

September 6, 2013 Friday

NASeA Feed Back Meeting

Minutes

Meeting subject: Convention Feed back of the NASeA members and the Chairman of different working committees.

Participants: Dr. Ram Baral, Sanjeeb Sapkota, Bimal Nepal, Shailendra Bajracharya, Dr. Tilak Shrestha, Praveen Paudel, Krishna Shrestha, Dr. Nar Kaji Gurung, Ambika Sharma, Bishnu Sapkota, Choodamani Khanal, Dr. Sushma Pradhan, Gobinda Shrestha, Prabhat Pokhrel, Satish Gupta, Mrs. Gupta, Madhav Mainali, Kailash Kayastha, Manish Shakya

Chairman of the meeting: Dr. Ram C. Baral, President - NASeA, Chairman – Joint NASeA\ANMA Convention Committee.

Minute taker: Dr. Tilak Shrestha, General Secretary - NASeA

Ram Baral: Welcomed all the participants of the meeting, and recognized that the Convention was a grand success with participation of about 800 people. Further added that we need to evaluate the performance of the convention and learn lesson for the future.

Bimal Nepal: Welcomed and thanked all the participants and Presidents – Dr. Ram Baral and Sanjeeb Sapkota for their hard work and making the convention a grand success. Also happy to inform that the convention was positively reported in both local and global media.

Shailendra Bajracharya: Welcomed and thanked all the meeting participants; and expressed happiness that the convention was a great success. However, added that we need to do better job in organizing volunteers and providing information in time. There was also some problem regarding food sufficiency. We had 409 online registrations, but convention participants on Saturday were almost 600. Thus, we had some problem in providing enough food, but it was solved in time. Other aspects of the convention were great success. Perhaps we should do some kind of opinion poll survey of our performance for evaluation and future reference.

Bimal Nepal: The opinion survey is a good idea. We may be able to do with E-mails. Let us invite it to be done by September 25th.

Krishna Shrestha: Congratulations to all. Thanks to all for contribution in the literature session, especially to Dr. Gautam, Honorable Ambassador, Chandra Thapa, Nagendra Thapa. The literature session was well done. Happy to see so many Children participation in the literature contest from all over the USA and abroad. Though regret that all participants could not be accommodated.

Dr. Sushma Pradhan: Congratulations and thanks to all. The student essay program was a success. We have participants even from Canada. All the young participants, except two, came with their parents to the convention.

Madhav Mainali: Namaste. Congratulations and thanks to all. The legal session focusing on immigration issues went fine. We had three lawyers – Binod Jee, Mukesh Jee and Bandita Jee briefed the legal issues concerning us like current and pending immigration laws. However, this year the audience participation was less than hoped for. Hope to make it next year more effective.

Dr. Bishnu Phuyal: Thanks and Congratulations to all. The culture program went fine. We need more volunteers to conduct the session and hope to have more next year. Happy to see 3 participants coming all the way from Dallas, Texas.

The Agriculture session also went fine. I am happy to have Dr. Nar Kaji Gurung's participation in this session.

Dr. Nar Kaji Gurung: Namaste and Congratulation to all. Happy to participate in the Agriculture session. Next time let us make it even bigger. Perhaps we can have participation of another agriculture specialist, Dr. Khushi Ram Tiwari Jee.

Dr. Dilip Panthee: Thanks and Congratulations to all. One of our interests is the creation of Data base as a part of Nepal project, especially related to agriculture and live stock. We need to explore the need and how it can be addressed. Happy to announce the timely publication of the 'Yeti View Point' journal for the convention. We had some problem of not receiving articles\essay\ etc. on time. However, it went fine. Need feed back from every body to improve the publication.

Kailash Kayastha: Namaste and Congratulations to all. The cultural program went fine. I must appreciate and report that the culture team including Raja Ghale, Ex-President, Rama Singh, Dinesh Singh, Surya Thapa - DJ and many others worked very hard to make it a great success.

We also must thank Manish Das for successfully conducting the sport events; and Manish Shakya, President – SCAN, for the great local support. The concert program also conducted well thanks to Om Jee, Mira Jee, and Prem Jee and others. The concert \ DJ program started a little late than scheduled. It is mostly due to prize distribution and election. These issues should be addressed in our next convention.

Satish Gupta: Namaste and Congratulations to all. Our food program went fine, but had some problems on Saturday. On Friday we expected 100 people but we had 150 people for dinner. For Saturday lunch we had 375 registered people and we ordered for 450, but 575 people showed up. For Saturday dinner we had 300 registered but just to make sure we ordered 650. Thus we had enough food, but started a little late. Sunday food program went smooth. We had 300 registered for lunch, but ordered 750. We had 400 registered for dinner, but ordered 800. The cost is about \$ 21,500. Our fund for food is a little short by about 3 or 4 thousands dollars. Many thanks to our volunteers who worked very hard to make the program successful. But we need more volunteers, especially to take care of children.

We also conducted Blood drive. We had 24 participants, and 20 blood donations. The expenses were paid by Satish Gupta, Mrs. Gupta and family.

In the mornings we had Pooja \ worship program. I am happy to mention that all the expenses were paid by the families living in Spartanburg, SC.

Tilak Shrestha: Namaste and Congratulations to all. The Dharma session went fine. In the panel we had Bigyan Mainali, Tara Pun and Tilak Shrestha. We discussed about the basic concepts of Dharma and many misgivings. There were about 40 participants. We need more participants in the future, and must work early to invite more.

Ambika Sharma: Namaste and Congratulations to all. Ambika Sharma and Tek Thapa conducted the fund drive and collected many pledges. We collected \$ 5,270 and have handed over to the treasurer Gobinda Shrestha.

Bidya Gurng: Namaste and Congratulations to all. Happy to see all the program and the convention go fine.

Dr. Nar Kaji Gurung: Namaste and Congratulations to all. I am happy to see Honorable Ambassador of Nepal Dr, Shankar Sharma and literature Dr. Prem Raja Mahat attending the convention. We also had representative of local American administration. I wonder if we can invite dignitaries from the local American establishment. In my opinion the speeches were too many and too long. The prize awarding ceremony was also too long. Let me suggest to make them brief and to the point.

Prahlad Pokhrel: Thanks and congratulations to SCAN and NASEA. The medical session went fine. Dr. Rita Thapa gave a good presentation. However, there was not enough time for Prahlad to speak. Hope to have more time in the next convention. Must thank Satish Gupta and Gupta Bhauju for all the help they gave.

Shailendra Bajracharya: Thanks a lot to SCAN for strong help in the convention center. We had 409 online registrations, but with on site registrations the number almost doubled. It created some problem on the first day.

Gobinda Shrestha: Thanks to all. The finance picture will take a few more days to clear. Must thank all the people who helped, especially Ram Dongol, Bala Ghimire, Sanjeeb Sapkota, Madhav Mainali, Subodh Jee, Satish Gupta and all the sponsors.

Manish Shakya: Namaste and Congratulations to all. The youth program went fine. We had help from many people. Thanks to all. There were more volunteers from outside than locals. We need to do more local advertisements. We had a glitch in getting badge ready in time, but got solved. We thought of ordering Pizza to cover the Saturday lunch shortage, but we did not have to do. We must have a fall back plan in case of problems. In the culture program we had timing problem. The NASEA official and prize distribution program supposed to last only 15 minutes, but took 45 minutes. We must manage time more efficiently.

Sanjeeb Sapkota: Namaste and Congratulations to all. Thanks to all for making the convention a grand success. Must thank all the volunteers, local hosts from South Carolina, and all the sponsors.

We are all proud of the convention being conducted in such a grand way. It is one of the best organized in USA by any Diasporas. Our efforts and organizational skills have lifted us before American people also. It is a pride for all Nepalese living world-wide. We must keep the trend up and better.

Bimal Nepal: Namaste and Congratulations to all. We must thank all, especially Gopendra Bhattarai Jee, President of ANMA, for lots of help and making the event a great success.

Choodamani Khanal: Namaste and Congratulations to all. Sorry, could not participate. I did register and booked hotel, but still could not make it. Hoping next time I could participate. I am happy to be a member of the NASEA team.

Raja Ghale: Namaste and Congratulations to all. The culture program went fine. Thanks to all the people who worked so hard. Congratulation to all the newly elected team. The convention went great and thanks to all who worked so hard to make it a success. I must especially thank Manish Shakya, President of SCAN, and Kailash Kayasthai for making the culture program a great success.

Dr. Ram Baral: Thanks to all. The meeting is adjourned.