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Association of Nepalese Agricultural Professionals of Americas

NAPA ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING 2nd Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Saturday, March 20, 2020; 7:30-9:00 PM EDT

Executive Committee

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Attendance

Advisory Council (AC)	Nanda P Joshi, Lila B. Karki, Prakash Malla, Gopi Upreti, Dronal Rasali, Dainik B. Nepali, Peetambar Dahal
Advisory Council (AC): In absentia	
Endowment Fund Advisory Board (EFAB) Members and Outreach Coordinators	Lila B. Karki, Megha N. Parajulee, Prem Bhandari, Aditya Khanal, Basu Bhandari
Executive Committee (EC)	Megha N. Parajulee, Pradeep Wagle, Ramjee P. Ghimire

1. General Secretary Dr. Ramjee Ghimire welcomed the Advisory Council (AC) and NAPA Endowment Fund Advisory Board (NEFAB) members.
2. President Dr. Megha N. Parajulee welcomed AC and NEFAB members and outreach coordinators and explained the goal of the meeting which was about providing updates about NAPA Endowment Fund and seek suggestions to expedite donation collection for Endowment Fund (EF) and to manage this fund.
3. EFAB Chair and AC member Dr. Lila B. Karki also welcomed the AC members and briefly outlined the objectives of the meeting. He thanked AC members for their continued support to NAPA and shared with them that EC and EFAB are looking forward for the similar support for expanding EF.
4. EFAB member secretary Dr. Prem Bhandari shared at the meeting that as of this meeting 11 members have pledged \$51,250 for EF. He informed that EFAB has developed a document (which has already been shared with AC members) outlining vision, mission, and goals of the EF; contribution collection strategies; recognition of the contributors; investment of EF to generate revenue; and utilization of the revenues. He requested advisors to provide suggestions if they have any on the document.



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5. AC members suggested the following about NAPA Endowment Fund:

AC members appreciated the documents NEFAB provided. They asked to identify the focus of the EF -- Nepalese stakeholders or the stakeholders in Americas.

The majority suggested that while Nepal should be the focus, however, there should be program for people in Americas too. NAPA is an America-based organization, and its programs should not only be focusing on Nepal but should be offering programs in Americas as well and try for resources that are available at the local (state, county) levels. Other charitable organizations similar to NAPA have been able to cash such resources and utilized those resources in their programs.

In addition, Nepal is one of the USAID Feed the Future (FtF) countries. NAPA should try to tap resources provided through the USAID Feed the FtF program and implement programs in Nepal.

EF should be invested in diverse areas (e.g., stock market, savings account, mutual funds, etc.) to minimize the potential risks on investment.

Explore investment opportunities for non-profit organizations.

Develop and implement result-oriented projects in Nepal targeting resource poor people.

Donors contributing to the highest level (e.g., platinum level) should be highly acknowledged and felicitated.

NAPA EC and NEFAB were asked to provide a bank account number where the pledged amount could be deposited. The meeting unanimously approved this request and agreed to provide the account number at the earliest possible time.

6. Vice President Dr. Pradeep Wagle thanked everyone for their participation and input and adjourned the meeting.