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NRNA NCC USA Executive Board (2023-2025) 8th Board Meeting Minute

Chair By: President, Dr Arjun Banjade

Moderated By: General Secretary, Ram Hari Adhikari

Note Taker:

Meeting Date: December 22, 2024

Meeting Time: 11:00 PM (EST)

Venue: Online, Zoom

The meeting was called to order on December 22, 2024, at 11:50 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	Yes
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	No
8.	Anup Khanal	Youth Vice President	Yes
9.	Ram Hari Adhikari	General Secretary	Yes
10.	Dipak Sapkota	Secretary	No
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	Yes
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	No
29.	Ang T Sherpa	Northeast	No
30.	Bishnu Khatri	West	Yes
31.	Mahendra Basnet	Midwest	Yes
32.	Mohan Neupane	South	No
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	No
38.	Shivahari Khatri	Chapter President-INDIANA	No
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	Yes
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	Yes
49.	Sudan Thapa	Chapter President-NORTH CAROLINA	No
50.	Hota Bishowkarma	Chapter President-OHIO	Yes
51.	Jangbu Sherpa	Chapter President-OREGON	Yes
52.	Jaindra Lama	Chapter President-PENSYLVANIA	No
53.	Dipendra Guragain	Chapter President-TEXAS	Yes
54.	Surya Bastakoti	Chapter President-UTAH	No
55.	Bishal Karki	Chapter President-VIRGINIA	Yes
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:

- 8.1 Updates from Departments and Committees
- 8.2 Initiative for Implementation of Non-Resident Nepali Citizenship
- 8.3 Membership Registration for the Upcoming Term (2025-2027) of NRNA NCC USA
- 8.4 AOB

Discussions and Decisions on the Agendas:

8.1 Updates from Departments and Committees

- Sunita Khatri, Women Coordinator: provided an update to the meeting regarding the plans for International Women's Day 2025. She stated that the Women's Committee has decided to host the event on March 8, 2025, in Virginia, despite a request from Acting New York Chapter President Chhiring Sherpa to hold it in New York.
- Baral, Board of Director and Newsletter Committee Head: provided an update on the progress of the Newsletter, stating that the Newsletter Committee is actively working on Volume 5. He requested all Department Heads, Committees, and Chapter Presidents to promptly submit their activities to the Newsletter Committee or Secretariat to ensure inclusive coverage. He further emphasized that the committee frequently receives complaints about the omission of news and activities from various departments and chapters, urging everyone to share information in a timely manner.
- Tej Poudel, Youth Coordinator: provided an update on the Youth Conference, informing the meeting that the Youth Committee is actively working on organizing the event. The date, time, and venue will be confirmed soon, with Texas currently being considered as the



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location. He also requested all Chapter Presidents to submit proposals if they wish to host the event in other states, emphasizing that the Committee is open to discussing these suggestions.

Tej Poudel, Youth Coordinator also provided an update on the Undergraduate Scholarship Award 2024, stating that the committee is actively working on it and requested an increase in the number of recipients from 8 to 12 students.

- iv. Anup Khanal, Youth Vice President: added to the meeting that Youth Coordinator Tej Poudel and the Youth Committee are actively working on organizing the Youth Conference in Dallas, TX, as well as the Undergraduate Scholarship Award 2024. He highlighted that the committee is working diligently on the scholarship and emphasized the request to increase the number of recipients from 8 to 12 students. He also informed the committee about the Student Mobile App Launch Initiative, stating that the app is nearly complete and in the final stages of development.
- v. Saroj Sigdel, Treasurer, provided an update to the meeting regarding the financial status, mentioning that all financials have been updated on the website. He also informed the committee that the Bylaws have been stamped from Tennessee. Additionally, he shared details about several financial requests and sought suggestions regarding the transfer of the Life Membership Fund to Everest Federal Credit Union (EFCU). He further mentioned that EFCU is offering favorable rates that NCC USA could benefit from.

President Dr. Arjun Banjade requested Treasurer Saroj Sigdel to arrange a meeting with Everest Federal Credit Union (EFCU) to discuss the Life Membership Cetified Deposit initiative.

- vi. 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 shared that the Literature & Language Committee is actively organizing events.
- vii. Diwakar Pande, Joint-Treasurer: raised concerns about the non-completion of the program "Scholarship Fund for Underprivileged and Talented Students in Dhading District." He emphasized that this is a significant initiative and that NCC USA and the Scholarship Committee need to prioritize it.

Ram Hari Adhikari-General Secretary, Committee Chair Ram Hari Adhikari informed the meeting that the "Scholarship Fund for Underprivileged and Talented Students in Dhading District" will soon begin its fundraising efforts. He requested the Executive Committee to actively participate and support this initiative.



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8.2 Initiative for Implementation of Non-Resident Nepali Citizenship

President Dr. Arjun Banjade provided updates on the activities of the NRN Citizenship Commission 2024. He emphasized the need for NCC USA to send a delegation to Nepal to lobby for the implementation of Non-Resident Nepali Citizenship. Following the discussion, it was decided to form a delegation team to move forward with this initiative.

8.3 Opening Membership Registration for the Upcoming Term (2025-2027) of NRNA NCC USA

A detailed discussion was held on the Membership Registration system, comparing NRNA ICC's current situation and potential future issues with NRNA NCC USA's own MIS. **General Secretary Ram Hari Adhikari** briefed the meeting about the current situation of NCC USA's own existing MIS. The committee made the following decisions:

- Conduct further study and continue progress in preparing NRNA NCC USA's system for Membership Registration.
- Engage in additional discussions with past NCC leaders for further insights.
- President Dr. Arjun Banjade will coordinate with other NCCs to gather information on their Membership Registration systems.

8.4 AOB

NCC USA expressed condolences and sympathy on the loss of Sharada Dewi Bhattarai, mother of Past VP Gopendra Bhattarai, and Kewali Kumari Biswakarma, mother of Ohio Chapter President Hota Ram Biswakarma.

- 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