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ANMA Executive member's Conference meeting minutes

Date: February 8th 2015

Start time: 10:00 am (Central time)

Location: Online - Conference call via phone

Meeting minutes taker: Mr. Bharat Kandel (General Secretary)

(This is the conference meeting and third meeting of the current executive members called by the General Secretary of ANMA on behalf of the President and conducted by the President Sushil R Sharma)

The General Secretary, Bharat Kandel, welcomed everyone to the meeting and requested the President to conduct the meeting.

President Sushil R Sharma, after welcoming everyone to the meeting, updated everyone on ANMA website behind the scenes activities with the help from Webmaster Mr. Sanjay Ghimire. The president informed that website account has been transferred from previous president to his name. Sanajay Ghimire along with his team informed everyone that his team is working on moving ANMA website from test environment to production environment with a goal of realizing the website to the public by Nepali New Year 2072. Currently several executive members have been testing the site. He requested ANMA President and the general secretary test and verify and update as necessary all contents of the site.

The president inquire and request ANMA treasurer to release fund collected for **Special School for Disabled and Rehabilitation Center (SSDRC)** project. Treasurer Mr. Bishnu Phuyal informed everyone that a total of \$976 out of pledge amount of \$1127.00 has been collected. President's motion to round up the total fund received for the project to \$1025.00 (from \$976.00) from ANMA account was passed unanimously. ANMA Treasurer was requested to write a check and send it to Nepal for the project with ANMA former President Dr. Gaury Adhikary, who is visiting Nepal within next few weeks. ANMA executive committee would like to thank Dr. Adhikary for accepting our request. During the discussion Ms. Buna Dahal talked about the importance of this project and appreciated ANMA executive committee and all donors for helping needy children suffered with Autism.

ANMA treasurer Dr. Bishnu Phuyal presented the ANMA finance to the team. The finance was mainly focused on Joint convention 2014 held in Denver, Colorado. Total income for the convention was \$36,460.06 and total expense was \$42,294.04.



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Mr. Phuyal concluded that there was a total deficit of \$5,833.98 and requested both ANMA and NASEA to find a way to bring the balance to break even.

President informed the members that he has been working with local organizations from various states in Midwest region to find a venue to for ANMA community outreach programs. As of now two such venue that have shown more interest than other are Cincinnati, OH and Kalamazoo, MI. Various members inquire about the programs to be held on such event. Dr. Elina suggested that we should work with local Bhutanese communities where possible. She also suggested that we set up a medical clinic or Patient education program. She is willing to volunteer on such a program. Mr. Gopendra Bhattraï suggested that we look for other venues as well. Ms Buna suggested that ANMA outreach venue could be possible venue for joint convention in the future.

After much discussion a team was formed to select venue and programs to be held in the venue as well as possible date for such program. The team includes:

Mr. Sushil Sharma
Dr. Elina Shakya
Mr. Kailash Kayestha
Ms. Buna Dahal
Mr. Suraj Adhikari
Mr. Gopendra Bhattraï
Mr. Balaram Panthi

ANMA President informed the members on ongoing negotiation with NASEA on creating and possible signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Joint conventions held by two organizations each year. The meeting that was held early January included five executive members from NASEA and four executive members from ANMA. After spending time discussing joint conventions, the meeting decided to hand over the task of writing the first draft of MOU to Mr. Bharat Kandel (General Secretary of ANMA) and Mr. Tilak Shrestha (General Secretary of NASEA). Both secretaries are to come up with first draft by February 15th 2015. The draft will be based on previous draft prepared by ANMA former President Sharada Thapa and further worked on it by previous executive of ANMA and NASEA. The draft will then be discussed by the joint committee meeting to be held on February 15th 2015. Further negotiation will be held to improve and sign the MOU if both parties agrees on such MOU. Bharat Kandel informed the team that he is working with NASEA secretary and



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the first draft will be ready by February 15th. Final draft will be shared with all ANMA members for their suggestions and finalized before it is signed.

President then ask all the members present in the meeting their viewpoint on MOU and Joint convention strategies. While some members suggested that we should hold joint convention less frequently, most agreed that we should continue the tradition by signing the MOU. However, it was unanimously echoed that both organizations must be equally responsible for finances of the joint conventions. Most members suggested that finance should be transparent for such conventions and financial report of the convention should readily be available within 3 to 4 months after the convention. The president thanked everyone for the suggestions and informed the members that he has been regularly in contact with NASEA president and he hopes that finance issues will soon be finalized and closed under mutually agreed conditions.

Next issue of ANMA Viewpoint will be published by Nepali New Year 2072. ANMA viewpoint editor Mr. Buddha Ratna Maharjan is sending an announcement for articles soon.

The general secretary thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and president adjourned the meeting.

Next meeting: To be decided in the future

Attendees:

- **President:** Mr. Sushil Raj Sharma, KY
- **Vice Presidents:**
 - Mr. Bala Ghimire, IL
 - Mr. Kailash Kayestha, IA
- **General secretary:** Mr. Bharat Kandel, MO
- **Joint Secretary:** Ms. Buna Dahal, CO
- **Treasurer:** Dr. Bishnu Phuyal, IL
- **Viewpoint Editor:** Mr. Buddha Ratna Maharjan, KY
- **Webmaster:** Mr. Sanjay Ghimire, IA
- **Members:**
 - Dr. Elina Shakya, OH
 - Mr. Uday Maharjan, IL
 - Mr. Suraj Adhikari, OH



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- **Ex Officio:** Mr. Gopendra Bhattarai (Former President ANMA)