

3rd Executive/ Board Meeting

Nepalese Association in Southeast America

02.00 PM Eastern Time

Oct 02, 2011

17 Walden Ct. Columbia, South Carolina

Participants:

Sanjeeb Sapkota, Ram Dongol, Gobinda Shrestha, Hari Bhandari, Mohan Bista, Dr. Ram Chandra Baral

Participants via phone

Sagun Shrestha, Dhana Timilsina, Bimal Nepal, Priti Sagar Khatri, Madhav Mainali, Madhav Dhakal

Observers:

Raja Ghale, Manish Shakya, Satish Gupta, Piyush Upadhyaya, Kusum Baral, Bidhya Gurung, Sangita Dongol, Sabina Sapkota

Open and welcome

Sanjeeb Sapkota opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. He thanked South Carolina Association of the Nepalese (SCAN) for organizing the NASEA executive meeting and Dr. Ram Chandra Baral and Mrs. Kusum Baral for hosting the meeting.

Sagun Shrestha mentioned the housekeeping and requested Gobinda Shrestha to facilitate the meeting on his behalf.

Selection of Advisors:

Sanjeeb Sapkota mentioned that he as the president would frequently seek advices from the following three categories of the people i) former presidents ii) presidents or representatives of state level organizations in the southeast iii) past executive members who are not in the current executive body.

However he said that a select group of people has to be identified to provide advices to him and the executive board. He proposed that such advisors have to have contributed in NASEA directly or indirectly for at least 10 years or who has the potential of tremendously assisting NASEA in providing services to the people it aims to serve. He read the names that met this requirement from the list that was gathered in the last meeting. The group discussed the names and decided on the following as the advisors for the next term:

Ajaya Satyal (Florida), Dr. Shiva Gautam (Massachusetts), Govinda Giri Prerana (Maryland), Dr. Sushama Pradhan (North Carolina), Dr. Bhaskar Dawadi (Florida), Bala Panta (Georgia), Bob Gerzoff (Georgia), Prahlad Pant (Georgia) and Dr. Khusiram Tiwari (Mississippi).

Everyone accepted the names. Sanjeeb will contact them to receive their confirmation.

Committees and subcommittees:

Sanjeeb Sapkota highlighted the need of various committees and sub-committees in executing various activities and tasks for NASEA. Following Committees with the chair and members has been discussed and decided, but some names are pending and need to be confirmed. Some large committees need to have co-chairs for its efficient functioning.

Public Relations Committee

Role of the committee: provide direct services to the Nepalese communities that NASEA serve such as blood drives, monthly talk sessions, tax services and many other matters related to public relations.

Chair: Dr. Ram C Baral, **Co-Chair:** Dr. Lila Bdr Karki, Hari Bhandari, Janak Baral, Madhav Mainali, Tara Pun, Ram Dongol, Kumar Bhandari, Kumar KC.

Subcommittees of Public Relations: i) **Tax services:** Kumar Bhandari, ii) **People of Nepali Origin excluding from Nepal** and including from Bhutan, Myanmar and Diaspora: Narayan Khadka, Dhana Timilsina

Fund Raising and membership Drive Committee:

Chair: Gobinda Shrestha, **Members:** Ram Dongol, Hari Bhandari, Manish Shakya, Dr Baral, Lekh Sharma, Tara Pun, Saunak Ranjitkar, Bala Pant, Prahlad Pant, Madhav Dhakal, Choodamani Khanal, Priti Sagar Khatri, Raja Ghale, Shakti Aryal

Immigration, Legal and Conflict Resolution Committee

Chair : Narayan Khadka. Members: Janak Baral, Mohan Bista, Dhana Timilsina, Priti Khatri,

Multimedia Committee

Role of the committee: Promote NASEA and its activities through YouTube and other outlets. Promotes NASEA with PowerPoint, video etc.

Chair: Suman Silwal, Members: Santosh Ramdan, Govinda Giri Prerana, Himgyap Tashi, Deepak Gajmeer, Dinesh Thapa

Publication Committee

Chair: Choodamani Khanal, Members: Dr. Tilak Shrestha, Suman Silwal.

NASEA Project Consolidation Committee:

Co-chairs: Dr. Lila Karki/ Ram Dongol, Members: Priti Sagar Khatri, Dr. Ram C. Baral, Dr. Tilak Shrestha

External Relations Committee

Role: maintains and strengthen relationship that the President and the board makes with associations/ organization in regional, national and international level

Chair: Bimal Nepal, members: Narayan Khadka, Madhav Mainali, Raja Ghale, Saunak Ranjitkar

Sports Promotion Committee

Tasks: coordinates with youth in Southeast region. Organizes NASEA Youth Soccer tournament involving youth

Chair: Mohan Bista; Members Madan Yonjan, Hari Bhandari, Madhav Mainali, Angira Kharel, Prem Kunwar, Satish Gupta

Children and youth Committee

Promotes and organizes Programs specifically for Children of pre-teen ages and also meant for youth.

Chair/ members: Sangeeta Dongol; Members: Sushma Shrestha, Dr. Sushama Pradhan, Rapana Shrestha, Dr. Archana Kattel, Sagun Shrestha, Srijana Sharma, Sabina Sapkota

Information Technology Committee

Chair: Sagun Shrestha; Members: Shailendra Bajracharya, Lekh Sharma

Entrepreneur Committee:

Role: Identifies key business persons and entrepreneur who could potentially support events and projects that NASEA supports or sponsors.

Chair: Dhana Timilsina **Members:** Gobinda Shrestha, Madhav Mainali, Madhav Dhakal

Nepali Language and Literature Promotion Committee

Chair: Bimal Nepal, **Co-chair:** Janak Baral, Dr. Ram Chandra Baral, Dipendra Thapa, Pashupati Neupane

Cultural Promotion Committee

Chair: Janak Baral, **Co-Chair:** Dipendra Thapa, Members: Kusum Baral, Madhav Mainali, Madhav Dhakal, Dr. Divya Pradhan, Kalyan Kadel

Tea Break

Website overhaul:

Sagun walked the group through the developing website at www.naseaonline.info and showed its features. It has many new features as the link to the NASEA supported projects, states of the southeast. The group thanked Sagun and team for the hard work they have put and gave the following feedbacks i) a banner should be changed to the one that represent southeast and Nepal, ii) the middle section could have two columns, one on the right with current activities/ events and the one of the left with recently held/completed activities.

8th ANMA NASEA Convention 2012. Selection of co-chair persons:

Association of Nepalese in the Midwest America (ANMA) has moved ahead with the preparation for the 8th NAsEA ANMA Convention that is being held during the labor day weekend of September 2012. Gopendra Bhattra, who has been the co-chair of the 7th NAsEA ANMA Convention and the president of Nepalese Association in Indiana (NAI) is the chairperson of the upcoming 8th convention. Because the conventions has grown in size in terms of activities and number of people, a large number of volunteers are required for its preparation. For this purpose, ANMA has selected three co-chairpersons and has requested NAsEA to nominate three co-chairs as well.

The board nominated following three as the co-chairs based on their interest and experience: Ram Dongol, Dr. Ram Chandra Baral and Dhana Timilsina.

Slide projector:

A slide projector was bought for the purpose of the convention to meet the needs of various programs at the 7th NAsEA ANMA convention hosted by NAG. It was decided that NAsEA keep this projector as its property and pay the amount to the person who bought it for the convention. NAsEA officials in different states might use the projector to present activities of NAsEA.

NAsEA Inventory:

Since NAsEA does not has its own physical office yet, various NAsEA inventories, including the slide projectors, are with different officials. Sagun suggested that NAsEA treasurer make a list of NAsEA inventories and share this in the website. Bimal suggested that such inventory could be shipped to different officials as they would need it.

NAsEA monthly conference call with state presidents/ representatives:

Sanjeeb explained that every month a conference call will be held with the presidents of the state/ metro organizations in the southeast America. The purpose of this conference call is to provide organizations with a forum to share their activities and to plan activities collectively in the southeast. This is separate from the executive board meeting of the NAsEA officers that is also held once every month.

NAsEA Calendar of Events:

NAsEA would soon bring out a calendar of events that would include the activities in various states of the southeast.

Next Meeting:

NAsEA executive meeting will be held at least once a month. For November, Alabama Nepalese Association (ALNA) has invited NAsEA for its executive meeting in Birmingham, and for December, Florida Association of Nepalese Societies (FANS) has showed interest in hosting the meeting in Tampa, Florida. The board approved this and thanked ALNA and FANS for their support.

Sanjeeb Sapkota mentioned that the monthly meeting should be held in different state of the southeast. If there would be need, more than one meeting would be held in a month. In such case, 'mid-monthly' meeting could be held over the phone or the university based Nepali organization in Georgia could be approached to see if they would host such meeting. Sanjeeb proposed one quick meeting on Thursday, October 13 to cover any items that would be followed up or other new agenda items.

Other

Members of SCAN sought information about how to organize a convention and NAsEA officials answered them. SCAN is strongly thinking of bidding for the convention of 2013. NAsEA officials welcomed their plan and encouraged them to plan but cautioned that there are other bidders as well so a selection committee will set out the criteria and make the decision about the location.

Adjourn

Sanjeeb Sapkota thanked Gobinda Shrestha for facilitating the meeting and SCAN and the host family again for their generous hosting of NAsEA meeting. He wished all a safe travel back home.