

June 14, 2015 Sunday NAsEA 29th Meeting Extraordinary meeting Minutes

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Participants: Dr. Ram Chandra Baral, President; Bimal Nepal, EVP; Shailendra Bajracharya, VP; Dr. Tilak Shrestha, GS; Bidya Gurung, Sujata Dhungel, Udhav Karki, Pravin Paudel and Dr. Prahlad Pant.

Chairman of the meeting: Dr. Ram C. Baral, President

Minute taker: Dr. Tilak Shrestha

Agenda: NAsEA memberships before July 8, 2015 to vote in the coming election.

Dr. Ram Baral: Namaste and Welcome to all, especially in view of this short notice. Please refer to the 'bylaws' as posted earlier. We have problem of NAsEA membership and related issue of contesting NAsEA positions and voting. We need to keep all our activities within the frame work of our 'bylaws.' As per our 'bylaws':

- a. The due paid to participate in the joint convention automatically makes one a NAsEA member, but only after the convention.
- b. One may pay membership fee of \$ 15 and be a member. But this option is rarely used. Also one needs to be a member by July 8th, to be able to contest the election and to vote.
- c. In the 2014 convention in Denver only a few NAsEA joined.
- d. We also have 'Life members' as the members. But they are only about two hundreds.

Thus, it makes the members, eligible to contest in the coming election to be held in the convention and to vote, very few. We need to brain storm and figure out a way to tackle this issue. Let me invite Dr. Prahlad Pant, Chief Election Commissioner, to explain and come with suggestions.

Dr. Prahlad Pant: Namaste to all. Dr. Ram Baral and Dr. Tilak Shrestha have already explained you all the issue. In this context let me make two suggestions.

- a. Conduct stronger memberships drive and explain to all individuals that registering by July 8th, 2015 makes one eligible to contest or vote in the election to be held on September 6, 2015.
- b. Encourage everyone to pre-register for the Joint ANMA \ NAsEA Convention by July 8th, 2015. And provide the following extra incentives to do so:
 1. Membership begins immediately and makes pre-registrants eligible to contest and vote in the coming election.
 2. Although the membership begins immediately and will last one whole year after the convention, it covers more than a year. However, no need to pay fee for the extra time. The pre-registration fee paid will cover all.
 3. Anyone pre-registering or registering after July 8, 2015 would be eligible to attend the convention. However, he/she would not be eligible to contest or vote in this election.

Bimal Nepal, EVP: Namaste to all and especially to the Dr. Prahlad Pant Jee. Let me underline the urgency of the issue. Otherwise, we will have only a few members eligible to vote.

Thus, let me propose Dr. Prahlad Pant's suggestions to the floor for decision.

Dr. Tilak Shrestha, GS: We have Shailendra Bajracharya Jee' questions being clarified by Dr. Prahlad Pant. Let me second Bimal Jee's motion.

Does anybody have further questions or comments? None. **The proposal is passed unanimously.**

Bimal Nepal: Thanks to all for joining in such a short notice. We need to get this issue out of way to avoid major problem. Let me adjourn the meeting.