

Pratap Das, Candidate for OSA President



Pratap Das is a life member of OSA since 1984 and was the Secretary-Treasurer of OSA for the year 1983-85. He earned his MA in Psychology from Utkal 1973 and MBA from American University in 1976. He is the President for Community Services at the Asian Indian for Community Services (AICS) at Washington DC since 2005. He is the President of Indian Performing Arts Promotions Inc. (IPAP) promoting Odissi worldwide. He organized 3 international Odissi Festival including the last festival held in Bhubaneswar in 2006. He received the first Kalashree Award from OSA. He was the Washington DC local chapter president in 1995-96 and OSA Convener in 1983 and 1991 at Washington D.C. Pratap, his wife Pinu, and their two children Swagat

(24) and Pallavi (20) live in Poolesville, Maryland.

His vision for OSA is to strive to re-build what does not work and preserve what works best in the “house” we all have built in the last 38 years. In his own words: “I offer my time, experience and leadership to bring respect, harmony and unity among us. I must encourage all the members to take pride in OSA again and attract new memberships to OSA. Various organizational improvements are needed such as: (i) Financial transparency of funds including on-time reporting to IRS including review by independent auditors. (ii) Amending the OSA constitutions and by-laws to adapt to current issues such as need for mediating conflicts or grievances by creating a panel ombudsman to review cases. (iii) Creating an OSA archive for collecting and preserving all relevant documents such as registration(s), financial reports, minutes of executive and general body meeting, journals, publications etc. (iv) Working closely with local chapters towards achieving OSA goals, compliances, and formulating OSA guidelines for convention activities by forming National Policy Committees. (v) Facilitating opportunities for young OSA members to participate in decision and policy making process. (vi) Encouraging children to appreciate and learn Oriya language, music and dance. (vii) Bringing membership benefits to its members such as discounted travel, life/health insurance, etc. (viii) Continuing a close tie with Orissa and its welfare. (ix) Establishing a permanent OSA membership office for updating the OSA directory. (x) Bringing corporate sponsorships for funding towards additional programs for our members, and (xi) Maintaining an effective OSA website.”

Ashutosh Dutta, Candidate for OSA Vice President



Ashutosh Dutta had 6th rank in Matric Board in 1979, did I.Sc. from BJB college, B.Sc (Engg) from NIT Rourkela, MS in Computer Science from NJIT, ABD at Columbia University in Electrical Engineering. Ashutosh was the president of OSANY [90-92] and was the co-convenor of the Silver Jubilee convention in 1994 at Pomona, NJ. Ashutosh was one of the founders of ORNET and took the leadership of creating ORNET and has been maintaining this world-wide network of people from Orissa for the last 18 years since its inception in 1989. He is a Senior Scientist at Telcordia Technologies. Ashutosh has been awarded IEEE Princeton Section Leadership award in 2005. Ashutosh is a life

member of OSA. He lives with his wife Sarmistha and two kids Srijoy and Arijit in Bridgewater, NJ.

Dr. Priyadarsan Patra, Candidate for OSA Secretary



Dr. Priyadarsan Patra was born and brought up in Brahmapur, Ganjam . He had his schooling also in Banpur, Puri and Cuttack (Ravenshaw). He holds a B.Sc. in Physics, B.Engg. in ECE from IISc Bangalore, an M.S. from UMass Amherst, and a Ph.D. in Computer Science from UT Austin . He is an award-winning, senior research scientist at Intel’s renowned Microprocessor Technology Labs and is a founding member of the Validation Research Lab. He has authored numerous technical papers, patents, as well as public-interest articles. An IEEE senior member,

Priyadarsan has served as a Chair/TPCM for several IEEE/ACM conferences. He has guided several Ph.D. students, and mentored many young professors throughout the country. He has given several invited lectures in India as well, including the IIT, IISc, and Orissa’s NIT Rourkela, KIIT, JITM and UCE Burla Golden Jubilee celebration. Priyadarsan shares a deep and joyous passion for sustainable & equitable development and technology’s influence on social progress. He is Founding Chair of the Board of Directors of the Sustainable Economic and Educational Development Society (SEEDS). Some of the last 15 years’ collaborative work for Orissa are published on www.seedsnet.org and else where. In order to spread the concept of social entrepreneurship and a “participatory consciousness” for social equity, educational excellence, and sustainable economic development, he has spoken at numerous conferences, conventions and gatherings. He is the recipient of the first Distinguished Young Oriya Award of the OSA. Social activism dates back to his college days when he co-founded India Progressive Action Group in Austin where it won “Best Student” organization award for leadership in socio-political issues affecting South Asians. A life member of OSA, he brings together Odias in North West . He promotes or supports all Odissi dance and music performances in Portland , and serves as a director of a local temple’s board. Believing in the great importance of giving to the local community, he has taught Portland-area kids for a few years as an award-winning coach, and is a United-way Ambassador. Priyadarsan lives in Portland , Oregon with his wife Anu and kids Ashish & Adarsh.

Sandeep Dasverma , Candidate for Treasurer



Sandeep Dasverma is extremely passionate in regards to helping Orissa. He has been making sure that more and more qualified but financially deprived students from Orissa are able to avail scholarships offered by the FFE (Foundation for Excellence). Every year he prods the FFE co-ordinators, both in the US and in India to nominate worthy students and then literally fights with the FFE decision makers so that the applicants are indeed given the scholarships. He also spearheads fund raising for RMTS (Rural Math Talent Search) as well makes great efforts

(including bugging DMs and BDOs) to publicize the event in various districts and blocks of Orissa so that more students take the RMTS examination. The amount he raises and handles for RMTS is perhaps more than OSA’s annual spending sans the convention. For his service to Orissa and Odias he received the Gopabandhu award at the recent 2007 OSA convention. He lives in Richland, Washington with his wife Lila and daughter Barnali.