

Minutes of
NASeA General Assembly Meeting
Held in Hilton Hotel, Lexington, Kentucky on Sept 5 2010
5:15PM – 6:30PM

1. The decision of NASeA executive committee was announced by President Raja Ghale to nominate Prahlad Pant the chair of General Assembly.
2. Prahlad Pant thanked NASeA executive committee for the honor and laid out the ground rules of the meeting. He invited President Raja Ghale and the chair of the bylaws committee, Dr. Prakash Malla, on the front seats.
3. He asked joint secretary Srijana Sharma to take the minutes.
4. Vice President Sanjeeb Sapkota presented the agenda items of the meeting as well as the draft bylaws.
5. President Raja Ghale introduced the executive committee members and their photos were projected on the screen. He said that in a span of less than 5 months the current committee has done many substantive tasks including starting NASeA Monthly Talk Session over phone, publishing the first electronic newsletter, religious spiritual talk session by Swami Atmananda Giri, supporting Everest soccer club and completing the huge amount of work required for the success of the convention. He further said that the major upcoming events are Nepal Festival and fund raising for the proposed Nepal Culture Center.
6. Prahlad Pant asked if there were any questions to the President. There were no questions.
7. Prahlad Pant then asked Prakash Malla to present the amendments of the bylaws to the General Assembly.
8. Prakash Malla discussed the background in the making of the amendments of the bylaws and reminded that the process of the bylaws amendments had begun more

than a year ago. The amendments presented in Raleigh Convention last year where it was suggested that the bylaws needed further revisions. He then said that this year the bylaws committee comprised of former NAsEA presidents and former ad hoc committee members: Dr. Bishwa Acharya; Dr. Dharmendra Dhakal; Dr. Samanta Thapa; Mr. Hari Dhungana; Dr. Ramesh Amatya; Mr. Shaubhagya Shrestha; Dr. Prakash B. Malla; Dr. Narayan Rajbhandari; Mr. Tek Thapa; Mr. Raja Ghale; Dr. Ram Baral; Mr. Bala Panta; Mr. Chet Ghimire. Prakash Malla then highlighted the key provisions in the bylaws where amendments were suggested.

9. The key provisions highlighted by Prakash Malla included amendments regarding the term of the president, responsibility of the vice-president (s), election process, quorum, transition period to settle financial task between terms etc. Suman Silwal, Tek Thapa, Dr. Tilak Shrestha, Dr. Ram Chandra Baral, Rajib Acharya, Raju Kharel, Kaji Gurung shared their viewpoints.
10. Sanjeeb Sapkota told the audience how the suggested bylaws amendments were vetted among the executive members and reminded them that the draft bylaws was published at the NAsEA website. He said after several months of work by NAsEA volunteers, they had recommended the general assembly to approve the draft bylaws.
11. Prakash Malla proposed that the amended bylaws be approved by the General Body. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ramesh Amatya.
12. Prahlad Pant then opened the floor for discussion.
 - a. Tilak Shrestha proposed that the term limit for the President be 4 years with two terms.
 - b. Prakash Malla said that the term limit as presented in the proposed draft bylaws is one 2-year term.
 - c. After the discussion period was over, Prahlad Pant asked all present in the general assembly to vote in favor of or against the motion. Among the 39 persons who voted, only 4 persons voted for the motion and 35 persons voted against the motion. The motion was defeated.
 - d. Another motion was also proposed by Tilak Shrestha to increase the number of Vice Presidents to 3 or 4. After the discussion period was over, voting was done by all present at the general assembly. Among the

39 persons who voted, 31 persons supported to keep the number of Vice Presidents to two as indicated in the amended bylaws. The motion to increase the number of Vice President was also defeated.

- e. Kaji Gurung proposed that the number of Vice Presidents should be limited to one (1). This proposal was also defeated with an overwhelming majority.

13. Suman Silwal proposed a motion that the draft bylaws as recommended by the bylaws committee be passed. Dr. Dharmendra Dhakal seconded it. Prahlad Pant asked all present in the general assembly to vote. Among the 39 person who voted, 32 people were in favor of the motion. The draft bylaws was passed.
14. Raja Ghale, on behalf of executive committee, said that the term of the current executive committee is expiring at midnight and proposed a motion that the term of the current executive committee be extended for another year,
15. Sanjeeb Sapkota explained that according to the existing bylaws, the executive committee was elected for the remaining 5 months of one year term. But in practice the executive committees in the past were running for two years with an extension of a year. It was not a usual practice in the past to ask for an extension from general assembly, but giving due respect to the bylaws and to make the process transparent and open the executive committee is asking for an extension.
16. Tek Thapa seconded the motion to extend the term of the committee by one year.
17. Prahlad Pant asked those in favor to raise hands. The general assembly unanimously voted in favor of the motion. The motion was passed.
18. Prahlad Pant asked Prakash Malla to acknowledge the bylaw committee members who then asked all those present in the room (from bylaws) committee to rise and be recognized. Among them were Dr. Prakash Malla, Dr RamChandra Baral, Mr. Chetnath Ghimire, Dr. Dharmendra Dhakal, Dr. Ramesh Amatya , Mr. Tek Thapa and Mr. Raja Ghale. All of the present and non-present members of the bylaws committee members were thanked for their tenacious efforts, help, and cooperation to complete the amended draft bylaws
19. Ram Dongol briefly presented the financial report.

20. Dr. Ramesh Amatya suggested that email should be send to general body about several marathons ran by Suman Silwal and it should be posted at our website.

21. There being no other business, Prahlad Pant thanked all present at the general assembly and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,

Srijana Sharma

Joint Secretary