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**Mission Statement of NASEA,  
a non-profit organization**

To promote Nepalese culture and values;  
to advocate for human rights, freedom  
and peace; and to serve fellow human  
beings.

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## **NASEA General Assembly**

**Indianapolis, Indiana**

**September 2, 2012**

**Start Time: 8 pm**

**End Time: 10: 30 pm**

### **ATTENDEES**

Archana Kattel, Bal Bahadur Thapa, Bimal Karki, Dhana Timilshina, Dipendra Thapa, Ganesh Basnet, Gangadhar Timilsina, Govinda Giri Prerana, Hari Singh, Kaji Gurung, Krishna Shrestha, Krishna Pokharel, Krishna Paudel, Madhav Mainali, Manish Shakya, Mohan Bista, Manoj Pradhan, Dr. Praladh Pant, Pramila Singh, Dr. Ram Baral, Ram Dangol, Sabina Sapkota, Sangita Dangol, Dr. Sanjeeb Sapkota, Shaliendra Khatri, Subodh Gautam, Dr. Tilak Shrestha

### **Minutes by Dipendra Thapa, executive member, NASEA**

Dr. Sanjeeb Sapkota call the assembly to the order and announced the proposal to elect Dr. Prahlad Pant the chairperson of the general assembly as per the decision of NASEA executive committee meeting held on August 25, 2012. He asked those in favor to raise hands. All raised their hands. He asked those not in favors to raise hands. No one raised hands. He then announced that Dr. Prahlad Pant as the chairperson of the general assembly and invited him to come to the front and assume the chairmanship.

Dr. Pralhad Pant (the chairperson) thanked the executive committee and the general assembly for electing him the chairperson and recalled that he had the honor of chairing the assembly back on 2010 as well when NASEA bylaws were amended.

The chairperson then asked a volunteer to take the minutes. Dipendra Thapa, volunteered and came to the front to take the minutes.

The chairperson then asked the president Sanjeeb Sapkota to present his annual report to the general assembly.

President Sapkota began his annual report with the PowerPoint presentation titled 'Dedicated to People NASEA is truly a community serving organization for the people'. He said he was proud to lead 19 members of executive committee that consist of a diverse professional background including 10 entrepreneurs, 3 PhDs, several masters, academics, experts in IT, health etc. There are 19 members in the team with all type of variable background. He said that NASEA is proud of its cohort of advisors who provide crucial advises to the executive committee. He said that each of them is accountable for the success of NASEA

has accomplished thus far.

President Sapkota mentioned that NASEA executive committee met 14 times in the past 11 months in 6 different states for the executive meetings; there are 15 committees in NASEA through which several activities have been achieved. He said that NASEA organized monthly events to empower children through children webinar, talk session to bring people from around the world who have held the name of Nepal and Nepali high, Immigration Conference call, Monthly Satsang. He said that NASEA has saved at least 1200 lives through 8 blood drives conducted last year through Community Services Committee led by Dr. Lila Bdr Karki; provided forum to presidents of Nepali Organizations in city, state and universities of United States through external relations committee that is led by Bimal Nepal; showed a "Postcard" in slide that has all the activities that NASEA did last year; mentioned that NASEA has published following five guides:

- NASEA Guide to Organizing a Blood Drive
- NASEA Guide to Organizing 5K/2K Walk and Run
- NASEA Guide to Organizing Dheusi Bhailo in your city and states
- NASEA Guide to Safety of Employees Working at Gas Stations/ Convenience Stores in the United States.
- Proceeding 7<sup>th</sup> NASEA and ANMA Convention Guide

The major upcoming activities and events are

- Walk and Run
- Nepali Festival
- Nation Convention in Greenville, South Carolina
- The detail of president report is uploaded in NASEA website under the heading 'Past 12 months'  
<http://www.naseaonline.org/index736e.html?p=1623>

Dr. Baral added the role of Public Relations Committee is promoting Nepali Literature in the diaspora and informed the about the upcoming plans to promote Nepali literature.

Chairperson Dr. Pant thanked NASEA President Sapkota and mentioned him as a great leader whose hard work have NASEA reach new heights. The Chairperson then invited

NASEA treasurer to present his report.

**NASeA treasurer Govinda Shrestha, shared the annual financial report as of August 31<sup>st</sup> 2012 report with a total balance of \$ 45,445.48 of which 16,307.56 has been the revenue since this executive committee took the hand over in Sept of last year and with the revenue of \$3791.82 this year alone beginning in January of 2012. The total funds represents 45, 445.48 consists of Children's fund, General fund, fee received for Life member, surplus from walk and run, Dheusire celebration and running Nepali School.**

NASeA treasurer informed the formation of the following finance committee as mandated by NASeA bylaws to guide and provide consultations on financial matters. The Finance Committee comprising of 5 people are:

- Sanjeeb Sapkota, Current President
- Govinda Shrestha, Current Treasurer
- Tek Thapa, former President
- Madhab Bhattarai, Board of Director, Nepali Center of N. Carolina
- Ram Dangol, former treasurer

Ram Dongol read out added that the 52% of the NASeA fund came from life member fee. There are a total of 156 life members now.

Mr. Dongol informed that a total of 23 new life members have been added when this executive committee took over and through intense life membership campaign the number is planned to be increased.

Mr. Dongol mentioned that a total of \$6,000 dollars was raised by NAG and NASeA to help Damadhor Pathak. He also showed gratitude to Prahlad and Bindu Pant that is helping the two children of deceased Pathak through scholarship and school supplies in Nepal.

Madhav Mainali suggested that we need application to raise money; we might need to charge election candidate fees, etc to raise money.

Dr. Lila Karki asked clarification on the excel sheet of NASeA balance sheet and made suggestions that it would be easy and efficient if the donors are listed together with the amount to know who gave funds.

Madhav Mainali suggested printing the financial report and sharing to others.

Govinda Shrestha clarified that this excel sheet is only a summary and because of time and space limitation the detail could not be displayed but welcomed anyone to contact him for the breakdown of the expense. He mentioned the detail would be posted in the website.

Dr. Lila Karki also advised to give a detail budget in terms of revenue and expenses of 2012 convention held in Indianapolis. He mentioned that there are many people who pledged which is not adequately clarified in the report. Dr. Karki also wondered that the report mentioned expense for Nepal Wireless Project with no to revenue. Madhav Mainali suggested it will be best to show in an Appendix section of the financial report. Gobinda Shrestha mentioned that the detail of 2012 convention is being worked out and since the convention has not ended as yet the total balance is not ready yet. Once it is ready it will be shared to all. Ram Dongol clarified the expense of Nepal Wireless listed this year was paid towards the revenue collected in 2011.

Dr. Lila Karki enquired about the Nepali calendar and its expenses and asked why it is being freely distributed in the convention. Gobinda Shrestha mentioned what is mentioned in the Excel is a summary and he has the detail. The calendar has been printed with the help of two sponsors. Most of the calendar has been sold but some remaining ones are distributed freely because there are only four months left for the end of the year now and its chances of being sold are negligible.

Dr. Prahlad Pant proposed the motion for the adoption of the President's report and the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Dr. Tilak Shrestha. The general assembly unanimously adopted both the report.

Dhanu Timilshina asked if it is good to put NASEA's fund to investment.

Dr. Baral shared the thought that stock market currently is not an option because the interest is negligible and it is probably not worthy. Investment as trustee institution may be an option...

Madhav Mainali proposed presentations by Nepali organizations in different cities and states. Chairman Pant invited him to present on behalf of Nepalese Association of North Alabama. Chairman Pant then invited Manoj Pradhan to present on behalf of Nepal Center of North Carolina, followed by INLS Florida Chapter by Krishna Shrestha.

Chairman Dr. Pant then thanked everyone and adjourn the meeting.