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

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## Nepalese Association in Southeast America

### Participants over the phone

Madhav Dhakal, Choodamani Khanal, Narayan Khadka, Ram Dongol, Sagun Shrestha, Sanjeeb Sapkota, Dhana Timilsina, Madhav Mainali, Tilak Shrestha, Ram Baral, Gobinda Shrestha, Lila Karki, Bimal Nepal.

**1. Opening:** The purpose of this meeting is to meet one more time as a team and discuss few pressing matters before going to the convention and also prepare in detail for the general assembly. This meeting is also to recognize and respect each other's roles and responsibility in the convention and general assembly.

**2. Follow up on Finances:** Treasurer Gobinda Shrestha has already given the breakdown of all the finances -- for 2012, 2013 and for Nepal Festival. If anyone has any question please approach the treasurer and ask the treasurer in the next few days before the General Assembly. Ram Dongol is checking the Convention finances. We will update the finances to the websites after making the presentation in the convention.

**3. Process of General Assembly and Motion:** We have nominated Dr. Sushma Pradhan as the chair. At the beginning of the General Assembly, the President will notify all that the executive committee has nominated Dr. Sushma Pradhan as the chair of General Assembly and seeks the approval to elect the chairperson. Once General Assembly approves, she will preside over go over the following agenda -- First President's report, question answer, next Treasurers' report, Question answer, next the motions to amend the bylaws will be brought forward. Bylaws amendment requires at least 140 current members to be present in the general assembly. Only a two-third majority will pass the amendment of the bylaws, else it will fail. The General Assembly begins at 5 PM and runs through 7 PM. All the executive members are requested to be on the room at 5 PM. President will present his draft report for executive committee to review and to add as necessary. Secretary General Sagun Shrestha and Executive member Janak Baral are appointed coordinators to ensure the smooth and efficient function of the General Assembly. Others are requested to assist them.

### Motions submitted to General Assembly for Bylaws amendment:

**Motion 1** Require the residency of the person running for major positions (President, Executive Vice President, Treasurer, General Secretary, Joint Secretary) to be from one of the Southeast states that NASEA is based upon.

**Motion 2.** Person running for the executive member position should reside in one of the states that NASEA is based upon.

**Motion 3:** Upon the relocation of an elected body member outside the NAsEA territory, a majority vote of the executive members to decide whether to allow the elected member to serve until the end of their term or to relinquish him/her of their role as Executive Member of NAsEA.

Janak Baral and Sagun Shrestha will coordinate to make sure that adequate process is in place in the general assembly for the delivery of motion and this includes following tasks (i) verification of NAsEA membership of the people present in the general assembly, (ii) counting of the members to verify if the quorum has been achieved (i.e. 140), and if (ii) is met, then counting of the number of votes on the motion and (iv) print the motion ahead of time and distribute to the members of general assembly.

Related discussions on the above agenda items:

Sagun Shrestha - Let's have all executive members present during the General Assembly to help with the membership verification and to count votes.

Lila Karki - Need to define 'Southeast'. We all need to assist Janak Baral and Sagun Shrestha to coordinate the process of General Assembly. Wondering why we didn't have an oversight over someone running for position from outside our NAsEA\ region.

Sanjeeb Sapkota - Current bylaws allow person from any geographical region to run for the have limitation for the geographical area therefore this was a legal thing. We can define the territory in the motion.

Bimal Nepal - We need to make sure that civility is maintained during the general assembly.

Ram Baral - We have side effect from having the 1-hour AGM go to 2 hour. What's the reason for forming a bylaws committee when the motion is going to go forward?

Sanjeeb Sapkota- Adequate time is needed for the general assembly, which is the supreme governing body of NAsEA, so it has been allocated 2 hours. Since the Motion has been brought individually as well as in group 7 days ahead of General Assembly, it is the responsibility of our committee to put this in the agenda. Bylaws Committee is for the term solution by looking all the items of the Bylaws that needs amendment.

#### **4. Bylaws committee -**

Following individuals have agreed to be in the bylaws committee: Janak Baral, Bimal Nepal, Madhav Mainali, Narayan Khadka, Saunak Ranjitkar as well as Dr. Lila Bdr Karki and Dr. Ram Baral.

Additional individuals need to be added from previous bylaws committee and include females as well. They need to review the current bylaws and recommend the executive committee for amendment.

Related dialogues on this agenda:

Lila Karki - Add people from older bylaw committee who have had experience.

Ram Baral - Since bylaws needs to be taken serious. We should not rush forward, instead we should add legal experts and people who have worked on the current bylaws and move forward with caution.

## **5. NAsEA's position on NRN-USA and other org**

Summary of discussion: NAsEA will put an hold on the partnership or affiliation to any organization, Nepali or otherwise, until there is an executive committee of board of directors in the organization who have who have come in place through due democratic election process instructed by their bylaws. NAsEA currently holds the partnership with NRN USA until there is an executive committee in place through a democratic election process.

Related dialogues on this agenda item:

Lila Karki - We have been putting NRN in NAsEA's convention, however currently there is a lot of chaos in NRN since there are two presidents who are vying against each other.

Dhana Timilsina - I was the liaison for the last several years, we need to wait for the new NRN president from an election. Until that we should set aside NRN.

Narayan Karki: Let us not include controversial issue in our convention and remain out of touch with anyone who doesn't exercise true democratic process.

Dr. Baral: This might affect our relations with ANA and we need to think carefully.

Madhav Mainali: Our organization has a very good image and we should maintain that and not partner with any other that are tinted and controversial.

Bimal Nepal: In the current scenario, NAsEA need to stay away from NRN and let it resolve its issue.

Sanjeeb - As ANMA president has suggested, let us not include the NRN forum in our convention this time. Also the convention chair can notify that NAsEA is not partner in an email where we are inviting the president as an individual only and not as a representative of NRN.

## **6. Adjourn**