

October 26, 2014 Sunday

NASeA Meeting (17th)

Minutes

Online Conference: Telephone number: **1-605-562-0020**; **Code: 122-152-689#**

Host \ Residence: Madhav and Sushma Dhakal, High Point, NC

Participants: Dr. Ram Chandra Baral, President; Bimal Nepal, EVP; Shailendra Bajracharya, VP; Dr. Tilak Shrestha, GS; Ambika Sharma, Joint Secretary; Bala Ghimire, Treasurer
Members: Bidya Gurung, Dr. Dilip Panthee, Janak Baral, Krishna Shrestha, Dr. Nar Kaji Gurung, Pravin Paudel and Dr. Shankar Parajuli, Dr. Sushil Adhikari, Udhav Karki
Former President \ Adviser \ 2015 Convention Chair \ TNCC \ Guests: Raja Ghale, Rudra Aryal, Madhav Dhakal, Narayan Khadka, Prashim Paudyal, Kusum Baral

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

Minute taker: Dr. Tilak Shrestha, General Secretary

Dr. Ram Baral: Welcome to North Point, North Carolina and Thanks to all. Especial thanks to our Hosts Sushma and Madhav Sushma Dhakal, VP, TNCC and Chairman, 2015 Convention Committee. Welcome to Narayan Khadka, President, TNCC and Prashim Paudyal, Secretary, TNCC.

I have good news that our GS, Ambika Lohani was in Nepal and handed over appropriately our contribution to the Flood Victims in Sindhupalchowk.

Please let me remind our bylaws about meeting protocol and rules, and not to make any audio recording without EC permission. It is about the our organization, not personal, and of meeting discipline.

Committee Reports:

Dr. Tilak Shrestha: Shuvkamana to all. Let us have NASeA committee reports.

Dr. Dilip Panthee: Shangri-La is some slow this month, due to our Dasain \ Tihar festival season. Next issue is coming soon.

Shailendra Bajracharya. IT committee is also going slow due to festival season. We are working on collecting Pledges and Coordinating with ANMA.

Dr. Nar Kaji Gurung: Shuvkamana to all. Same festival induced slowness. Dr. Nita Thapa had planned for medical experts for the monthly talk, but we could not schedule. However, on November 9th, we have Dr. Parag Pathak scheduled for the month talk. All are welcome and please do join in.

Bimal Nepal: Suvakamana of Tihar \ Mha Puja \ Chhath. Ambika Jee's contribution in Nepal the success story of our external committee. Shailendra jee has already posted it.

Bidya Gurung: Namaste and Shuva Diwali. We have Ram Chandra Dongol Jee our new life member. I have requested all our advisers. Devi Acharya Jee and Binod Rokka Jee are already on them way to be life member. Rudra Aryal Jee has already mailed \$ 200 for the same. Welcome and thanks to all.

Dr. Ram Baral: Narayan Khadka Jee, TNCC is already our life member. Prashim Paudyal Jee joined in as the life member today. Bibhore Rimal Jee and Pradeep 'Krish' Ghimire also have joined in. Welcome to all new Life members.

Tilak Shrestha: Thanks and welcome to all our new Life members. Thanks to Bidya Gurung Jee for initiative.

Janak Baral: Mangalmaya Shuvakamana of Deepavali. Our Dharma and Culture committee is happy to report the celebrations of Dasain and Tihar all over.

Dr. Ram Baral: The writing NAsEA Bylaws is a serious issue and I am doing home work to bring experienced individuals in. I will report the list in our next meeting.

Oath ceremony:

Tilak Shrestha: Thanks to all the Committee Chairs for the reports. Let us have Oath taking ceremony for our new EC member Dr. Sushil Adhikari to be officiated by our President Dr. Ram Baral.

Dr. Ram Baral officiated the formality of Dr. Sushil Adhikari in taking Oath of NAsEA as per the Article 10.

Tilak Shrestha: Thanks Dr. Sushil Adhikari Jee and welcome to our family.

Finance report:

Bala Ghimire: Thanks to President, GS, EC, Convention Chair and all friends. Thanks to Ram Dongol Jee and Rudra Aryal Jee for helping me. We had \$ 14,866, after addition and subtractions (Ambika – flood victims fund \$ 2130) we have currently balance of \$ 12,700.

We still have not collected all the pledges, including that for APAC, Flood victims and Convention. I do not have all the records. So please do send your pledges on your own ASAP. I also like to thank Dr. Ram Baral for his donation of \$ 500 for the convention – 2014.

Tilak Shrestha: Yes, let us send all our pledges. I did pledge \$ 100 for the 2014 convention and already have mailed it to the treasurer of ANMA. I have already fulfilled all my pledges. Let me request all to do so.

Convention 2015:

Bimal Nepal: Thanks Bala Ghimire Jee for keeping good treasury records. Let us pledge for coming 2015 convention and collect past pledges.

The countdown for the 2015 convention has already begun. Now only 11 months left. Thanks to Chairman, Madhav Jee and Co-Chair Shailendra Jee. Let us invite experienced individuals from all over for the success.

Dr. Ram Baral: Thanks to Madhav Dhakal, VP – TNCC and Charrman – 2015 Convention, Narayan Khadka, President – TNCC and Prashim Paudyal, Secretary – TNCC. We need more experts and volunteer help. In 2014 convention we had 7 Co-Chairs each from ANMA and NAsEA.

Madhav Dhakal: Thanks to Dr. Ram Baral and NAsEA. I am delighted to be part and thanks to the responsibility. I take the task seriously. Individuals with commitment and sense of responsibility must come forward and Co-Chairs.

I wonder if we can appoint Prashim Paudyal Jee as the Secretary and Co-Chair of the 2015 convention. Prashim Jee as the secretary will be great help.

Narayan Khadka: Namaste to all. TNCC is excited to be the host of the 2015 convention. We are currently working at Hotel search and already got a few quotes. I am also happy to report that

TNCC had Deushi \ Bhailo program as a part of our cultural promotion and fund raising effort and collected \$ 2000.

Prashim Paudyal: Shuvakamana to all. We have looked a number of hotels and got quotes from 2 already.

Bimal Nepal: My humble request that Narayan Khadka also be Co-Chair.

Madhav Dhakal: Narayan Jee is already Co-Chairman as the Ex-Officio.

Dr. Ram Baral: Let me propose Prashim Paudyal as the Secretary and Co-Chair of the Convention Committee.

Bimal Nepal: I second the motion.

Tilak Shrestha: Is there any comments or objections? None.

The proposal passed unanimously ‘Sarba Sammati.’

Prashim Paudyal: Thanks and I accept the responsibility.

Tilak Shrestha: Prashim Jee congratulation and welcome to the family.

Dr. Ram Baral: When I was Chairman, I was my own secretary. I am happy to see this new tradition.

Krish Ghimire: We need a few more Co-Chairs to energize Nepalese around Charlotte and Raleigh.

Madhav Dhakal: Let TNCC discuss and decide.

Tilak Shrestha: Let TNCC do the home work and decide on Co-Chairs and inform us later.

Narayan Khadka: As Madhav Jee proposed let TNCC discuss how to involve Nepalese people including living in Charlotte and Raleigh.

Dr. Ram Baral: We have Shailendra Bajracharya Jee as Co-Chair. But we need more. Earlier we had 7 Co-Chairs. Please see who may be interested and let me know.

Dr. Nar Kaji Gurung: Yes, more Co-Chairs – better. I am happy to note good job done by Ambika Lohani Jee in Nepal. Let me propose her as Co-Chair.

Bimal Nepal: Let me second the motion. We also need to involve ANMA.

Dr. Dilip Panthee: Shailendra Bajracharya Jee is already Co-Chair. Let me propose Bimal Nepal as Co-Chair.

Dr. Nar Kaji Gurung: I second the motion.

Tilak Shrestha: We have 2 proposals – Ambika Jee and Bimal Jee as Co-Chairs. Is there any comments or objections? None.

The proposal passed unanimously ‘Sarba Sammati.’

Ambika Lohani: Thanks to President, EVP, VP, GS and whole EC team. I do accept the responsibility.

Bimal Nepal: Thanks to Convention Chair and members. Thanks to Dilip Jee for proposing me. I accept the responsibility. But we also need youngsters to come forward. We all need to help Madhav Dhakal Jee. If need be I will step out to make way.

Tilak Shrestha: Thanks to both Ambika Jee and Bimal Jee for accepting the responsibility. Congratulations and welcome aboard.

Donation – Flood Victim – Nepal:

Ambika Lohani: Back from Nepal 3 days ago. I went to Chautara, and handed over NASEA donation of 2 Lakhs of Nepalese Rupees to Gopal Parajuli, CDO. Chautara is the capital of Sindhupalchowk district where the flood occurred. I wanted to give directly to the victims, but it was not practical. As per the record, 117 houses were lost and 300 people were listed as the

victims. They differentiate between victims with and without extended families, where they may live temporarily. They already had collected over 197 Lakhs and our 2 Lakhs made the total of 2 Crors. They are planning 9 families for Punarniwas. I went around and checked the area.

Bimal Nepal: Thanks to Ambika Jee. I am proud of her work. It touches our hearts.

Dr. Ram Baral: I am happy that the money is given to PM's fund or Red Cross. I have heard that there is some issue with accountability. It is good to provide to people on the proper spot. I am happy to note Ambika represented NASEA on the spot. It is about NASEA's program of 'Heightening and Widening.'

Tilak Shrestha: Thanks to Ambika Jee and all involved.

Improving NASEA coordination:

Tilak Shrestha: Let me thank all the non-NASEA participants. I also like to mention that now we have exclusive NASEA business to take over. Thus, let me express my appreciation and thanks to all non-NASEA participants and wish them 'Great day.' Now let only NASEA members be in the meeting.

Dr. Ram Baral: Let me invite comments how to improve our EC performance.

Dr. Dilip Panthee: Shaolendra Jee stated that EC members, even with Ph.D., some time vote merely by following others. The 'VP' is an important position and like to hear from Shailendra Jee what he meant by that.

Dr. Nar Kaji Gurung: I am also curious. We are all trying unanimity in decision as far as possible. It is not personal but institutional issue. We all are trying our best. Let us have positive criticism, not objections for objection sake.

Bimal Nepal: All our EC members are good and hard working. Some time we may be out of context. We have also done mistakes, but then we also have reconciled. Instead of referring to only one issue, we need to put it in a broader contest.

Ambika Lohani: I agree with EVP, let us be mutually respectful. I am proud to work in EC. We are all well educated and competent. We do not need frictions.

Dr. Ram Baral: I agree with Dr. Nar Kaji Jee. Let us welcome positive criticisms, but avoid negativity. Please remember that I am a Professor and work for NASEA, not for my personal gain, but as my humble contribution to our community.

Shailendra Bajracharya: Namaste to all. I agree with Ambika Jee to have mutual respect to all. I do apologize for dragging in PhD degree in. However, my criticism is not personal. I am merely saying that different viewpoints also must be heard and given due respect. I am not interested in creating problems. But please do allow me to speak out the truth as I see.

Bimal Nepal: Let me humbly request Ram Baral Jee, Nar Kaji Jee, Dilip Panthee Jee, Ambika Lohani Jee and Shailendra Bajracharya Jee to learn from our mistakes and move forward. Let us concentrate on good of NASEA and coming Convention.

Krishna Shrestha: My humble request is not to have division among ourselves. We must put forth our views, but must move forward with others. We also may begin the tradition of writing 'Note of decent' and write in the meeting minute. As Bimal Jee said let us go together.

Adjournment:

Tilak Shrestha: It looks like we have technical difficulty and Dr. Ram Baral is out of our conference telephone system. Let me request our EVP Bimal Nepal to adjourn the meeting.

Bimal Nepal, EVP: On behalf of our President, Dr. Ram Baral, let me thank you all, especially our hosts. Let me adjourn today's meeting.