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Non-Resident Nepali Association National Coordination Council - USA



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Date: March 15, 2025

NRNA NCC USA Executive Board (2023-2025) 9th Board Meeting Minute

Chair By: President, Dr Arjun Banjade

Moderated By: General Secretary, Ram Hari Adhikari

Note Taker: Secretary: Dipak Sapkota, Secretary: Shanti Poudyal

Meeting Date: March 2, 2025

Meeting Time: 9:00 AM (EST)

Venue: Online, Zoom

The meeting was called to order on March 2, 2025 at 9:55 AM EST by General Secretary Ram Hari Adhikari. The attendees constituting a quorum were as follows:

S.N.	Name	Designation	Attend
1.	Dr. Arjun Banjade	President	Yes
2.	Bikash Upreti	Senior Vice President	No
3.	Bhanu Kharel	Vice President	Yes
4.	Prem Tamang	Vice President	Yes
5.	Gyanendra Gurung	Vice President	Yes
6.	Netra Pandey	Vice President	Yes
7.	Sunita Sapkota Kandel	Women Vice President	Yes
8.	Anup Khanal	Youth Vice President	Yes
9.	Ram Hari Adhikari	General Secretary	Yes
10.	Dipak Sapkota	Secretary	Yes
11.	Shanti Poudyal	Secretary (Women)	Yes
12.	Saroj Sigdel	Treasurer	Yes
13.	Diwakar Pande	Joint-Treasurer	Yes
14.	Dr. Rajan Pant	Spokesperson	Yes
15.	Tej Poudel	Youth Coordinator	Yes
16.	Sunita Khatri	Women Coordinator	Yes
17.	Dr. Gangadhar Acharya	Board of Director	No
18.	Durga Tiwari	Board of Director	Yes
19.	Bal Rai	Board of Director	Yes
20.	Rita Devi Pradhan	Board of Director	Yes
21.	Bishnu Baral	Board of Director	Yes
22.	Srijana Sharma	Board of Director	No
23.	Nima Sherpa	Board of Director	Yes

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24.	Saraswati Sharma	Board of Director	No
25.	Basudev Bhatt	Board of Director	Yes
26.	Laxman Darlamee	Board of Director	No
27.	Mohan Kusari	Board of Director	No
28.	Nabaraj Nyaupane	Board of Director	Yes
29.	Ang T Sherpa	Northeast	No
30.	Bishnu Khatri	West	Yes
31.	Mahendra Basnet	Midwest	Yes
32.	Mohan Neupane	South	Yes
33.	Hari Prasad Ojha	Chapter President-CALIFORNIA	No
34.	Prakash Poudel	Chapter President-COLORADO	Yes
35.	Surendra Laudari	Chapter President-FLORIDA	No
36.	Kapil Sharan Wagle	Chapter President-GEORGIA	Yes
37.	Balaram Pokhrel	Chapter President-ILLINOIS	Yes
38.	Shivahari Khatri	Chapter President-INDIANA	Yes
39.	Uttam Basnet	Chapter President-KANSAS	Yes
40.	Sundarmani Poudel	Chapter President-KENTUCKY	No
41.	Kul Prasad Gurung	Chapter President-MARYLAND	Yes
42.	Prachanda Shrestha	Chapter President-MASSACHUSETTS	Yes
43.	Santosh Subedi	Chapter President-MICHIGAN	Yes
44.	Durga Pyakurel	Chapter President-NEVADA	No
45.	Kamal Dhungana	Chapter President-NEW HAMPSHIRE	Yes
46.	Bhakta Gurung	Chapter President-NEW JERSEY	No
47.	Rajendra Dahal	Chapter President-NEW MEXICO	No
48.	Chhiring Sherpa	Chapter President (Acting)-NEW YORK	No
49.	Sudan Thapa	Chapter President-NORTH CAROLINA	No
50.	Hota Bishowkarma	Chapter President-OHIO	No
51.	Jangbu Sherpa	Chapter President-OREGON	No
52.	Jaindra Lama	Chapter President-PENNSYLVANIA	No
53.	Dipendra Guragain	Chapter President-TEXAS	Yes
54.	Surya Bastakoti	Chapter President-UTAH	No
55.	Bishal Karki	Chapter President-VIRGINIA	No
56.	Bashu Dev Prasai	Chapter President-WASHINGTON	No
57.	Raj Kumar Hamal	Chapter President-WISCONSIN	Yes
58.	Raj Acharya	Chapter President-NEBRASKA	Yes
59.	Prabal Nepal	Chapter President-MINNESOTA	No
60.	KP Bhatta	Chapter President-CONNECTICUT	No

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Terms of Reference:

- Roll called by General Secretary
- Meeting opening remarks by President
- Discussion on Agenda

The Previous Meeting Minutes: The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as read.

Agendas:

- 9.1 Updates from Departments and Committees
- 9.2 Preliminary Discussion on Election and Annual General Meeting (AGM)
- 9.3 AOB

Discussions and Decisions on the Agendas:

9.1 Updates from Departments and Committees

i. Update on International Women's Day 2025

Sunita Khatri, Women Coordinator, provided an update on the plans for International Women's Day 2025, which will be hosted on March 8, 2025, at 3901 Rugby Road, Fairfax, VA 22033. She informed the committee about the hotel, venue, logistics, and arrangements for the guests attending the event. The program schedule and guest list are still in the process of finalization.

ii. 4th Youth Conference and Undergraduate Scholarship Award Update

- Tej Poudel, Youth Coordinator, provided an update on the Youth Conference scheduled for April 12, 2025, stating that the Youth Committee is actively working on organizing the event. However, considering the ongoing activities in Nepal and the USA, he proposed hosting the event online via Zoom. He also provided an update on the Undergraduate Scholarship Award 2024, requesting an increase in the number of recipients from 8 to 12 students.
- Anup Khanal, Youth Vice President, acknowledged that the Youth Coordinator and the Youth Committee are actively working on organizing the Youth Conference in Dallas, TX. He supported the proposal to host the event via Zoom and endorsed the request to increase the Undergraduate Scholarship Award 2024 recipients from 8 to 12 students.

Decision on 4th Youth Conference: Considering the current circumstances and the gravity of the situation, it was decided that the 4th Youth Conference, scheduled for April 12, 2025, in Dallas, Texas, will be held virtually via Zoom this year.



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Decision on Scholarship Fund Increase: The committee also decided to increase the scholarship fund from \$12,000 to \$16,000, adding \$4,000 to the usual amount allocated for student scholarships each year.

iii. Financial Status and Activities Update

Saroj Sigdel, Treasurer, provided an update on the financial status and activities. He informed the committee that all expenses and financial activities will be presented to the Executive Committee in detail with breakdowns. Additionally, he shared that the Internal Audit Committee is actively working on auditing the financial activities.

iv. Trade and Tourism Committee Update

Netra Pandey, Vice President, provided an update on the Trade and Tourism Committee, highlighting that the committee is actively working on the Trade and Tourism Magazine and has requested support from the Executive Committee. He also informed the committee about the Lumbini Circuit mayors and team visiting the United States and organizing events.

v. Scholarship Fund for Underprivileged and Talented Students in Dhading District Update

Ram Hari Adhikari, General Secretary and Committee Chair, provided an update to the meeting about the "Scholarship Fund for Underprivileged and Talented Students in Dhading District" and urged the Executive Committee to actively participate and support the event.

Diwakar Pande, Joint-Treasurer, also supported the initiative and emphasized the importance of committee involvement for its success.

vi. NRN Citizenship Commission 2024 Update

President Dr. Arjun Banjade provided updates on the activities of the NRN Citizenship Commission 2024. He informed the meeting that text messages have been sent to lawmakers and political leaders in Nepal, requesting their support for the implementation of Non-Resident Nepali Citizenship. Additionally, the NRN Citizenship Commission 2024 is planning other activities.

vii. NRNA NCC USA Website and Membership Portal Update

Ram Hari Adhikari, General Secretary, provided updates on the NRNA NCC USA website. He mentioned that all concerns and suggestions have been considered, and the team is working actively to improve the website. The updates are currently in the production phase, and members can expect to see changes in the coming weeks. The General Secretary also provided updates on the Membership Portal.

viii. STI Committee Update

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Bhanu Kharel, Vice President, informed the committee that the STI Committee has scheduled 5-8 webinars for the year 2025. Details will be shared with the Executive Committee soon.

9.2 Preliminary Discussion on Election and Annual General Meeting (AGM)

During the discussion, the committee thoroughly reviewed the provisions in the bylaws and the current status of NRNA ICC. It was decided that the date for the upcoming election and Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be set only after the Membership Registration process is open.

Action Items:

- Continue preparing NRNA NCC USA's system for Membership Registration through further study and development.
- Engage in additional discussions with past NCC leaders to gain further insights on the process.
- President Dr. Arjun Banjade will coordinate with other NCCs to gather information about their Membership Registration systems.

Next Steps: Considering all factors, the committee decided to schedule another meeting as soon as possible to discuss the opening of Membership Registration. During this meeting, the General Secretary will present a demo of NCC USA's own Membership Registration system.

9.3 AOB

NRNA NCC USA expressed condolences and sympathy on the loss of Nar Maya Basnet, mother of Patron Diksha Basnet, and Urita Sherpa, father of Oregon Chapter President Jangbu Sherpa.

- **Upcoming Meeting:** We will soon announce the date and time for our next meeting. Please stay tuned for this information.
- **Adjournment:** With no further business on the agenda, President Dr. Arjun Banjade gracefully concluded the meeting with his insightful closing remarks.

Ram Hari Adhikari
General Secretary
NRNA NCC USA

Dr. Arjun Banjade
President
NRNA NCC USA