

Nepalese Association in Southeast America

Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2007
Birmingham, Alabama
(Respectfully submitted by Mr. Tek Thapa, General Secretary)

The fifth meeting of the executive body (2005-2007) started at 2:25 PM with 30 seconds prayer for long lasting peaceful settlement in Nepal at the restaurant "Kabob & Curry" at Birmingham, Alabama. The meeting was followed by a brief introduction of the following participants.

Meeting Attendees:

Dr. Narayan Rajbhandari, President	Dipti Shrestha, Member
Madan Rajbhandari, Life Member	Shamir Poudel, Member
Raja Ghale, VP	Dr. Kedar Shrestha, Member
Samir Upadhyay, VP	Suman Silwal, VP
Tek Thapa, G. Secretary	Dr. Tilak B. Shrestha, Advisor
Ram S. Dongol, Treasurer	Ujjwol Singh Bogati, Member
Gopal Shah, VP	Navin Pradhan, Member
Sagun Shrestha, Executive Member	Dr. Jeevan Prasai, Member
Rabi Neupane, Member	Sanjay Kafle, Member
April Kafle, Member	Shabuam Neupane, Member

1. Financial update from Treasurer, Ram S. Dongol:

- 2006 Joint convention Pledges: 96% collected to the date.
- Check has written to ANMA of the collected pledge fund.
- Planning to close out 2006 Joint Convention financials by April 7, 2007 meeting.
- Meera Rana Concert: We had \$500 surplus and provided \$400 to Nima Rumba concert at Birmingham, Alabama to promote Nepali community out of this \$500.
- Organization has sponsored transportation to NC Students to participate in Nabin K. Bhattra's concert, and the pledged amount was \$200.
- Puskar Thapalia Funeral Services Pledge collection: Total amount collected is \$2300.00 and final ritual expenses for Puskar Thapalia was \$1300. Remaining fund is in emergency account.
- Pledged amount \$276 for Abi Kattel Memorial Foundation will be sent to Dr. Bijaya Kattel (Life Member) for proper implementation of the foundation.
- Meeting has made a decision on: any future fund raising events, 10% of the total amount collected will go to Administrative costs.

2. Work Plan of Up coming Joint Convention, including strategic formation of local participation and sister Organization:

Meeting had discussed in detail of all the tasks category, detail lay out will be posted in our organizations web-site soon and we will present at the Tennessee Meeting on April 7, 2007.

3. Recognition of Key Personnel for the Joint Convention Activities:

Meeting has appointed Tek Thapa, General Secretary as a Chair person and Samir Upadhyay, VP in co-chair for this upcoming 2007 Joint Convention. ANMA will appoint a co-chair person as well.

4. Update of Membership Drive and Life Member Honorable Day:

Please Welcome & Thank to our new life members:

Jenika Rajbhandari, AL	Manil Maskey, AL
Dr. Kedar Shrestha, AL	Dr. Tilak B. Shrestha, AL
Sagun Shrestha, GA	Dipti Shrestha, GA
Shamir Poudel, GA	

Life members honor dinner has set for Saturday, May 26, 2007 in Atlanta. Venue detail & e-Vite will follow soon. Please mark your calendar if you are current life member or contact us for life membership.

5. **Yeti View-points:** Dr. Tilak Shrestha, Dr. Kedar Shrestha, Dr. Bal Krishna Sharma and Manoj Pradhan have volunteered to take the editorial responsibility for 2007 Joint convention edition of **Yeti View-points**.
6. **Status of education and transfer of technology projects:**
Meeting has decided to provide \$1000 to purchase two Computers and a printer in a public School named **Laxmi Vidya Mandir** (Uma Kunj, Bhaktapur) to promote transfer of technology activity of NASEA. The school is established recently as gesture of intimacy to the needy Nepali children who deserve good education in Bhaktapur, Nepal.
7. **Significant roles of regional Representatives:**
Meeting has praised and welcomes all our regional representatives. Their roles are to co-ordinate with organization and communicate with local community.
These are our Regional Reps:

Mrs. Prabha Marhatta, NC	Dr. Ram Chandra Baral, SC
Mrs. Srijana Sharma, GA	Mr. Ajaya Satyal, FL
Mr. Girija Gautam, TN	Mr. Shakti Aryal, MS
Mr. Rajendra Khatiwada, KY	Dr. Suraj Shrestha, AL
Dr. Govinda Lohani, AR	Dr. Durga Paudel, LA
8. **Setting up of Patron Membership and Responsibilities:**
Meeting has discussed Patron Membership topic in depth and came to the conclusion that we will need a formal criteria in detail. So, Dr. Narayan Rajbhandari and Dr. Tilak B. Shrestha will work together and present the draft to the committee. Committee will make decision in our upcoming meetings.
9. **Highlight on Nepali Concert in Birmingham:**
Nima Rumba Concert organized by our VP, Gopal Shah in Birmingham went well as planned. People were participating from various parts of Alabama & Georgia, and they all enjoyed the concert.
10. **Election Commissioner:** Meeting has appointed **Mr. Bala Pant** to conduct the election process and elect successor executive committee for 2007 – 2009.
11. **Joint Convention Meeting with ANMA in Tennessee:**
Tek Thapa, Samir Upadhyay, Ram Dongol and Narayan Rajbhandari have taken the responsibility to put together the Convention Planning and present at the meeting on April 7, 2007.

Current completed Tasks:

- a. Hotel Contract: we have signed contract with Crown Plaza Hotel by Atlanta Airport:

Venue:

Crown Plaza Hotel
ATLANTA-AIRPORT
1325 VIRGINIA AVE
ATLANTA, GA 30344 UNITED STATES

Room Rates

Room Type	Rate per Accommodation
Single	\$79.00
Double	\$79.00
Executive Level:	Add \$20.00 per upgrade

Hotel reservation should be done by August 11, 2007 (cut-off date). The reservations fax number is (404) 762-9675. The group reservations phone number is (866) 750-3365.

- b. Registration Fee structure:

	Life		
	Members	Members	Students
Online	\$60	\$65	\$50
Onsite	\$65	\$70	\$55
Kids	Age 7 - 12	\$25	
Kids	Under 6	Free	

Finally, Tek Thapa (G. Secretary) expressed big thanks on behalf of NASEA to Gopal Shah (VP), Nabin Pradhan and Jyoti Chhetri for facilitating this meeting in their Restaurant. He also appreciated meeting participants for their enthusiasm and active participation. He then adjourned the meeting.