowdary Lavu, Mr. Janardhan Nimmalapudi, Mr. Srinivas Lavu, Dr. Nagendra Srinivas Kodali

The motion was adopted.

2. Mr. Chowdary Jampala moved the following

At a meeting of the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of the Telugu Association of North America, Inc. (“TANA”) held on the 10th day of February, 2023 the following resolution was adopted by a majority of the Board members:

WHEREAS: The Board previously considered a request from Krishna Gudipati, Murali Mohan Batchu, and Hazarath Darapaneni (“Plaintiffs 1-3”) on October 10, 2022 to amend TANA’s Bylaws to permit Plaintiffs to vote in the upcoming 2023 elections. After considering Plaintiff’s amendment, the Board rejected the proposal.

WHEREAS: Plaintiffs 1-3 filed a Complaint for Permanent Injunction and Declaratory Judgment in the Circuit Court of Maryland for Baltimore City on October 14, 2022, along with a Motion for Temporary Restraining Order and Preliminary Injunction. The Court denied Plaintiffs 1-3’s Emergency Motion for Restraining Order on October 28, 2022, but granted Plaintiff 1-3s’ request for a Preliminary Injunction on November 10, 2022, which was continued again at a hearing on January 19, 2023.

WHEREAS: Plaintiffs 1-3 subsequently filed a Demand for Arbitration with the American Arbitration Association, and a final arbitration hearing is set for April 3-4, 2023, with a decision to be issued within 30 days of the hearing.

WHEREAS Plaintiffs 1-3 also filed a motion a Motion of Contempt Motion against TANA on February 9, 2023.



WHEREAS: Raju R. Alluri, Phanidhar Annamreddy, and Srinivas Yalamanchi (“Plaintiffs 4-6”) filed a Demand for Arbitration with the American Arbitration Association, on January 23, 2023, that they and others similarly situated, be allowed the right to vote and participate in the TANA elections and also filed on February 9, 2023, a motion for preliminary injunction.

WHEREAS: Plaintiff Murali Mohan Batchu was approved by the TANA Executive Committee as a member on April 13, 2022, and is considered a Member in Good Standing according to TANA bylaws and is eligible to fully participate in the 2023 elections.

WHEREAS: The Board believes it is in the best interest of TANA to settle the current arbitration proceeding and reduce the cost of further litigation. Without admission of any liability, the Board moves to add Krishna Gudipati, Hazarath Darapaneni, Raju R Alluri, Phanidhar Annamreddy, and Srinivas C. Yalamanchi to the Eligible Voter List and further permit Krishna Gudipati, Hazarath Darapaneni, Raju R Alluri, Phanidhar Annamreddy, and Srinivas C. Yalamanchi to nominate or second candidates and to vote in the 2023 TANA elections.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED: That the Board hereby approves a resolution to resolve the pending litigation matters concerning Plaintiffs’ eligibility to vote in the 2023 elections, thereby allowing Krishna Gudipati, Hazarath Darapaneni, Raju R Alluri, Phanidhar Annamreddy, and Srinivas C. Yalamanchi to participate, including nominating and seconding candidates and voting, in the 2023 TANA organizational elections. This resolution is solely limited to these two pending matters and should not be construed to apply to any subsequent challenges or grievances, and that will each be evaluated on their merits.

This motion was seconded by Mr. Niranjan Srungavarapu and BoD members voted as follows.

Voted Yes – Mr. Chowdary Jampala, Mr. Sateesh Vemuri, Mr. Ashok Kolla, Mr. Jay Talluri, Mr. Niranjan Srungavarapu, Mr. Srikanth Polavarapu, Mr. Murali Vennam, Mr. Venkata Ramana Yarlalagadda

Voted No –

Abstain - Ms. Lakshmi Devineni, Mr. Anjaiah Chowdary Lavu, Mr. Janardhan Nimmalapudi, Mr. Srinivas Lavu, Dr. Nagendra Srinivas Kodali, Mr. Sashikanth Vallepalli.

The motion was adopted.

2.a Mr. Anjaiah Chowdary Lavu proposed an amendment to the above resolution.

“To give voting rights to all life members who joined by Jan. 31st 2022 with simple majority including all the foundation donor members approved by foundation”



This amendment to the motion was seconded by Mr. Janardhan Nimmalapudi and the BOD members voted as follows.

Voted Yes – Ms. Lakshmi Devineni, Mr. Anjaiah Chowdary Lavu, Mr. Janardhan Nimmalapudi, Mr. Srinivas Lavu, Dr. Nagendra Srinivas Kodali, Mr. Sashikanth Vallepalli, Mr. Venkata Ramana Yarlagadda

Voted No – Mr. Chowdary Jampala , Mr. Sateesh Vemuri, Mr. Ashok Kolla, Mr. Jay Talluri, Mr. Niranjana Srungavarapu, Mr. Srikanth Polavarapu, Mr. Murali Vennam, Hanumaiah Bandla

Abstain -

The amendment to the motion was not adopted.

- 3 Mr. Ashok Kolla proposed that “The board should authorize to pay the pending invoices to the attorney and pay the future bills in a timely manner”. This motion was seconded by Mr. Sateesh Vemuri and the BOD members voted as follows.

Voted Yes – Ms. Lakshmi Devineni, Mr. Anjaiah Chowdary Lavu, Mr. Sashikanth Vallepalli, Mr. Venkata Ramana Yarlagadda, Mr. Chowdary Jampala , Mr. Sateesh Vemuri, Mr. Ashok Kolla, Mr. Jay Talluri, Mr. Niranjana Srungavarapu, Mr. Srikanth Polavarapu, Mr. Murali Vennam

Voted No –

Abstain - Mr. Janardhan Nimmalapudi, Mr. Srinivas Lavu, Dr. Nagendra Srinivas Kodali,

The motion was adopted.

- 3.a Mr. Chowdary Jampala proposed an amendment to the above resolution.

To add “ and the board expresses its faith in Mr. Sklaire in legal representation to TANA”

This amendment to the motion was seconded by Mr. Jay Talluri and the BOD members voted as follows.

Voted Yes – Ms. Lakshmi Devineni, Mr. Venkata Ramana Yarlagadda, Mr. Chowdary Jampala , Mr. Sateesh Vemuri, Mr. Ashok Kolla, Mr. Jay Talluri, Mr. Niranjana Srungavarapu, Mr. Srikanth Polavarapu, Mr. Murali Vennam

Voted No – Mr. Anjaiah Chowdary Lavu, Mr. Janardhan Nimmalapudi, Mr. Srinivas Lavu, Dr. Nagendra Srinivas Kodali,

Abstain - Mr. Sashikanth Vallepalli

The amendment to the motion was adopted.



- 4 Mr. Niranjan Srungavarapu moved that “the board authorizes Dr. Jampala to continue as the legal liaison and authorizes him to provide directions to the legal counsel as needed when the board is not in session. The board reserves the right to provide directions and guidance on all legal matters”. This motion was seconded by Mr. Ashok Kolla and the BOD members voted as follows.

Voted Yes – Mr. Sateesh Vemuri, Mr. Ashok Kolla, Mr. Jay Talluri, Mr. Niranjan Srungavarapu, Mr. Srikanth Polavarapu, Mr. Murali Vennam

Voted No – Mr. Anjaiah Chowdary Lavu, Mr. Janardhan Nimmalapudi, Mr. Srinivas Lavu, Dr. Nagendra Srinivas Kodali, Mr. Sashikanth Valleppalli

Abstain - Ms. Lakshmi Devineni, Mr. Venkata Ramana Yarlagadda, Mr. Chowdary Jampala

The motion was adopted.

- 5 Mr. Chowdary Jampala moved that “The board recommends the N/E committee to change the election schedule to the following dates.

Publication of Election Schedule:	Tuesday January 31, 2023
Last date for receipt of nominations:	Thursday, February 23, 2023
Approval of nominations/notification to candidates:	Thursday, March 02, 2023
Last date for withdrawal of nominations:	Thursday, March 09, 2023
Publication/notification of final list of Nominations:	Sunday, March 12, 2023
Final day to submit Election Flyers	Wednesday, March 15, 2023
Ballot mailing *	Thursday, March 23, 2023
Last date by which ballots must be received *	Friday, April 21, 2023
Ballot Counting *	Saturday, April 22, 2023
Certification/ Publication of election results *	Sunday, April 23, 2023

* These dates are tentative, subject to the finalization of Voters List pending the issuance of a final and binding arbitration award pursuant to Article XIX of TANA's by-laws, and conclusion of current legal matters in Maryland.

This motion was seconded by Mr. Srini Lavu and was adopted unanimously.

- 6 Mr. Niranjan Srungavarapu moved to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Mr. Janardhan Nimmalapudi and adopted unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned on Monday, 13th February 2023 at 11:46 pm ET.

Minutes recorded by: **Mr. Murali Vennam, Secretary, TANA BoD.**