

Minutes from the ANMA Executive Committee Meeting

Date: August 17, 2002
Place: Residence of Wendy and Sharda Thapa
Time: 05:00 PM – 07:20 PM

Meeting Chairperson: Dr. Pradeep Dhital

Members Present:

Dr. Pradeep Dhital
Dr. Prahlad Pant
Dr. Subarna Pradhan
Dr. Gaury Adhikari
Dr. Sohan Khatiwada
Dr. Madan Rajbhandari
Dr. Dharma Rajbhandari
Ms. Anita Shrestha
Ms. Anita Adhikari
Ms. Wendy Thapa
Ms. Sashi Dhital
Ms. Bindu Pant
Mr. Ram Bashyal
Mr. Sharda Thapa
Mr. Mukesh Singh
Miss Ashtha Lata Singh
Mr. Bal Krishna Dhungana
Mr. Mahesh Raathi
Mr. Anand Raj Tiwari
Mr. Rajeev Dahal
Ms. Shanti Raathi
Ms. Niranjana Bashyal
Ms. Indira Koirala
Mr. Dhruva Shrestha
Mr. Subarna Shrestha
Dr. Dinesh Koirala
Mr. Ramakant Kharel
Mr. Subarna Pant
Mr. Surendra Singh
Ms. Cecilia Pradhan

Members Absent:

Mr. Bhaskar Tripathi
Dr. Bal Krishna Sharma
Dr. Bishnu Phuyal
Dr. Mohan Shrestha
Mr. Bhaskar Thapa
Dr. Maheswor Baidya

Mr. Chandra Sehkhari Aryal
Dr. Khagendra Thapa
Dr. Surya Sharma
Ms. Vijaya Shrestha
Mr. Rajendra Raathi
Mr. Sudeep Subedi
Dr. Shambhu Pant
Mr. Rajendra Khatiwada

Items Discussed:

1. Minutes of Lansing meeting was approved and unanimously passed.
2. Mr. Dhruva Shrestha presented Treasurer's report. The Balance Sheet as presented by Mr. Shrestha indicates that the carry forward balance from year 2001 was \$8,941.96 and during the year 2002, total pledge received was \$749.92 totaling balance of \$9,691.88. In the year 2002, total expense was \$4,851.30, which included the 2002 Lansing Convention loss of \$2,000.30 and also \$1,500.00, which was provided to Nepalese American Council. The remaining balance of \$4,840.58 worth of check was handed over to current Treasurer Mr. Mahesh Raathi.
3. Vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Dhruva Shrestha for his hard work as the Treasurer for six years.
4. The executive committee also unanimously passed vote of thanks to Mr. Dibya Hada for his hard work to obtain long-term visa for Nepalese Americans.
5. The executive committee unanimously passed a resolution to commend Mr. Sharda Thapa for his selfless devotion to help troubled Mr. Subash Gurung. It should be noted that Mr. Thapa has spent enormous amount of his own time to help Mr. Gurung.
6. The executive committee decided that the venue for the next year's annual meeting would be in Chicago and in year 2004 in Columbus, Ohio. Chairperson for Chicago meeting will be decided in the next executive meeting after it receives a recommendation from Chicago Nepali Pariwar.
7. Mr. Rajendra Khatiwada was nominated as the chairperson for the membership drive. Mr. Khatiwada will present a report to the executive committee about how to proceed with the membership drive. Report will also include, but not limited to, how much charge will be appropriate for ANMA membership.
8. The desirability and feasibility of creating ANMA affiliated committees in different cities were also discussed in the executive committee meeting. Mr. Rajeev Dahal was assigned to coordinate with Chicago Nepali Pariwar. Similarly,

Mr. Anand Tiwari and Mr. Bal Krishna Dhungana were assigned as a coordinator for Columbus and Indiana respectively.

9. The executive committee also discussed the possibility of sponsoring at least one school through Book to Nepal foundation run by Mr. John Wood. No decisions were made however, it was decided that it would be under consideration.
10. Dr. Prahlad Pant also updated the status of NECC. The executive committee decided to maintain status quo until next executive committee meeting.
11. Dr. Subarna Pradhan tabled a proposal to support Briddhashram Project in Devighat Nepal, by sponsoring Mr. Shyam Karki in Chicago Marathon. The executive committee decided that it would be up to the individuals to pledge desire amounts. Following members decided to sponsor: Sharda Thapa, Dr. Pradeep Dhital, Mukesh Kumar Singh, Dr. Dinesh Koirala, Dr. Sohan Khatiwada, Dr. Subarna Pradhan, Dr. Gaury Adhikari, Dr. Dharma Rajbhandari, Mr. Madan Rajbhandari, Dr. Prahlad Pant, Ms. Bindu Pant, Mr. Dhruba Shrestha
12. The next executive committee-meeting venue was also discussed. Dr. Prahlad Pant and Ms. Bindu Pant gladly accepted to host the meeting at their residence in Cincinnati, Ohio on November 9th 2002. The agenda meeting will be prepared by Mukesh Singh and distributed no later than October 30, 2002. President Dr. Pradeep Dhital thanked everyone for his or her participation and adjourned the meeting.

Date: September 15, 2002

Mukesh Kumar Singh

Secretary

Association of Nepalese in Midwest America