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Non-Resident Nepali Association National Coordination Council - USA



Executive Board Meeting

Aug. 28th 2018

Chair by: President Dr. Keshab Paudel

Moderated by : General Secretary Mr. Babu Ram (BR) Lama

General Secretary Mr. Babu Ram (BR) Lama called the NRNA NCC USA EXECUTIVE BOARD 2017-19 16th board (Emergency) meeting on the authority of President Dr. Keshab Paudel's direction to order in Aug 29th 2018 at 8:00 pm EST at the <https://zoom.us/j/382799662> and, those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

S.N.	Name	Designation	Attend
1	Dr. Keshab Paudel	President	Yes
2	Mr. Suneel Sah	Senior Vice President	Yes
3	Ms. Radha K Paudel	Mid-West R.Vice President	Yes
4	Mr. Ram Kumar Subedi	North East R. Vice President	No
5	Mr. Jedu Pokhrel	South R. Vice President	Yes
6	Ms. Uma Karki Thapa	West R. Vice President	Yes
7	Mr. Babu Ram Lama	General Secretary	Yes
8	Mr. Hom Nath Gautam	Secretary	Yes
9	Dr. Prakash Aryal	Treasurer	Yes
10	Mr. Pawan Yonjan	Joint Treasurer	No
11	Mr. Bal K Joshi	Media Coordinator	No
12	Mr. Binod K Tiwari	Spokesperson	Yes
13	Mr. Swaraj Khatri	Youth Coordinator	Yes
14	Ms. Idira Tripathi	Woman Coordinator	Yes
15	Dr. Arjun Banjade	BOD	No
16	Mr. Krishna P Lamichhane	BOD	Yes
17	Ms. Trishna Sharma	BOD	Yes
18	Mr. Sanjay Thapa	BOD	Yes
19	Ms. Divya KC Oli	BOD	No
20	Mr. Gopendra Bhattarai	BOD	Yes
21	Ms. Bindu Sapkota	BOD	Yes
22	Mr. Amrit Babu Kattel	BOD	Yes
23	Mr. Priti Sagar Khatri	BOD	Yes
24	Mr. Angngima G Sherpa	BOD	Yes
25	Mr. Vishnu Bahadur Shah	BOD	Yes



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Invited ICC Officials, Advisors, and Legal Advisors

S.N.	Name	Designation	Attend.
1	Mr. Gouri Joshi	Regional Coordinator	Yes
2	Mr. Nabin Sherchan	Deputy Regional Coordinator	No
3	Ms. Goma Sen	ICC Members	No
4	Mr. Dharma Bhattarai	ICC Members	No
5	Mr. Bishnu Man Pradhan	ICC Members	No
6	Mr. Praksah Sapkota	ICC Members	No
7	Ms. Bandana Koirala	ICC Members	No
8	Mr. Bed Raj Basnet	ICC Members	Yes
9	Mr. Dili Ram Bhattarai	ICC Members	Yes
10	Mr. Kunga Sherpa	ICC Members	No
11	Ms. Sarala Kadel	ICC Members	No
12	Mr. Rajan Tripathi	ICC Members	No

Special Invitee: Mr. Raj Dhunghana, CO, Chapter President

Terms of reference: Front Money for the Continuation of Nepali Citizenship (CNC) Committee

Previous meeting minute: The previous minute was taken as read.

Roll called: General Secretary.

Meeting Open: President with opening remarks.

Agendas:

1. Colorado Incident.
2. Funding Authorization (front money) to Continuation of Nepali Citizenship (CNC) Committee.

Opening of the meeting:

The President, opening the session, brief his tour regards and thanked the board for running the organization smoothly in his absence. The President also mentioned and appreciated for forming the Continuation of Nepali Citizenship Lobbyist Committee, and other appropriate actions were taken regarding CNC. Moreover, he emphasized, what issue should the CNC Lobbyist Committee



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strongly raise? He said, "we should stick to the point: all other privileges should be awarded to the Non-Resident Nepali Citizenship holders, other than the political rights that are awarded to other kinds of citizenships." Furthermore, the President condemned the Colorado incident and gave authority to the General Secretary to move the meeting forward.

On the authority of President, the General Secretary moved the meeting forward and tabled the agendas respectively.

- **Colorado Incident.**

Moving the agenda forward, the General Secretary asked the Colorado Chapter President, Mr. Raj Dhungana, to brief regarding Colorado Incident, where a Nepali Origin Birendra Thakuri had been fatally shot by Westminster Police on 25th Aug 2018. Mr. Raj Dhunghana then updated us regarding the incident and the ongoing legal process. After listening to him, the Executive Board expressed their condemnation, paid tribute to the deceased, and expressed their condolences to the bereaved family. Moreover, the Board thanked all community leaders and local organizations, including the NRNA NCC and the USA's Colorado Chapter, for playing a vital role in bringing the incident under the process of legal justice.

- **Funding Authorization (front money) for the CNC Committee.**

Moving the agenda, the General Secretary explained that the "Continuation of Nepali Citizenship Committee" has submitted the funding requisition application to the Board (please see the attached document, herewith Annex I, for more info) and that the General Secretary had requested that NRNA ICC provide the funds, claiming that the CNC's issue is standard issue affecting all NRNs around the world (please see the attached document, herewith Annex II, for more info). However, the ICC has denied the request, citing several reasons (please see the attached document, herewith Annex III, for more info). The General Secretary



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then said, "On the authority of the President, I (the General Secretary), move this motion to pass the front money and deploy the officials for the mission."

After a brief discussion, the Board unanimously passed the agenda and authorized funds of US\$10K as front money, which has to be cleared immediately after the mission's return, invoices and receipts must be submitted when clearing the front money, invoices and receipts other than those for the stipulated purpose will not be considered as official expenses and will be subject to repayment.

Authorized advanced payment funds can only be used for the following purposes:


1. Work with CNC Task Force NRNA to organize meetings and forums with elected members and government officials to educate them about our concerns.
2. Consultation expenses.
3. Meeting and documentation expenses

Furthermore, the board deployed Mr. Jedu Pokharel, Regional Vice-President, and Mr. Sanjay Thapa, BOD, for the mission.

At the end of the meeting, the General Secretary requested that the Board skip the upcoming regular meeting scheduled for the 2nd of September 2018, citing that "We have already had three meeting within a month," and the Board voted to skip it. Likewise, the president adjourned the meeting extending thanks to all participants.

"Once a Nepali Always a Nepali"

[The-End]


Submitted by
General Secretary


NRNA NCC USA

Approved by President

Annex I

Funding Requisition From NRNA NCC USA, CNC Committee

Mr. Suneel Sah
President (Acting),
NRNA NCC of USA

Dear Mr. President,

The meeting of the CNC lobbyist committee held on 8/19/2018 discussed latest amendments submitted and found that some more changes need to be added to the proposed amendment. Especially adding provisions to discourage different interpretation of the laws by private individuals or organizations and how to safeguard those behaviors. Another point discussed was to replace text in appropriate place to say, " all rights except political in par with citizens of Nepal".

The committed members think that meeting the lawmakers (policy makers) in person and putting our concern to them directly may bring the desired change on the proposed amendments. Given the importance of the laws and amendments put forward (in the legislative body and different committees) and also the role that NRNA NCC of USA has played, historically in this matter, the committee thinks a visit by a small group of people to Nepal to work with the elected members and government officials and educate them on the issues mentioned above and others would be beneficial to the member of diaspora hear in the US as well as in Nepal.

The meeting of the CNC lobbyist committee held on 8/19/2018 has decided to request NRNA NCC of USA to provide fund of amount \$10,000.00 for the following purpose:

- (1) Work with CNC Task Force NRNA to organize meetings and forums with elected members and government officials and educate them on our concerns
- (2) Consultation expenses
- (3) Meeting and documentation expenses

Thanks

Sincerely,

CNC Lobbyist Committee

Mr. Khagendra GC, Esq, Past President/Advisor- Coordinator

Ms. Bandita Dahal, Esq, Chief Legal Advisor-Member

Dr. Puru Shrestha, Advisor-Member

Mr. Jedu Pokharel, Vice-President-Member

Mr. Sanjay Thapa - BOD Member

Mr. Gopendra Bhattra - BOD Member

Annex II

Funding requisition email to the ICC on behalf of NCC

Dear Mr. General Secretary
NRNA
C/o Regional Coordinator, Americas

Dear Sir,

As we are all aware, the Nepal Government is submitting the Citizenship Bill to Parliament, and the bill does not correctly address Non-Resident Nepali (NRN) citizenship; in particular, the requirement of the submission of proof of relinquishment of Nepali citizenship to apply for NRN citizenship is against the spirit of the Constitution regarding NRN citizenship. We, NRNA NCC USA, have formed the CNC Lobbyist Committee to lobby for the amendment of the bill. The Committee has requested us to provide USD 10-15k for a small group of people to visit Nepal to work with the elected members and government officials and educate them on our issue. Since it is our standard issue, we kindly request you to authorize \$10k for the task mentioned above.

Sincerely,

Babu Ram (BR) Lama
General Secretary
Non-Resident Nepali Association
National Coordination Council, USA

Annex III

Response from ICC

Dear Baburam ji!

Namaskar.

Yes, definitely now the Citizenship bill is in Parliament now. The bill does not correctly address various issues of NRNs. The CNC task force (Continuity of Nepali Citizenship) in the leadership of Patron Ram P. Thapa is working on it in the micro level. NRNA had collected all the shortfalls and collectively pursuing in various level. Now, the state management committee has to be formed soon where the citizenship bill will be discussed and suggestion will be sent to parliament. Yes of course we need to push this issue collectively and every NRNs who have their connection with parliament members and especially with the State Management Committee of the parliament need to pursue this issue.

As per the NRN regulations, every task force and Committee is managing the necessary funds themselves using the large NRNA Diaspora. So, the CNC task force is also managing it's fund itself. This is the right and high time to lobby and I request every NCC to participate financially too. I regret that ICC does not have any particular fund for that. So, I request NCC USA to approach with every state committee, individual members and other possibilities to collect the necessary funds to lobby and help CNC committee for the same.

Thank you for your understanding.

With best regards,

Dr. Badri K.C.

General Secretary

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