

EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

Association of Nepalese in Midwest America (ANMA)

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Meeting Date: 08/20/2017

Meeting Location: Online, Conference call

Recorded by: Bharat Kandel, General Secretary, ANMA

Meeting Conducted by: Bharat Kandel, General Secretary

Meeting Attendees:

1. Bala Ghimire
2. Sushil Raj Sharma
3. Diwakar Dahal
4. Kailash Kayastha
5. Benimadhav Kandel (Gopal)
6. Balram Panthi
7. Urmila Panthi
8. Om Dahal
9. Bharat Kandel
10. Keshav Khanal
11. Madhav Dhakal
12. Shyam Basnet
13. Gopendra Bhartrai

Meeting Start

Meeting Schedule Start: 9:00 PM

Agenda

1. Disbursement of ANMA raised Flooding fund
2. Select Host organization for next Joint Convention from among the below organization
 - a. Cleveland - Nepali American Organization of Ohio (NAOO)
 - b. Chicago - Chicagoland Nepali Friendship Society (CNFS)
 - c. IWOA – Iowa Nepalese Association (INA)

Disbursement of ANMA raised Flooding fund

As per the suggestions by ANMA executive members ANMA has decided to send collected flood victims fund of \$1000.00 to America Nepal Medical Foundation (ANMF) for the support of flood victims of Nepal. ANMF is currently providing relief on the mainly flood affected area of Terai Region of Nepal with the direction of Social Welfare Council of Nepal(SWC).

Select Host organization for next Joint Convention

General Secretary thanked all the organization that were interested in hosting the 14th ANMA/NASeA Joint Convention 2017. Out of five interested organizations three organization listed below formally sent

the letter to ANMA and were invited for oral presentation on 8/19/2017. Each of their presentation was outstanding.

- a. Cleveland - Nepali American Organization of Ohio (NAOO)
- b. Chicago - Chicagoland Nepali Friendship Society (CNFS)
- c. IWOA – Iowa Nepalese Association (INA)

Based on presentation and various communication among team members since the presentation, advantages and disadvantages of hosting the Joint Convention in each city were thoroughly discussed.

Once list of advantages and disadvantages of hosting organization were presented each members who attended the meeting were given time to present their thought and their views on hosting the Convention in each cities. The committee also discuss the need to have streamline process with clearly defined criteria for future selection process.

Team members shared their selection based on various criteria such as the following:

1. Willingness to host the Convention
2. Oral presentation
3. Location
4. Logistics
5. Preparedness
6. Local community size
7. History of establishment and success story of the local community
8. Availability of high capacity hotels and the hall for concert
9. Probability of the number of event participants
10. Advice from previous presidents and ANMA Advisors
11. Possibility of ANA joining the ANMA/NASeA Joint Convention
12. Flight and transportation options for the participants
13. Local attraction

After discussion and suggestion from members, ANMA President proposed that Joint Convention be hosted in Chicago with ANMA taking the lead role. ANMA President will also take a lead and start the process of bringing various organization within Chicago to a single platform to host the organization. He also proposed that ANMA's yearly event (such as the Tourism event hosted in Chicago in May) be held in Iowa and ANMA's face-to-face meeting be held in Chicago in the year 2018.

President's proposal was passed by the committee and Chicago was selected as the host organization for the 14th ANMA/NASeA Joint Convention 2018. Iowa is selected as an alternate host organization in case Chicago does not accept the proposal by ANMA. An official letter will be sent to each organization about the decision of the ANMA Executive committee by General secretary within a day or two.

Closing remarks: ANMA President Bala Ghimire thanked all the attendees and requested everyone to attend 13th Joint Convention 2017 in Charlotte, NC.

Meeting concluded: 10:15 PM

Next meeting: ANMA AGM, September 3rd 2017 at

