

Meeting Minute:

National Convention 2018: On-Site Meeting: 31st March, 2018 Chicago

Place: Chicago Curry House (2nd floor meeting room)
899 S Plymouth Ct
Chicago IL 60695

Time: 3-6 pm CST

Meeting Attendee:

Presidents

Mr. Bala ghimire, Convention Chairman/ President, Association of Nepalese in Midwest America (ANMA)

Mr. Madhav Dhakal, President, Nepalese Association of South East America (NASeA)

Mr. Medini Adhikari, President, The Association of Nepalese in the Americas (ANA)

ANMA Past Presidents

Mr. Sarda Thapa

Dr. Gaury Adhikary

Mr. Rajendra Khatiwada

Mr. Gopendra Bhattarai

Mr. Sushil Sharma

Convention Co-chairs

Mr. Balram Panthi (ANMA)

Mr. Bharat Kandel (ANMA)

Ms Jyoti Adhikari, Nepali American Center (NAC)

Convention Secretary

Dr. Diwakar Dahal (ANMA)

ANMA members

Ms. Urmila Panthi

Mr. Shyam Basnet

Dr. Om Dahal

Ms. Anita Adhikary

Mr. Benimadhav Khanal

Mr. Keshav Khanal

Local Organization Head and community leaders

Mr. Satya Chaudhary, President NRN IL chapter

Mr. Baburam Sapkota, Secretary NRN IL chapter

Mr. Rama Kant Kharel, Local Lions club president

Dr. Bishnu Phuyal, NAC President

Mr. Tilak KC, Past President - Nepalese association Milwaukee

Mr. Khem Pathak

Mr. Ishwari Bagale

Mr. Jitendra Rana

Mr. Khem Panthee

Mr. Bhim Rai

Mr. Gobinda Khanal

Dr Chatout Chandra

Several other personalities with an active interest in Nepalese communities were also present.

Agenda and Decisions:

- Dr. Diwakar Dahal presented a power point slides about meeting agenda such as Convention committee structure, responsibilities, decision making process, Initial plan.
- Convention Chair/ANMA President welcomed all participants followed by NAsEA president Mr. Madhav Dhakal and ANA president Mr. Medini Adhikari.
- Mr. Bala Ghimire provided updates about Convention hotel search which was limited to 2 hotel contracts: One with The Congress Plaza Hotel & Convention Center in Downtown Chicago and the other is Marriott Hotel near OHare International Airport, Chicago. Convention Chair Mr. Bala Ghimire was authorized to take a final decision after consulting with NAsEA and ANA president within two weeks.
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) draft is reviewing by Mr. Mukesh Singh and will be signed by ANMA, NAsEA and ANA president electronically within two weeks.
- ANMA/NAsEA/ANA commission head Mr. Rajendra Khatiwada gave special remarks about the commission roles in making a National convention 2018 in Chicago.
- ANMA Past presidents Mr. Sharda Thapa, Mr. Gopendra Bhattarai, Dr. Gaury Adhikary and Mr. Sushil Sharma also gave special remarks about convention preparation and activities.
- Co-Chair Mr. Bharat Kandel briefed about Convention web page preparation and IT team. He was authorized to get new domain for the convention. Meeting had strongly suggested to IT committee to move as fast as possible and get ready for convention registration within two weeks.

- It was agreed in a meeting to expand Convention Core Committee with more Coordinators and members.
- There was open floor general discussion session where many participants actively raised questions and gave suggestions. Questions asked were mostly answered by Convention Chair. Strong mobilization and coordination of local organizations and stakeholders were prioritized by some participants.
- The Congress Plaza Hotel was visited by most of the participants especially all ANMA members, ANA and NAsEA presidents and expressed their preference compared to Marriott Hotel near OHare International Airport. Marriott hotel was also visited by all presidents and few others.
- Convention Chair thanked everyone for their participation in a meeting.
- The meeting thanked a Convention Chair and other co-chairs for organizing a meeting.
- A big thank to Chicago Curry house, Bala Ghimire and other staffs hosting a meeting and a wonderful social gathering after the meeting.