

# **Association of Nepalese in Midwest America**

## **Executive Meeting**

**Date of Meeting:** February 01, 2003

**Place:** Residence of Dr. Pradeep & Sashi Dhital  
2275 Timber ridge Drive  
West Bloomfield, MI 48324

**Time:** 4:20 – 7:15 PM

**Meeting Chairperson:** Dr. Pradeep Dhital, MD

### **Members in Attendance:**

Dr. Pradeep Dhital  
Ms. Sashi Dhital  
Dr. Shambhu Pant  
Ms. Sabita Pant  
Dr. Dinesh Koirala  
Ms. Indira Koirala  
Dr. Gaury Adhikari  
Ms. Anita Adhikari  
Mr. Rajendra Khatiwada  
Ms. Nita Khatiwada  
Dr. Madan Rajbhandari  
Mr. Rabin Pradhan  
Mr. Prasoon Khanal  
Mr. Rajesh Adhikari  
Ms. Wendy Hall  
Mr. Dhruva Shrestha  
Ms. Anita Shrestha  
Mr. Dhiraj Kafle  
Mr. Prabhat Pokhrel  
Mr. Ram Bashyal  
Mr. Sharda Thapa  
Mr. Mukesh Singh  
Dr. Khagendra Bahadur Thapa  
Ms. Rajani Thapa  
Mr. Roger Rathi  
Mr. Mahesh Rathi  
Ms. Shanti Rathi  
Mr. Anand Raj Tiwari  
Mr. Sudip Suvedi  
Ms. Elizabeth Suvedi

### **Members Absent:**

Mr. Bhaskar Tripathi  
Dr. Subarna Pradhan  
Dr. Maheswor Baidya  
Dr. Prahlad Pant  
Mr. Bal Krishna Dhungana  
Dr. Bishnu Phuyal  
Mr. Rajiv Dahal  
Mr. Bhaskar Thapa  
Dr. Surya Sharma  
Ms. Vijaya Shrestha  
Mr. Chandra Sehkhari Aryal  
Dr. Sohan Khatriwada

### **Items Discussed:**

1. Dr. Pradeep Dhital welcomed everyone in the meeting.
2. ANMA executive committee extended congratulation and best wishes to newly elected Nepalese American Council executive members (here in after referred as NAC). Dr. Dhital also informed members that Mr. Mukesh Singh would represent ANMA in NAC executive committee as a vice president.
3. Dr. Pradeep Dhital introduced Mr. Rabin Pradhan as new executive member of ANMA. This was approved unanimously.
4. Following Mr. Pradhan's introduction, every present member introduced himself or herself.
5. Mr. Mukesh Singh briefed about minutes of Cincinnati meeting, which was approved unanimously.
6. Mr. Mahesh Rathi presented Treasurer's report. The Balance Sheet as presented indicated that the carry forward balance of \$4,020.00. Mr. Rathi's report also reflected \$389.00 donation to Briddhashram Project, which was made by ANMA members who supported Mr. Shyam Karki marathon run. Treasurer's report was passed without any objection.

7. Mr. Sharda Thapa, 2003 convention chairperson, briefed members about the progress report of upcoming convention in Chicago. Among other details he informed that registration fee would be fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the meeting. Mr. Thapa also informed committee that the under five years old children registration fee would be free. It was also decided that Mr. Anand Raj Tiwari would post all the details in ANMA Website. Mr. Tiwari also suggested a payment method called Pay Pal. The executive committee instructed Mr. Rathi to explore this option.
8. Mr. Sharda Thapa proposed to pass bylaws presented by Mr. Rajeev Dahal for ANMA local chapters. The proposal was passed unanimously.
9. Mr. Anand Raj Tiwari, the Web master for the ANMA Website, made slide presentation of newly designed ANMA Website. Several suggestions were made and Mr. Tiwari would add and change the Website according to agreed suggestions. The executive committee also thanked Mr. Tiwari for his hard work and agreed to compensate him in form of giving charitable contribution equivalent to his work.
10. Membership drive effort was discussed very extensively. Executive members had different views. The major differences appeared to be what amount should be charged. Mr. Ramakant Khatiwada (coordinator, Membership Committee) presented his findings. He was authorized to consult further with Nepali Community and present his final recommendation to the executive committee.
11. It was decided that cut off point for sending articles for the View Point (ANMA News Letter) would be April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2003.
12. Dr. Khagendra B. Thapa tabled a proposal to bring a Nepali Culture group for upcoming Chicago Convention. After debating, the committee decided not to invite such group at this time.
13. Mukesh Singh, a national coordinator for Temporary Protected Status (TPS), briefed a status on this matter. Mr. Singh provided all the details and informed the committee that in light of recent cease-fire in Nepal, this matter was put on hold.
14. Mr. President tabled a proposal on behalf of Bal Krishna Dhungana to support a cricket team in Birgunj. The committee could not reach an agreement and authorized president to make a decision. The committee would abide by Mr. President's decision.

15. Mr. President also tabled a proposal to help two children who were burnt and lost their parents during a Maoist attack in Nepal. The committee authorized Mr. President to make a decision in this regard also. Again, the committee agreed to abide by Mr. President's decision.

16. It was agreed that Mr. President would set up a date for next executive meeting and inform all the members.

17. The President, Dr. Pradeep Dhital, adjourned the meeting.

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Submitted By

Date: February 17, 2003

Mukesh Kumar Singh  
Secretary  
Association of Nepalese in Midwest America