

ANMA Executive Committee Meeting
November 12, 2005 -- Chicago, IL

Members present:

Anand Tiwari, Sanjay Shrestha, Shradha Pant, Anita Adhikary, Sarala Pandey, Mujesh Singh, Prahlad Pant, Sharda Thapa, Ram Bashyal, Gaury Adhikary, Jay Mandal, Rajeev Dahal, Wendy Thapa, Surendra Nepali, Amit Pant, Dorendra Rana, Sharad Shrestha, Subarna Pradhan, Madan Rajbhandari, Dikshya Adhikari, Rakshya Adhikari, Dustin Brubaker, Rabin Pradhan.

1. Thanks to Sanjay Shrestha for arranging and negotiating with Mt. Everest Restaurant to use their facility for ANMA meeting.
2. Thanks to Sharda Thapa, Sanjay Shrestha and Ram Bashyal for working with NAsEA, and representing ANMA during the joint convention meetings.
3. Dikshya Adhikari has agreed to continue as the Viewpoints editor on the condition that ANMA/CNP will provide two dedicated Staff for Viewpoints. Given the voluntary nature of the job, it takes a lot of dedication to have a good finished product (i.e. the Viewpoints book for the convention). So if the open positions of Editor and Associate Editor can be filled on time (by April 1) then Dikshya will be able to handle this project for next year as well. CNP leader Sanjay has taken the lead on filling the positions, but any other suggestion/help is appreciated. Otherwise the Editor-in-Chief position will be open as well as of April 1.
4. ANMA & NAsEA Convention 2006
 - a. ANMA has not heard anything from NAC or ANA about the joint convention yet. So, ANMA will move ahead and plan for the ANMA & NAsEA Joint Convention 2006 in Chicago as planned during the Atlanta convention. Chicago Nepali Pariwar (CNP) will host the convention. This will be the 25th ANMA convention.
 - b. ANMA and NAsEA will bear the preliminary expenses. Both organizations will put in 50% each to begin the planning.
 - c. ANMA will approve the expenses that CNP proposes.
 - d. ANMA & NAsEA will form a committee to plan the forums and list of speakers.
 - e. Since CNP is hosting the convention which will be held during the Labor Day weekend, CNP will have to forgo the Dashain Party, one of the income-generating events for CNP. To compensate CNP for this, ANMA will contribute \$1000 from the convention revenue (convention income will not include the money raised during fund-raising).
 - f. For the cultural programs, local talents will be invited. Inviting artists from Nepal has proven to be very expensive.
 - g. The convention committee was formed with Sanjay Shrestha the Chairperson, and Jay Mandal as Co-Chairperson. ANMA has agreed on CNP's choice to form sub-committees.
5. ANMA president Anand Tiwari informed that Robert Schmidt has resigned from the post of ANMA secretary due to his family and other commitments. The committee approved his resignation and thanked him for his service. It also appointed Sanjay Shrestha as interim secretary until the next ANMA election .
6. Mr. Sharad Shrestha presented the financial report. ANMA has \$8300.00 in account. Thanks to Anita Adhikary for her help with fund-raising.
7. To make it easier for the general members to become life-members of ANMA, it was proposed and approved that any member can pay \$250, life membership fee, in installments (maximum of five installments within a year).
8. Mr. Sharda Thapa and Dr. Prahlad Pant will provide the list of ANMA life members to Anand Tiwari for the ANMA website.

9. Sanjay Shrestha will contact representatives from Minnesota and Nebraska to represent their communities in ANMA.
10. Sharda Thapa updated the executive committee on NRN Conference he recently attended in Kathmandu.
11. ANMA executive members presented the fund-raising proposals from various organizations in Nepal. The executive committee unanimously approved the both proposals provided that these organizations furnish proposals, tax-exempt, non-profit status and information about the organizations (in English) to ANMA executive committee. Five percent of the total fund raised will be deducted as administrative cost.
12. Next Meeting: April 01, 2006 in Cincinnati, Ohio.