



CONFERENCE CALL MEETING

Association of Nepalese in Midwest America (ANMA)

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MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: 12/13/2015

Meeting Location: Conference call

Recorded by: Kailash Kayastha, VP, ANMA

Meeting Conducted by: Shushil R Sharma, President, ANMA

Meeting Attendees:

1. Sushil Sharma
2. Sharda Thapa
3. Gauri Adhikary
4. Anita Adhikary
5. Gokarna Aryal
6. Gopendra Bhattarai
7. Sanjay Ghimere
8. Buna Dahal
9. Kailash Kayastha
10. Bala Ghimere
11. Rajendra Khatiwada
12. Nita Khatiwada
13. Balaram Panthi
14. Bishnu Phunyal
15. Uday Maharjan

MEETING START

Meeting Start Time: 9:00 PM (EST)

ANMA President Mr. Sushil Sharma kicked off the meeting by welcoming all the participants present in the conference call.

Former ANMA Presidents Mr. Sharda Thapa, Dr. Gauri Adhikary, Dr. Rajendra Khatiwada and Mr. Gopendra Bhattarai wished for the successful Joint Convention 2016 to be held in St. Louis, Missouri.

Mr. Sharma, Mr. Khatiwada and Mr. Bhattarai briefed about the successful "**DC Protest Rally against India's Trade/Transit Embargo to Nepal**" held on Nov 22 in Washington DC. Dr. Adhikary who recently came back from his short Nepal trip pointed

out the importance of the DC rally and how closely it was watched by the government of Nepal, Nepali media and people of Nepal, it was appreciated by all back in Nepal.

Mr. Sharda Thapa elaborated on "**Rainaskot Reconstruction Project**", a proposal submitted to ANMA on Nov21, 2015 during the quarterly meeting. Additional pledges have been received from Canada and Australia to rebuild two more houses. In addition, a generous donor from Chicago has come forward to match additional six thousand dollars raised for this project. Mr. Thapa will be sending out the fund raising package for this project soon, that could be circulated among the local organization to seek support for this project. The proposal submitted to ANMA is attached once again here for reference.

2016 Joint convention preparation:

ANMA President, former ANMA Presidents and conference call participants congratulated Mr. Balaram Panthi, the president of Greater St.Louis Nepali Chautari (GSTLNC), for being nominated as a Chairman of ANMA/NASeA Joint convention 2016.

Current ANMA Vice Presidents Mr. Bala Ghimere and Kailash Kayastha were nominated as co-chairs for ANMA/NASeA Joint convention 2016. Nomination for the third co-chair position to be provided by the host organization, Greater St.Louis Nepali Chautari (GSTLNC).

Search for convention hotel has been started with the goal to have signed hotel contract soon, possibly by the end of January. Several hotels have been contacted in Clayton Plaza, of St. Louis. Some of the hotels that have been contacted are-

- Sheraton
- Ritz Carlton
- Drury Inn

Joint Convention Website

Mr. Sanjay Ghimere will lead to build the joint convention portal website working with NASeA that would be reused for all future joint conventions. ANMA President Mr. Sushil Sharma already had informal communication with NASeA President on building one reusable joint convention portal site. Mr. Sharda Thapa will advise Mr. Ghimere on the back-end requirements

Opening a joint convention bank account

ANMA currently has two bank accounts

- Chase Bank
- Fifth Third Bank (was opened recently to release funds raised to support earthquake relief efforts)

ANMA Treasurer, Dr. Bishnu Phunyal - suggested we could use one of the above bank accounts.

ANMA President Mr. Sushil Sharma - has created **Tentative Budget Plan for the joint convention 2016** and shared with small group of people to solicit the feedback. He will be sharing this will larger group later.

Following structure was proposed for the formation of individual Joint Convention – 2016 Committees:-

1. Committee Chair from the local/host organization
2. Two other members from the local organization
3. JC 2014 chair of the committee
4. JC 2015 chair of the committee
5. The Chair of the committee as necessary will decide additional members.

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Miscellaneous (not related to the Joint Convention)

ANMA Fund raising committee

Anita Adhikary, Chair
Bala Ghimere
Rajendra Khatiwada
Mukesh Singh
Bishnu Phunyal
Buna Dahal

By-laws amendment committee

Sharda Thapa - mentioned that he sent the update on bylaws couple years ago but no feedback was received....
Mukesh Singh
Gopendra Bhattarai would follow up on this and will present in next ANMA AGM for the approval.
Gauri Adhikary
Rajendra Khatiwada
Sohan Khatiwada
Nanda Joshi

A big thank you to Mukesh/Sarala Singh Vauju on behalf of ANMA for hosting last ANMA quarterly meeting at their residence

ANMA executive member Buddha Ratna Maharjan grandfather's passing induced a moment of silence.

Meeting end: 10:30PM

Next meeting: TBD