

JANA ANDOLAN VICTIM FUND

- Several opinions were expressed regarding the best way to make use of the "unused fund" collected by NAC for Jana-Andolan victims in Nepal. Some of the members wanted the funds to be returned to the donor, and ask the donor for their suggestion. Others expressed that it would not be a good idea to return the funds because the donors might have already filed their taxes and doing this might cause them to send another amended version of their taxes. It was decided that the president will appoint two-people to submit a recommendation on the matter and all members agreed.

BRIDDHASHRAM FUND

- The president updated everyone that Dr. Shyam Karki will transfer the NAC – collected funds from the Shyam Karki's Indira Foundation to NAC accounts. The NAC funds were collected when NAC brought the musicians Sur-Sudha from Nepal to the US for the Briddhashram project fund-raising. It was decided that the NAC will keep the initially advanced funds (from NAC accounts to the music program), and the collected funds will be transferred to the Briddhashram project in Nepal. All members agreed.

PROPOSED TWO YEAR MAIN AGENDA

- Foster an excellent working relationship between all the NAC members, particularly ANA, and the NAC, and improve the coordination and communication with all NAC member organizations.
- Support the democratic changes in Nepal
- Advance the NRN agenda and build up relationships with the Non-Resident Nepali Association (NRNA-ICC).
- Assist the Nepal library project, initiated by Mr. Naresh Koirala.
- Coordinate with other member organizations to advance seventy-five district projects.
- Identify investors to support and invest in \$100 Million NRNA fund.

Introduction

Nepalese Americas Council (NAC) is a not-for-profit, non-political and tax exempt organization, which has over 26 Nepali and Nepal related organizations in North America as its members. The mission of the NAC is to coordinate and facilitate a partnership among Nepalese and Nepal-related associations in the U.S.A. and Canada for maintaining and fostering Nepalese identity and cultural heritage.

GOALS

NAC goals include:

- To coordinate, facilitate, and conduct activities directed to avoiding duplication of efforts among NAC's member organizations;
- To promote various social, cultural, educational, economic, and civic activities of common interest to Nepali community in North America;
- To foster friendship and understanding among Nepali, American and Canadian people;
- To support various aspects of development of Nepal; and
- To represent Nepali-Americans/Canadians in the global Non-Resident Nepalis Association (NRNA), and to promote NRNA.



NRNA-ICC Chairman Dr. Upendra Mahala speaking at NAC Conference, San Bernardino, CA, January 6, 2007

NAC Foundation

NAC Foundation is the charitable and philanthropic arm of the Council. The Foundation will develop and raise funds from various individuals and organizations and maintain an endowment of funds which can be used for certain specified charitable purposes.

The Foundation maintains two types of funds:

- **General Foundation Fund** with a goal of raising over \$25,000 to support community activities and
- **Legacy Funds** with a goal of raising over \$100,000 to create a permanently endowed fund. The minimum contribution for a Legacy Fund is \$5,000 payable within two years.



*NAC Conference Participants
San Bernardino, CA, January 6, 2007*

Structure of the Foundation:

- Unrestricted and unnamed contributions to the Foundation are deposited in the General Foundation Fund, whereas the Legacy Funds bear the names as requested by the donors.
- The principal amounts of the Legacy Funds are retained perpetually, and a small part of the interest earned from the principal is reinvested in the funds to allow for annual inflation.

Examples of the utilization of funds include:

- Emergency funds for people in medical and emergency needs;
- Provide grant money for NAC member organizations and their projects;
- Fund projects that meet NAC goals and objectives;
- Organize workshops and forums to support development in Nepal; and
- Support the promotion of Nepali culture and heritage.

MEMBERSHIP

As a membership based organization, NAC's strength and success depends on the fellowship and support from local Nepali and Nepal related groups in North America. NAC encourages all Nepali and Nepal related non-profit organizations and associations in US and Canada to become its members and support the common cause of Nepali Diaspora in North America.

Benefits of NAC Membership include:

- Strengthening unity among member organizations;
- Increased impact through collaboration;
- Mutual learning from member organizations;
- Availability of a common platform for North America wide network; and
- Opportunity to apply for NAC Foundation grants to fund projects.

For membership information, please contact the NAC membership coordinator **Mr. Gouri Joshi** at gourijoshi@hotmail.com or any Board member. The annual membership contribution is \$100.

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Dr. Ambika Adhikari, Mr. Pramod Sharma, Dr. Tara Niraula, Dr. Narayan Rajbhandari, Dr. Ram N. Shah, Mr. Anand Raj Tiwari, Mr. Sagar Shrestha and Mr. Mukesh Singh, Ms. Bishnu Thapa, Mr. Gouri Joshi.

Meeting Location: Via Conference Call

Meeting Date: January 25, 2007: 9 to 10:30 EST

Meeting Purpose: Brief overview of agenda of new executive committee.

The meeting started with the welcome and a brief introduction of all the participating board members. A special thank you was extended to Mr. Sagar Shrestha for coordinating and drafting the press release on behalf of the Nepalese Americas Council (hereinafter referred as NAC). Thanks were also offered to Mr. Gouri Joshi for taking admirable initiatives to build membership service programs.

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

NRN CELL

- President Dr. Ambika Adhikari proposed to the executive committee that the NRN structure of the North American Coordination Council (NACC within NAC) will be amended, and the current NACC will be dissolved. Under the new arrangement, the NRN cell will be within NAC, and it will be lead by a coordinator or chair instead of a president. The details of the proposed changes will be sent to the Board and HOD for their approval via e-mail.
- A discussion was held regarding the potential date and time of the NAC and NRN meetings during the ANA conference in July. ANA has invited NAC to present a NRN forum either for a whole day just prior to the ANA convention or for two hours during the main convention. The Board members were divided in their views on the two possibilities. Some members expressed the desire to hold a separate session, while others felt that taking up two-hours during the main session would be better and draw a larger crowd as well. This topic will be discussed more with ANA and also within the board.
- It was decided that the president should further consult with the ANA convention committee and then make a decision on the matter, and all members were in agreement.

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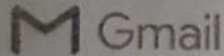
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Tue, Jan 23, 2007 at 12:54 PM

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Dear Upendra jee, Jiba jee, Jugal jee and Bhim jee:

I noticed that the nrna web site has obsolete information on NAC. I hope you can arrange to get it updated as follows.

Also, please do keep me in the loop fro any NRNA press release, news items and other major decisions, so that I can disseminate here in North America, and also support any NRN related activities from our side. I was impressed by the latest press release on the interim constitution. The work on Briddhashram Project has been exemplary.

Thank you and congratulations for the great job.

Ambika Prasad Adhikari
President, NAC

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From: **Ambika P. Adhikari** <ambika_adhikari@yahoo.com>
Date: Jan 22, 2007 11:54 AM
Subject: The Complete Board of Directors, and Advisers for NAC

Dear friends and colleagues:

On behalf of the new Board, I am pleased to announce that the following is the complete Executive Board and Advisers for NAC for Jan 2007 - Dec 2008. As per the by-laws, two new positions: Membership Co-ordinator and Nepal Affairs Co-ordinator, have also been filled.

For regular updates about the council please visit NAC web site - www.nepalcouncil.org

Please contact the appropriate board member for any questions or suggestions. NAC is your organization, and we seek your regular input, ideas, support and volunteerism.

As always, we count on your cooperation and good-will.

Thank you.

Ambika Prasad Adhikari
President, NAC

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