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# Non-Resident Nepali Association National Coordination Council - USA



## Executive Board Meeting

May. 12<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> board meeting (Regular) on the authority of President Dr. Keshab Paudel's direction to order in May 12<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 9:30 pm EST on the <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/377358381> 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	Yes
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	Yes
12	Mr. Binod K Tiwari	Spokesperson	Yes
13	Mr. Swaraj Khati	Youth Coordinator	No
14	Ms. Idira Tripathi	Woman Coordinator	Yes
15	Dr. Arjun Banjade	BOD	Yes
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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Observers			
S.N.	Name	Designation	Attend.
1	Mr. Gouri R Joshi	RC Americas	yes
2	Mr. Nabin Sherchan	DRC Americas	No
3	Ms. Goma Sen	ICC Members	Yes
4	Mr. Dharma Bhattarai	ICC Members	yes
5	Mr. Bishnu Man Pradhan	ICC Members	No
6	Mr. Praksah Sapkota	ICC Members	Yes
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	Yes
11	Ms. Sarala Kadel	ICC Members	No
12	Mr. Rajan Tripathi	ICC Members	No

**Terms of reference:** Expert Conference & AGM update

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

**Roll called:** General Secretary.

**Meeting Open:** Mr. President with opening remarks.

### **Mr. President's opening remarks:**

President Dr. Keshab Paudel, in his opening remarks, wished a speedy recovery to Ms. Punam Thapa, spouse of Mr. Sanjay Thapa (BOD), who has been suffering from pneumonia for several days and had lung surgery. He also expressed sadness on the demise of NRNA NCC USA's Advisor, Dr. Rudra Aryal's father, and Advisor Mr. Gobinda Shrestha's grandfather-in-law. He, on behalf of NRNA NCC USA, extended condolences to the bereaved families and paid tribute to the departed.



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Furthermore, Mr. President, in his opening remarks, gave a brief regarding the agendas. Regarding the headquarters Mr. President said, "It was decided to build in New York by the immediate past executive board, but it was unable to be implemented due to some reason. It has been raised again at a Houston, TX meeting, but a decision couldn't be reached due to lack of time. Now, fellow officials bring it to the meeting as the proposal; it is requested for the officials who bring the proposals to give consent to each other. It is also requested to all officials, including ICC members, to share their thoughts: what location would be appropriate, and how can it be build and decided consensually?"

### Agendas:

- Expert Conference & AGM update
- NRNA NCC USA Headquarter (Nepal Ghar)
- AOB

### Decision:

- **Expert Conference & AGM update:**

President Dr. Keshab Paudel, Regional Coordinator (NRNA Americas Region) Mr. Gouri Joshi, Expert Conference Convener Dilli Bhattarai, and NRNA NCC USA 7th AGM Convener Uma Karki Thapa have updated the status of the Expert Conference & AGM, 2018.

In addition to that, the President announced that the Regional Coordinator, Mr. Gouri Joshi, the President, Dr. Keshab Paudel, and the Deputy Regional Coordinator, Mr. Nabin Sherchan, had contributed \$5,000, \$3,000, and \$2,000, respectively toward the Expert Conference & NRNA NCC USA 7th AGM. The President also requested that all of the executive board members and ICC members contribute, suggesting \$1,000 or more per person for the ICC members, Senior VP, Regional VPs, General-Secretary, and Secretary, and \$500



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or more per person for the rest of the officials. Furthermore, he requested a \$500 contribution from each NRNA NCC USA Chapter.

Those present at the meeting were involved in a brief discussion regarding the proposal. They suggested not making it compulsory and unanimously accepted the President's request.

The President concluded the agenda by stating that the donations are not mandatory, but he added that if someone cannot contribute, then he or she should have a reason for this.

- **NRNA NCC USA Headquarter (Nepal Ghar):**

South Region Vice-President Mr. Jedu Pokharel and North East Region Vice-President Mr. Ram Kumar Thapa verbally presented their proposals respectively. Mr. Jedu Pokharel, presenting his proposal, said "As I am proposing to build the "Headquarters," friends are proposing counter-proposals; if we can't together then we cannot build it. I have a plan to buy the building nearby (17 min away), "Capital Hill," where senators' offices are located. The cost will be approximately US\$ 500,000.00 - 700,000.00. We are approximately 400,000 Nepali Americans residing here in the USA. I am planning to collect the \$1000/person from 500 individuals out of 400,000. The donors will be medical doctors, engineers, professors, businessmen, and community leaders. Washington DC is the capital of the USA, and all of the diplomat offices are located there; that is why the "Headquarters" should build in DC.

Likewise, Mr. Ram Kumar Subedi, presenting his proposal, said "The first thing: it has been already decided in a recent meeting to build it in New York, as Mr. President mentioned in his opening remarks, and I just want to continue that decision, if we repeal the past decision then it would not be fair. I have a plan to raise the funds, the same as Mr. Jedu Pokharel has, but I don't have a tentative budget yet. That is not a big deal. The important thing is where to build. How can it be sustained? Also, how many people will benefit from it? Yes, of course Washington, DC is the capital of the USA; at the same time, New York is the



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capital of the world, and a much more significant number of Nepali Americans are living there than in Washington, DC. I have no objection to building the "Headquarters" in DC; my concern is only; will it be useful and sustainable? I request the board members to explain how it can be useful and sustainable? If all of you say that it can be useful and sustainable, then I am ready to withdraw my proposal. Another thing: I don't want to go to the voting. If there is no consensus, then I will drop my proposal, as well".

After hearing both proposals, the General-Secretary opened the floor and requested that all of the participants state their opinions. Moreover, he said that this agenda would not go to voting and that unless there was a different consensus, the President would conclude the agenda.


Midwest Region RPV Ms. Radha Paudel and West Region RVP Ms. Uma Karki Thapa have also claimed to build the "Headquarters" in their region Chicago and California respectively, on the discussion. Furthermore, Board of Directors Mr. Krishna Lamichhane also contended that there is feasibility to build in Dallas, TX, after a general discussion the board authorized the President to conclude the agenda.

Concluding the agenda, the President asked all of Regional Vice Presidents to submit their "Business Proposals" with their plans' details and feasibility. On the top of that, the President also asked for the Dallas TX, if somebody wants to put forward the "Business Proposal." However, the president prioritized as DC, NY, Chicago, California and Dallas TX, first, second, third, fourth, and fifth respectively and then adjourned the meeting.


- **AOB**

N/A

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Submitted by  
General Secretary

-The End-

  
Approved by President