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NAPA Executive Committee

(2nd EC Meeting)

Sunday, August 12, 2018 (8:00-10:00 pm CST)

Attendance

Executive Committee	Lila Karki, Megha Parajulee, Pradeep Wagle, Ananta Acharya, Kemika Bhandari, Romy Das Karna, Lila Khatiwada, Sanjok Poudel, Bijesh Mishra, Nirmala Adhikari
Informed in absentia	
Uninformed in absentia	Manoj Karkee (due to time zone conversion error)

Agenda:

1. Initiation of the meeting and welcome:

President Dr. Karki welcomed participants and initiated the meeting.

2. House Keeping:

General Secretary Dr. Wagle provided the following brief updates:

- NAPA EC expressed heartfelt condolences at the demise of NAPA legal advisor Dr. Narayan Khadka's father and wished for the departed soul to stay in peace and keep the Khadka family in prayers.
- **Award Distribution Ceremony:** Award distribution ceremony of the 2018 NAPA's Student Essay Writing Contest was organized on July 26 in Kathmandu, Nepal. NAPA Advisor and Vice-Chancellor of Agriculture and Forestry University, Dr. Ishwari Prasad Dhakal, and NAPA Member, National Assembly Member, and former National Planning Commission Member, Dr. Bimala Rai Paudyal, handed recognition certificates and cash prizes of \$300.00 and \$200.00 to the first (Mr. Prashant Bhandari, B.Sc. Student, Agriculture and Forestry University) and second (Mr. Santosh Pathak, M.Sc. Student, Institute of Agriculture and Animal Science, Tribhuvan University, PG Campus, Kritipur) place winners, respectively. NAPA Member and Country Director of Lutheran World Relief, Mr. Kiran Ojha, had coordinated and organized the program.
- The resignation tendered by Agri-Connection (AC) Editor-in-Chief Dr. Gandhi Bhattarai was approved. Editorial Board Member of AC, Dr. Nityananda Khanal, was appointed as the new Editor-in-Chief.
- The revised version of NAPA Brochure will be shared with EC members soon for further comments and suggestions.
- **Global Knowledge Convention:** NAPA is presenting its strategic paper in NRNA Global Knowledge Convention in Kathmandu during October 12-14, 2018. Several NAPA members including General Secretary Dr. Pradeep Wagle and Associate NAPA members from Nepal are attending the Convention. NAPA member Dr. Drona Rasali is coordinating the Agriculture and Food Security Symposium in the Convention.
- Next EC meeting date is proposed for October 28 (Sunday) at 8 pm U.S. Central Time. Agendas and zoom meeting info will be sent later.

3. Updates/Progress Reports/Decisions

Vice President Dr. Parajulee provided the following brief updates:

- **Agri-Connection (AC):** Publication of Agri-Connection has been delayed because of change in Editorial Board. The new issue will come out by the end of August.
- **Research/Policy Brief (RPB):** Two issues of RPB are already on website. A call for the third issue has been circulated among NAPA members.

Decisions:

- **NAPA Nepal Liaison person:** NAPA member Kiran Ojha will serve as a Liaison person in Nepal. A liaison person was needed to facilitate NAPA activities in Nepal.
- Treasurer Dr. Adhikari provided updates on new bank and PayPal accounts. A new account has been opened in Chase Bank. Membership form and payment procedures of membership fees and donation are updated on NAPA website (<http://napaamericas.org/join-napa.php>).

- **Membership Fees:** EC has revised the membership fees as follows and will be presented at the AGM in 2019:

Types of life memberships and fees

- Regular life member: USD 200.00 (One Time)
- Eligible spouse regular life member: USD 100.00 (One Time)
- Joint/family life member: USD 50.00 (One Time)
- Associate life member (Outside Nepal): USD 100.00 (One Time)
- Associate life member (Nepal): NRs. 5000.00 (One Time)

Types of regular memberships and fees

- General/Regular: USD 50.00 (For 2 Years)
- Student member: USD 25.00 (For 2 Years)
- Associate member (Outside Nepal): USD 25.00 (For 2 Years)
- Joint/family member: USD 15.00 (For 2 Years)

- **Founding life members:** The meeting decided to recognize the life members thus far as the founding life members, who paid \$500.00 during the establishment phase of NAPA. The life members hereafter will pay \$200.00 and eligible couple will pay \$300.00 to become regular life members.

4. Proposed Programs:

- **Book Project:** President Dr. Karki provided brief updates on Book Project. The review process is underway. He requested five EC members (Drs. Ananta Acharya, Nirmala Adhikari, Romy Das Karna, Lila Khatiwada, and Manoj Karkee) to contribute to the review process at least for one chapter. All of them have willingly agreed to expedite the process.
- **Journal GJAAS:** Vice President and the Editor-in-Chief of GJAAS Dr. Parajulee reported that the journal will be on NAPA's second priority after Book Project and informed to the members that he will soon request to all to contribute a paper for the inaugural issue.
- **Second NAPA conference:** Hosting the second conference during the Memorial Weekend of May in 2020 was discussed briefly. Members are requested to share thoughts and details or proposal at the next meeting.

5. Prioritization of proposed tasks by the EC Members:

General Secretary Dr. Wagle compiled the list of proposed tasks shared by EC members and summarized into the following categories. Vice President Dr. Parajulee briefly presented the following tasks:

1. Publications: NAPA has been heavily involved in the following publications:
 - Book Project (Sustainable, Safe and Healthy Food in Nepal: Principles and Practices of Food Security)
 - Global Journal of Agricultural and Allied Sciences (GJAAS)
 - Agri-Connection - Online Newsletter
 - Research/Policy Brief
2. Collaborations within USA and Nepal
 - a. Collaborations with NRNA and other professional Nepali Associations/Organizations in the USA to build a foundation for supporting research in Nepal (i.e., exchange of researchers, competitive grants).
 - b. Collaborative proposal development for competitive funding targeting Nepalese Agriculture
 - c. Research collaboration with Nepalese Ag. Institutes/offices (e.g., AFU, NARC– sharing of expertise and skills and no direct funding involved).
 - d. Distance teaching (e.g., teaching online classes as per the demand of agricultural institutions) where expertise is lacking.
 - e. Mentoring students for research and publications (e.g., collaborating institutions).
3. Membership drive, support, and professional activities (mentoring students as they arrive, mentoring recent graduates to support job placement, providing collaborative support to young professionals and early career researchers, offering talks related to professional development, posting/sharing job opportunities).
4. Developing experts' roster (ongoing – need to expedite the process).
5. Next Biennial International Conference Discussion (ongoing)
6. Continue and expand social media (FB, Twitter, Email, Website, LinkedIn, Google groups)

6. Closing Remarks:

EC Member, Dr. Lila Khatiwada adjourned the meeting.