

December 8, 2013 Sunday

NASeA Monthly Meeting (4rd) Minute

Participants: Dr. Ram Chandra Baral, President; Bimal Nepal, Executive Vice President; Shailendra Bajracharya, Vice President; Dr. Tilak B. Shrestha, General Secretary; Ambika Lohani Sharma, Joint Secretary; **Members:** Bidya Gurung, Choodamani Khanal, Janak Baral, Krishna Shrestha, Dr. Nar Kaji Gurung, Dr. Nita Thapa, Prawin Paudel, Dr. Shankar Prasad Parajuli, Udhav Karki

Non-Executive members: Ruby Baral, Sushil Adhikari, Sanjeev Joshi, Rupa Tamang, Sudeep Shrivastava, Dipesh Bajracharya, Ramjee Sharma, Kusum Baral, Raja Ghale, Puja Shrivastava, Bina Khania, Hari Bahadur Thapa, Ganga Khania, Kul Tmang, Sudesh Baral

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

Minute taker: Dr. Tilak Shrestha, General Secretary

Third Executive Committee monthly meeting agenda:

- a. Websites inclusion policy
- b. Finance report and handover
- c. Committee formation

Agenda:

- A. Oath taking ceremony of two members who missed in earlier ceremony:
 1. Dipendra Lamichhane
 2. Chooda Mani Khanal
- B. Choosing 2-3 Co-Chairs for ANMA/NASEA Convention 2014.
- C. Forming working committees,
- D. Website policy
- E. Sending effective email, and 'Dos and Do not's' while we send mass email.
- F. Discontinuation of the group emails such as 'advisors@naseaonline.org', 'executivecommittee@naseaonline.org' because their tenure is up.
- G. President's power, responsibilities, and duties as assigned by the bylaws.

Dr. Ram Baral opened the meeting and welcomed all. President emphasized the need of meetings to be participated in due manner, abide by the responsibilities assigned by the NASeA bylaws, and due respect to the President and the Chair of the meeting. He also assured that every member will have opportunity to speak and it will be in the proper order.

Tilak Shrestha: Today we have above mentioned 7 agendas. However, we may not have time to cover all of them, and we will do as best as we can.

1. Honoring Nelson Mandela:

Dr. Ram Baral: First of all, let us honor Honorable Nelson Mandela, former President of South Africa and Internationally re-known Human Rights fighter. We Nepalese and NASeA are for human rights and do respect him. Let us observe one minute silence 'Maun Dharan' to remember and honor Nelson Mandela.

Krishna Shrestha: Let us write a note appreciating Nelson Mandela. Perhaps, Dr. Nar Kaji Gurung, Chairman, Public relations committee, would consider it. Dr. Gurung – ‘OK.’ Shailendra Bajracharya – ‘Great.’

2. Oath of office:

Ram Baral: We missed two of our Executive members, Dipendra Lamichhane and Choodamani Khanal, taking ‘Oath of office.’ However, today we have only Choodamni Jee present here. President Ram Baral helped Choodamani Khanal to take the ‘Oath of office.’

Choodamani Khanal: Thanks to all. Happy to join the Executive committee. I will take my responsibilities seriously and fulfill it.

3. Co-chairs for joint convention in Denver, CO, 2014:

Ram Baral: Thanks to you from all of us. Let me change the subject. We need 3 Co-Chairs from NAsEA for the coming joint ANMA-NAsEA convention in the Denver, Colorado. We are in contact with Gopendra Bhattarai Jee, President, ANMA. We would like to suggest three Co-chairs including one lady Co-chair. The other sponsors of the convention the ‘Rocky Mountain Nepalese Association’ and the ‘Nepali Ghara’ will have their Co-chairs as well.

Dr. Nara Gurung proposed Bimal Nepal, Shailendra Bajracharya and Ambika Sharma. Tilak Shrestha seconded the motion. Bimal Nepal, Shailendra Bajracharya and Ambika Sharma accepted the proposal.

Dr. Ram Baral: Congratulations to our 3 representatives to Denver.

4. Committee formation:

Dr. Ram Baral: We still have a few working committees to form. Let us begin with student’s committee.

Dr. Shankar Parajuli proposed Pravin Paudel. Choodamani Khanal and Amibka Sharma seconded the motion. Provin Paudel accepted the proposal.

Dr. Ram Baral: Congratulation to Pravin.

5. Membership Drive Committee:

Dr. Ram Baral: Our next agenda is membership drive. We like to improve both quantity and quality and make NAsEA ‘Number One’ Nepalese organization. We have 177 life members and around 800 plus general members. In comparison, the life members with ANMA and ANA are between 200 and 300. Our target is to increase both life and general members. Let us be cognizant that we have large number of Bhutanese Nepalese in Atlanta and US. We should make effort to invite them to NAsEA. We like to have a Chairperson to handle the issue.

Bimal Nepal proposed Bidya Gurung as the Committee Chairperson. Janak Baral, Shailendra Bajracharya and Dr. Nita Thapa seconded the motion. Bidya Gurung accepted the proposal.

Sujata Dhungel: Thanks and congratulations to Bidya Jee and Pravin Jee.

6. Nepalese-Bhutanese Integration Committee:

Ram Baral: We have to integrate Nepalese not only from Nepal, but also from other regions like Bhutan, India, and anywhere from the world.

Tilak Shrestha proposed Tara Pun as the Committee Chairman. Bimal Nepal, Choodamani Khanal, Krishna Shrestha and Dr. Dilip Panthi seconded the motion.

Dr. Nar Gurung suggested to them 'Bhutanese Nepalese', not merely 'Bhutanese.' Shailendra Bajracharya and Udhav Karki opined that they are from nation of Bhutan but they have adopted Nepali culture.

7. Entrepreneur Committee:

Dr. Ram Baral: We need an experienced leader to help current and future Nepalese entrepreneurs and businesses in USA.

Shailendra Bajracharya proposed Raja Ghale. Bimal Nepal seconded the motion.

Bishu Sapkota suggested Dhundi Ghimire. Dr. Nar Gurung suggested Lok Nath Tiwari of Maryland. Bimal Nepal, Shailendra Bajracharya and Dr. Nita Thapa supported the proposal.

Tilak Shrestha expressed to listen to the opinion of Raja Ghale since he is in the meeting.

Raja Ghale: I will help all the committees to my ability. Since, I am a Former President of NAsEA, it may not be appropriate to be the Chairman of the committee. I would endorse Tiwari Jee.

Dr. Ram Baral: Let me propose Tiwari Jee. Raja Jee please be in the committee. Bishu Sapkota suggested to invite Madhav Mainali also as a member of the committee.

Dr. Nara Gurung and Amibka Sharma seconded the motion.

Dr. Ram Baral: Congratulations to Tiwari Jee.

8. Community Center Committee:

Dr. Ram Baral: We have started work to create the Napalese community center in Raja Ghale's presidency itself. Dr. Prahlad Pant has been leading the issue. We must hard to make the center fruitful.

Raja Ghale: We really need a center. We do not have a place to conduct our programs. Also we had bad experiences of cutting short our programs hall restrictions. Prahlad Jee has estimated the cost to be about \$ 500,000 and like to have now at least \$ 1,50,000 now. Everybody wants to have the center. Let us work under the leadership of Dr. Ram Baral.

Bimal Nepal: Many thanks to Prahlad Jee. We all must work together to create the center. We have similar issue and problem in Florida and North Carolina. Let us bring leaders active in creating the centers from other communities together for developing a good program. Since Prahlad Jee has been working on this issue for so many years, let us request him to Chair the committee.

Dr. Nara Gurung, Ambika Sharma, Shailendra Bajracharya, Bidya Gurung and Choodamani Khanal supported the proposal.

Janak Baral: Pranam to all. Our program to create the center so far has not been fruitful. We need to form a committee to make blue print towards the center.

Dr. Ram Baral: Let us request Dr. Prahlad Pant Jee to continue his work as the Chairman of the Committee. Congratulations to him.

9. Youth Committee:

Dr. Ram Baral: Without youth NAsEA or even our community will not remain too long. We must work to develop future leadership and continuation of our community and NAsEA. One person I can think of is Ms. Sushma Bajracharya. Let Shailendra Jee do the home work and take care of this matter. .

Dr. Ramjee Sharma and Shailendra Bajracharya opined that NAsEa has different programs designed for all age groups like 'Talent' show. Dr. Nar Gurung suggested to keep in mind the youth born here in USA as well as immigrants.

10. IT Committee:

Dr. Baral: Before we move on to next committee, I would like to remind you that in Bylaws states that "From President to General Secretary should not chair any committee due to their other tasks and role" We have also discussed this on our second meeting. So we should not disobey our own passed laws. Therefore let's keep in mind about this as we are forming next committee, which is IT Committee. This committee needs more than one person. So I would request you all for suggested name.

Krishna Shrestha: Thank you Dr. Baral and all. Based on my experience that I have before I even come this current executive committee, I would like to propose current vice president Shailendra Bajracharya to be the chair for this committee. I am proposing him because he has contributed a lot and he has expertise on this field. And he is also capable for this role. He worked hard from day one to day last for Joint Convention 2013. But based on what Dr. Baral statement, "from President to general secretary—cannot chair any committee", I am not sure whether he is eligible for this role or not. So let's think about whether he can take this role or not. But if possible I want to recommend him.

Bimal Nepal: Thank you president. Information Technology (IT) is backbone of any organization. Let's not discuss about why formation of IT Committee is delayed and put toward the end. I agree that we are all "from president to general secretary" have several responsibility. But if we refer back to previous executive committee, Mr. Dhana Timilisina jee chaired Entrepreneur Committee even though he was vice president. I myself was joint secretary but I chaired External Committee. This External Committee went very well despite of my all other responsibility. I was able to capture attention from NAsEa region's State organization's president, and gave momentum. Therefore what I am trying say IT Committee should chair lead by Shailendra Jee and include other people. Ultimately the board who does pretty much everything. Shailendra jee has shown his interest twice in the past. If he is capable then we should give me chance. This would be betterment for NAsEa.

Dr. Ram Baral: Thank you. I would like to request you're all that let's talk less and in short-and-sweet manner. This topic may take more time. So let's talk in to the point. As a president, I would also like to re-remind you that I must follow rules and regulation. And I should follow and implement rules written in bylaws. We should follow the policy that we passed ourselves. Keeping this in mind I would like to allow third person to on queue to speak.

Shailendra Bajracharya: Please allow me to say few words. In which section of bylaws says "From President to General Secretary should not chair any committee due to their other tasks and role". I would like to double check on website.

Dr. Ram Baral: Please excuse me since I have to allow third person on queue to speak.

Bishu Sapkota: Once again Namaskar to all. I found one new person who is also NAsEA life member. And he is also helping NAsEA since 1996 in many ways. He has also expertise in information technology with master's degree in IT along with familiar with several programming language. Vice president Shailendra jee also knows him. Based on my observation, I see Shailendra Jee has lots of responsibilities; therefore we can decrease this work load by allowing someone else to take IT role. This will help NAsEA. Therefore I would like to propose Rubi Baral. And Rubi Baral and Shailendra jee works for the same employer CDC. Since they know each other it would be helpful them to work together. Therefore I propose Rubi Baral.

Dr. Ram Baral: Thank you Bisu Jee. Let's give chance to speak Udav Kari as next person on queue. Then after him, joint secretary will speak as she is ready.

Udav Kari: Namaskar to all. I strongly would like say that as a basic norm of practice of any organization, if committee is sensitive (e.g. Finance Committee, Baylaws Committee, IT Committees) If we can fulfill these committee from within our executive committees who is capable then we should fulfill from within committee. Shailendra jee also asked that in which section of Bylaws prohibit Shailendra jee from chairing from IT Committee. I have also Bylaws in front of me. I don't see anywhere we must bring people from outside executive committee for chairing. And baylaws does not say anything on this matter. So if we have someone who is capabilabe from within committee then we should accept Shailendra jee's willingness to chair IT committee. He has shown willing to chair IT twice and I don't see he is tired, but he seems enthusiastic. I would like to support him.

Dr. Ram Baral: Thank you Udav Jee. Since I was asked where in the bylaws it is written, I must answer to the question. As president I must say and I have also bylaws in front of me. I have reminded everyone several times about duties of President, Executive Vice President, Vice President, General Secretary, Joint Secretary. They have plenty of things to do that is itself enough task. We, the key person need to handle in much area in many situations. Even though it is not written specifically we should understand the aspect of work load. We passed this law in the second meeting, and it has also written in minutes. There we should not disobey what is written in bylaws and passed in second meeting. If we disobey rules then it would be very hard to work.

Let's allow to speak joint secretary Ambika Sharma since she is ready.

Ambika Sharma: Namaskar, I am Ambika Sharma. Shailendra jee has obviously contributed a lot. And he has been involved in NAsEA for long time in IT area, which is undeniable truth we must accept. In NAsEA history I am just a beginner and I would not be appropriate for me to talk big thing. But as Bylaws prevented me, even though I was interested to join women's committee, I did not go for it. My decision was appropriate as I also thought new comer should get opportunity to work. IT committee has been issue, and it also looked like there is no other candidate to handle IT committee chair. Therefore I would like to inform you're all that I have also IT background. I also work in network/telecommunication for Georgia Gwinnett Colleague. Therefore if we should look someone within our executive committee then I am also interested for IT chair. But since we passed the policy in the second meeting, we should disobey the policy that we made. Therefore I would like to remind you're all that lets not disobey that policy. But

we decide to find someone with our executive committee then I am interested for IT Chair. Otherwise let's accept Rubi Jee.

Dr. Ram Baral: Thank you. We have another person who want to speak is Ramjee Sharma.

Ramjee Sharma: Namaskar, everyone. This is Ramjee Sharma. I am life member of NASEA, I don't know how it would worth to speak here. But as life member I have some of my opinion. I really appreciate what Shailendra jee has done so far. He has lots of idea and he is in IT sector, which good. But now Shailendra jee is Vice President and he has now administrative role. IT is just a technical subject only, which contains database and other things. Therefore it would be easier to give this IT responsibility to someone else. And the second thing is, you should follow the rules that you passed by you. And this kind of things should not go to public and I am speaking as public. And third thing is, I am not supporting anything (push Shailendra jee behind and bring Rubi jee forward) But Rubi jee can definitely works as Shailendra jee. As a reference person I know lot about Rubi jee. He has done master in Computer Science. And he is working in IT field. But I would feel Rubi jee is would be the best for IT Chair. And forth point: in my opinion, Shailendra jee is line of presidency candidates as I see he has higher chance of going for president. And if he wants to come as president and he also wants to handle IT then Shailendra jee would be benefited with one additional thing. This is just my view, and it does not have biasness. Shailendra has worked hard and contributed a lot. So let's other people to work. I see this would better solution.

Dr. Ram Baral: Thank you Dr. Ramjee Sharma jee. And next person to speak with Pravin Poudel.

Pravin Poudel: Namaskar to everyone. I am Pravin Poudel. Whatever Shailendra jee has done, he has done excellent job. And he is hard worker. Now he is vice president and he has many responsibilities in other area. Instead of one person working in many area, if we include many people, it will bring diversity. It does not mean that if he is not chair then it should not work. He obviously help. In my opinion, if we divide work then it would be perfect. Therefore I would also support Rubi Baral jee.

Dr. Ram Baral: Thank you Pravin Jee. The next person to speak with Bidya Jee. Then Dr. Dilip Panthee will speak next

Bidya Gurung: Namaste to everyone. I am Bidya Gurung. As first I thought I would support Shailendra jee for IT Chair. But after listening to everyone, I changed it to support Rubi Baral. As I involved for membership drive, I learn that it would be better for to include everyone. So if we want one more person then why not Rubi Baral Jee. Thank you.

Dr. Ram Baral: Thank Bidya Jee. The next person to speak is Dr. Panthee. Then after that Dr. Nar Kaji Gurung will speak.

Dr. Dilip Panthee: Most of those things that I wanted to express were already spoken by other people like Dr. Ramjee Sharma. I feel that whatever Shailendra Jee has done is excellent. I really

appreciate what he has done for convention. I think we need to develop alternate leadership quality. He has service almost for two terms. Since, we discussed about not taking chair by people like president to general secretary. I don't know how you search another person for IT, but I am hearing Rubi Baral jee. In organization we should develop leadership (person) to serve for immediate needs. We should appreciate what Shailendra jee has done so far, and now he as other responsibility. And I have heard from Dr. Ramjee Sharma that Shailendra Jee is also potential candidate for presidency. But I am not sure how this thing came up. But anyway if Rubi jee has the same kind of quality then we should develop new leadership by allowing him to chair. Thank you

Dr. Ram Baral: Thank you Diliop. NASEA's goal is also to develop new leadership. This is not my personal desire, this is desired by everyone. Now Dr. Nar Kaji Gurung's turn to speak.

Dr. Nar Kaji Gurung: Thank you Baral Jee and everyone. Based on what I have been hearing, I see there are many other candidates are interested in this position. Since we are democratic organization, then we should resolve this issue in democratic way. Shailendra Jee's contribution has been recognized by everyone. So let's not spend too much time on this issue. So let's solve democratically

Dr. Ram Baral: Thank you Dr. Gurung jee. Now next person is Sujata Dhungel

Sujata Dhungel: Thank you for letting me speaks. I have heard everyone's opinions. There is no doubt that Shailendra jee's contribution. But it would be more benefit if we let other people to work as well. For example: when some event happens and if vice president is working as IT staff, then it would not look good. And he would not need to tackle small task and he can focus on major task. Therefore it would be good to give chance to Rubi jee for IT chair. Let's keep in mind that It would be easier if we let many people to get involve in NASEA. Therefore I would support to bring Rubi Jee. Thank you

Dr. Ram Baral: Now next person to speak is Dr. Nita Thapa who is physically present here.

Dr. Nita Thapa: Namaskar. This is Dr. Nita Thapa. I have been hearing everyone's discussion. It is undoubtable that Shailendra jee's contribution. But based on current situation, Shailendra Jee is Vice President now, and he is next in line for president. And in absence of president, he need to take responsibility of president. And IT chairmanship is just a small task under VP and president. He is still considering of all committee because he is VP. Therefore he is already backbone of everything. Therefore I think new comer should be given chance. This is how we can produce another Shailendra jee in the future. Under his supervision, new comer should be allowed. This is how NASEA will get two Shailendra jee instead. Shailendra jee is VP and he is next to president, and he is in all committees. Therefore I should consider new comer. Thank you

Dr. Ram Baral: Thank you Dr. Nita Thapa jee. Next in line is Bala jee.

Bala Jee: Namaskar to everyone from Chicago. Everyone might be thinking where is treasure, but I have been listening to all conversation. I have been hearing good thing today. We have been passing import task as well. I would like to say something like we passed something today and if we don't obey it next time then it would not make sense. And it will create question toward our organization. Bimal jee also indicated desire for public relation. But we gave public relation chair to other friend. We were thinning that we should not chair anything particular but support entire organization. Let's keep what we had decided in the past. And we have big convention coming up. It is going to be bigger than one that we just have in South Carolina. There is no question on whatever Shailendra's jee has contributed. Therefore if Rubi works under supervision of Shailendra jee then NASEA will find another useful person. Based on South Carolina experience, we have more person in IT fields, it would be good for us.

Dr. Ram Baral: Thank you Bala Jee for summarizing nicely. Thank you for sharing valuable though that you gained from big organization. I would not like to make this conversation long. But since Shankar Parajuli ask, I going to let him speak.

Dr. Shanker Parajuli: Namaskar to all of you. Lots of people already spoke about IT. I would think one can give more time, which person should chair the IT, and it would the best. If anyone is vital post then that person should stays focus on that role. And it would be helpful to move advance if we let other people to run IT. I agree with Dr. Ramjee, Dr. Nar Kaji, Dr. Nita Thapa. Therefore I do see Rubi Baral Jee is also good candidate and I also do support him.

Dr. Ram Baral: Thank you Dr. Shanker Parajuli: Since Krishna jee request for to put some thought, I let him speak.

Krishna Shrestha: If we had actually passed rules that avoid VP from chairing any committee as Ambika jee and Bala jee said, then we should not even discussing this anymore. If it is written in minutes that vital position should not chair committee then this is not even topic for discussion. We should not even need to bring Shailendra jee's name. So let's clear whether we passed that rule or not first. This will clear all this issue.

Dr. Baral: Thank you Krishna jee for keeping your thought clearly. After listening to all I would like to conclude this topic as we have spent 2 hours 15 minutes. So I would like to permission from all to make dicison.

Shailendra Bajracharya: Dr. Baral Jee I have been waiting for me to allow to say something now. I have heard everyone's opinions. Before I speak, I would like to let Dr. Tilak Jee to speak as he requested to speak.

Dr. Baral: To be neutral, we are going to let everyone to speak who willing to serve for IT chair. Ambika jee has also shown interest for IT chair. I am going to let Shailendra jee speak and then Rubi jee. And then I will let Ambika jee to speak. If Dr. Tilak Shrestha want to speak then let him speak to fulfill Shailendra jee's desire.

Dr. Tilak Shrestha: I would like to say that there is no clear statement that prevent executive member (president, evp, vp, general secretary, joint secretary) to chair any committee. Just like Krishna jee said, if it is true then this is end of discussion. Since Shailendra jee has contributed for long time, we should appreciate him. So I would say as long as he is interested we should let me chair and include all other. And another thing is it is very good to have more people in IT. Therefore under his supervision, he should let other people to work.

Dr. Baral: As I have promised, now I would let Shailendra jee speak

Shailendra Bajracharya: Namaskar everyone. I have heard every one's opinion. I noticed that we have 16 people spoke. We have 15 people from executive committee and one from outside committee. Everyone's suggestions are good. But I would like to point out that bylaws doesn't say clearly about limitation of chairing. If we have to pass anything then we should go democratically by voting. And I don't see that had happened. I don't mean to discourage Rubi jee, but truth is we had also included Rubi for last joint convention for IT task. But he did not response to any single email, and when I personally talked with him he told me that he does not have time for joint convention since he has two small kids. And when I met him recently he still told me that he was still busier than Shailendra. Based article VII of bylaws, any decision should be made based on more than 50 votes. And I see rule has not been passed with 50% vote. Therefore I would suggest putting off selecting IT chair until next meeting. I would also like mention that forming IT committee has been pushed toward the end for reason. As far as qualification of other candidates, I am not bragging myself, but truth is, Rubi jee is not programmer. He is just a tester who test program written by someone else. And I am fully aware of Rubi jee's skill set and vice versa. It is very questionable that how and why Rubi jee's name came forward for today. Rubi jee had given chance to serve as IT, but he did not even showed up for the last convention.

And few people mention that we need person who is ready and available.

Dr. Baral Jee: please do not go personally.

Shailendra Bajracharya: No, I am not going personally. I think you are going personally. So let's not make decision for IT Chair today and move it for next meeting. And let's solve it democratically next time. Namaskar.

Dr. Baral: Thank you for your suggestion. Now I would let Rubi speak.

Rubi Baral: Namaskar Jee everyone. Since I am interested as well I am here. I am very interested and I have been here form last two hours. I am also from IT field. And I have been working for last five years. Even I worked as QA analysis, my background is Computer Science and Information Technology. We both Shailendra jee and I work for CDC. We both know what each other's nature of work. Maintaining NASEA's database is nothing new to me. Since I was busy in the past, I was not able to reply email. This does not mean that if I was busy that then I am busy now. Since I am being able to manage time, I am showing my interest in NASEA. I have been member of NASEA since 1997. If NASEA needs me I am available, and ready as well.

Since, my field is also IT and I am showing my interest in IT for NASEA. It is good for me and good for NASEA. Since we work nearby, we can even physically meet to make decision for task. So let's not think we other way. Let's not think that we need Shailendra jee forever for IT. We have lots of Nepali people in IT. I know lots of other people as well whom I can bring them in to make better.

Dr. Baral: Thank you Rubi for your thoughts. Now Ambika jee turn to speak.

Ambika Sharma: Namaskar everyone. As I have mentioned before, what we passed a policy in the past, we should follow that policy. It would have been better if we had thought other way during last meeting. We have lots of other responsibility coming up for joint conventions. I made a list here. Lot of people have supported Ruby jee. And I am also following the rule that we passed in the second meeting. Definitely Shailendra jee has worked exceptionally. Let's give new comer opportunity to work. Let's not consider that there is no other person for IT. I am also from IT field. I am just showing my expertise.

Dr. Baral: Thank you. As I have heard everyone's opinion. I see 9 people has supported Rubi jee and Three person have supported Shailendra jee. Therefore in this situation, as majority has chosen Rubi, then I don't want to go for another type of voting. Let's work together. As we received suggestion from many people. I also received suggestion that next president should be clean handed, and safe handed. And responsibility of IT and Registration should be handed over to natural person. Therefore I conclude as decision that Rubi Baral as IT Chair. Thank you

11. Publication Committee:

Dr. Ram Baral: We need a Chairman for Publication committee for our literature and the 'Yeti View' publication.

Tilak Shrestha proposed Dr. Dilip Panthee Jee. Krishna Shrestha and Bimal Nepal secoded the motion. Dr. Dilip Panthee accepted the proposal.

Dr. Ram Baral: Let Dilip Jee be the Chair of the committee. Also let Rubi Baral Jee be a member of the committee.

Krishna Shrestha suggested to publish more than one 'Yeti View', may be quarterly newsletters, even in PDF format. He also suggested to recognize that publication and literature are two wheels of a cart. Tilak Shrestha reminded that we have 'Yeti' newsletter of NASEA and the annual publication 'Yeti View' is the joint publication of NASEA and ANMA. Bimal Nepal suggested to include issues like sports, Nepal news etc. Choodamani Khanal reported that we still have publication format saved and can use it.

12. Academic and Professional Committee:

Ambika Sharma: In our last convention we have given emphasized on agriculture. However, we have many other issues and experts of interests also. We have many experts with Ph.D. degree in different fields which we can tap for Nepal.

Krishna Shrestha, Amibka Sharma and Ramjee Sharma opined that we have a number of medical doctors to cover health, and we must diversify to other important issues also. Bimal Nepal suggested that we need to reach out to academic partners in medical, engineering and other fields; and to develop program in cooperating with other Nepalese organizations.

Bidya Gurung proposed Dr. Ramjee Sharma. Dr. Ramjee Sharma accepted the proposal.
Dr. Ram Baral: By consensus, Dr. Ramjee Sharma is to lead the 'Academic and Professional' committee. Congratulations.
Dr. Nar Gurung expressed that we have another very capable academician Dr. Sushil Adhikari.
Dr. Ram Baral agreed and would include Sushil Jee in the committee.

13. Cultural Committee:

Former President Raja Ghale jee's name was brought up in the meeting.
Raja Ghale: One of the core objectives of our organization is to promote our music, arts and artists. I have tried to honor and take care of artists. But let me not be the Chairman of any committee. I will be helping and cooperating all the time. Let me suggest Dr. Sushma Shrestha Bajracharya. Ambika Sharma and Bidya Gurung seconded the proposal.
Bimal Nepal opined that once a president always a president. It is great if Sushma Jee agrees. If not we have Bijendra Gurung Jee as another competent person to lead.
Dr. Ram Baral: Sushma Jee then. Congratulation.

14. Finance Committee:

Ram Baral: We need to request Bala Ghimire Jee. Bala Jee is not in communication at this time. Let us put it in pending to be addressed later.

15. Nepali School Committee:

Ram Baral: This is our last agenda. It is our recognition and nationhood. Person need be close to the school. Shailendra Jee knows it cannot be long distance working.
Shailendra Bajracharya: Sangita Dongol and Sushma Bajracharya were active in the Nepali school program. It is in Georgia and need to work there. We also have Asian organization 'APAC' to help us. Mr. Bor Lan Dam from Vietnam is the Chairman. We had many ladies active in the school program, especially Bidya Gurung Jee.
Bimal Nepal: We must set forth NAsEA Nepali school as a good example and over come problems like housing, finance etc.
Choodamani Khanal: We must develop Nepali school as an institute. We have 'Nepali Pathshala' in Florida. Need to cooperate with other schools and support diversification.
Bidya Gurung: I love all children ad want them to learn Nepali and culture. But I was born in Burma \ Myanmar, and speak bad Nepali. Yes, I will always be there to help and have run school in our basement. But I think it is better if a Nepali guru take the lead.
Krishna Shrestha: I agree with Bimal Jee that we must diversify out and not limit only in Atlanta. The Pathshala in Florida is doing good job so far. Also NCNC in North Carolina is also running good Nepali school. Must get person who can work in other places also.
Bimal Nepal: If need be I will volunteer. We already have Krishna Jee and his experience with Nepali Pathshala and literature.
Dr. Ram Baral: I think we need to do some more home work. Let us put the issue in pending. Let us request VP Shailendra Jee to some home work for now. We do emphasize the local person, in Atlanta from Atlanta and Florida from Florida. We will be working with VP Shailendra Jee, Sangita Jee etc., and will be back with report.

16. Philippine tornado victim support fund and Convention Pledge:

Dr. Ram Baral: I am glad to see Bala Ghimire Jee solving the connection problem and back in the meeting.

Bala Ghinire: We need to raise some fund for Philippine tornado victims. So far we have got over \$ 300 pledges. Please let us raise some fund now. Let us also ask for the already pledged fund and wrap up the convention pledge issue.

Shailendra Bajracharya: Perhaps we can raise some more and add from NAsEA to make it \$ 1,000.

Bimal Nepal: Let me send general request for the donation. For now let President send \$ 1,000.

Krishna Shrestha: How about matching fund? There is a Chinese organization which like to contribute matching fund for this kind of charity. Bimal Nepal suggested to find out more detail. How reliable, policies, who, how who gets credits etc.?

17. Meeting adjourned by President Dr. Ram Baral:

Dr. Ram Baral: It has been longest meeting so far. Congratulations to all. Let me adjourn the meeting. Thanks to all.