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To promote Nepalese culture and values;  
to advocate for human rights, freedom  
and peace; and to serve fellow human  
beings.

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## Nepalese Association in Southeast America 15<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting

Greenville, SC  
September 23, 2012  
Start Time: 11:30 am  
End Time: 1:45 pm

**ATTENDEES**

Bimal Karki, Dipendra Thapa, Ganesh Basnet, Kumar KC, Manish Das, Manish Shakya, Piyush Upadhya, Dr. Ram Chandra Baral, Ram S Dongol, Dr. Sanjeeb Sapkota, Satish Gupta

**ATTENDEES via PHONE**

Bimal Nepal, Choodamani Khanal, Gobinda Shrestha, Priti Khatri, Hari Bhandari, Dr. Lila B Karki, Madhav Dhakal, Madhav Mainali, Mohan Bista, Narayan Khadka, Nita Thapa, Raja Ghale, Sagun Shrestha, Shailendra Bajracharya

Dr. Sanjeeb Sapkota open the 15<sup>th</sup> executive committee meeting with an welcome speech to each one who are present and who are attending the meeting in conference call. He expressed thankfulness to South Carolina Association of Nepalese (SCAN) including Mr. Manish Shakya for letting us use his residence for the meeting.

Due to Sagun Shrestha driving back from teaching Nepali school, Dr. Sapkota asked Dipendra Thapa to write down the meeting minutes.

The meeting started with Evaluation of 2012 convention. Dr. Baral gave his overall evaluation of the convention. He mentioned that the convention was a great success. It is 8<sup>th</sup> ANMA and NASEA joint convention. The weather was favorable. He expressed that it was difficult to chair this convention but it was made successful with all the hard work and preparation made by Dr. Baral committee. There are some other issues that were carried out as one of the issues with some members is inviting Chief Guest Madhav Kumar Nepal. There were lots of talk about it but as a past Prime Minister of Nepal we thought it was a good guest for our community to welcome him as a person. The entire artists are also great candidate for entertainment. It was a unique local as well as other individual artist. There are many forums including Poetry contest that was a great success. In Poetry contest Dr. Baral expressed some problem due to all the contest were mixed up. It should have been set up as children, youth and adult contest. It is best to separate level out its categories. He also expressed that there are many concur program but lacking a good management of time setting. We need to prepare in order to make the schedule in timely fashion. He also applauded for the blood drive; give back to motherland and social news organized by Dr. Lila Karki.

Dr. Sanjeeb Sapkota added that Mr. Mohan Bista organized walk and run program and Mr. Raja Ghale moderate Nepal Wireless.

Dr. Baral express that there are lots of unseen volunteer was there but we did not recognize them. He also expressed that we need to give our life member a listing in front row of the program and provide with tag to show them they are life time members. It is also better to start using MOU in writing from both organizations in future.

Mr. Ram Dongol was concerned about Chief Guest as how he was invited. When we decide our future guest, we need to make good coordination with committee as who will be invited and not in weeks of the convention...

The next agenda of the meeting was finances from NASEA treasurer. Mr Gobinda Shrestha mentioned that the finances report is not ready yet; all expenses need to be break down. There are many other heads to be calculated. He said we have not recorded the exact amount

on the pledge amount. He briefs each executive person by giving their name and pledge amount. In the same time there are few executives made the pledge. Dr. Ram and Kusum Baral \$500, Bimal Nepal \$25, Choodamani Khanal \$25.

Mr. Bimal Nepal expresses his feedback by stating guidelines or MOU need to be accomplished. Need a steady team to contribute in any dispute. He said he is good with the current heroes that NAsEA presented during the convention but we need to encourage other committees who have given to society.

Dr. Lila Karki- Any assessment or evolution of 2012 convention, we need to place in our board before going public.

Dr. Baral stated that it is a draft. We can revise and collect it. After committee approves, it will go public.

Mr. Raja Ghale said he was very disappointed of the time management. He said time management needs to be taken care of. Even our Chief Guest has to wait one and half hour to start the program. It was very embarrassing to listen to Chief Guest mentioned tardy about the program in his speech. Raja Ghale mentioned that when Nepal Wireless program started there is no one in the room. Madbir Pun was online from Nepal at 11:30 pm midnight and there is no one here. Mr. Ghale said we need people to coordinate better. He also expressed that we need to stop singing and dancing in Hindi songs. This is for to preserve our culture and heritage. Also, he mentioned there have to be check and balance in order to make the convention successful.

Ganesh Basnet said that some parts of Nepal and Nepalese, people speak Hindi, Maithali. We need to know what we are doing is part of our country.

Madhav Mainali said the entire program and everything is good but he said we need Nepali National Anthem and American National Anthem that he did not hear at the convention. It is very much required to have these two anthems in all our program.

Lekh Nath thank for great work done and success of the 2012 convention

For the 2013 convention, Manish Shakya stated the agenda and mentioned that there are 3 hotels that initially looked. Satish ji said we had to drop Hyatt due to same date program. There are two hotels Marriot for \$90 and Embassy Suits for \$103. We still need to discuss the rate.

Dr. Sanjeeb Sapkota started selection process of convention chair. He said to host a great convention we need Chair/Co-Chair and committee to support the local organization. To collaborate of both organization, day to day support we need a Chair person. Role: Person will coordinate with two organizations; work with other committee; issue and support; resolve issues. This year convention we have 8 co-chair and 1 chair person. President of the host organization will be co-chair. Chair person quality and qualification is not written. We need a dedicated person near or around host convention. We need fair and systematic process. During the meeting there are four candidates who were interested. Those are

1. Dr. Lila Karki
2. Shailendra Bajracharya
3. Bimal Nepal
4. Dr. Ram Baral

Sagun Shrestha suggested that if a person who becomes convention Chair person cannot put their name for presidency in upcoming election. Dr. Baral said he is not clear we need a process and mentioned not to delay the process to nominate the chair person. Ram Dongol mentioned that this is an open position, we need to decide if other are interested who are not in the meeting. Raja Ghale strongly suggested choosing a chair person today. Dr. Sanjeeb Sapkota is glad to see so many names and it will be in process and it will be decided in next meeting who will be a new Chair Person. With this being said and thanking Manish Shakya for hosting the meeting and providing a good lunch the meeting was concluded.