



NAPA

Association of Nepalese Agricultural Professionals of Americas

NAPA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

11th Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2021, 7 PM CST

Executive Committee

President

Dr. Megha N. Parajulee

Vice President

Dr. Pradeep Wagle

General Secretary

Dr. Ramjee Ghimire

Joint Secretary

Dr. Dev Paudel

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Dr. Santosh Dhakal

Members

Dr. Aditya Khanal

Ms. Gita Koirala Bhandari

Dr. Nityananda Khanal

Dr. Shyam L. Kandel

Dr. Sushil Thapa

Dr. Uma Karki

Attendance

Executive Committee members who voted	Megha N. Parajulee, Pradeep Wagle, Ramjee Ghimire, Santosh Dhakal, Gita Koirala Bhandari, Nityananda Khanal, Aditya Khanal, Shyam Kandel
Informed in absentia	Sushil Thapa
Uninformed in absentia	Uma Karki
Invitee	

1. General Secretary Dr. Ramjee Ghimire began the meeting. President Dr. Megha N. Parajulee welcomed all committee members and provided a brief updates about programs executed, ongoing, and upcoming programs.
2. **Committee Progress/Updates:**
RCBC: Mid-term review held on October 8, 2021 went well and it was attended by 13 out of 16 research mini grantees. Pritam Thapa was informed absentia because of the issue with internet connectivity. Nabin Paudel and Sagar Bhandari neither attended and presented their work nor informed RCBC on time. The committee decided to request their NAPA as well as local advisors to reach out to those two students, find out why they could not attend the review, and facilitate them with their research. If students do not provide the convincing reason, they will not be provided second installment of the mini grant.

Agri-Connection: New issue is being finalized and will be released anytime soon, possibly before Vijaya Dashami.

WAAP: No new program has been launched.

NAPA Book: Potential institutions in Nepal have been informed of the NAPA book and order for 5 books have been received, and we need to keep on marketing this book. One faculty is asking for 5 books.



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Webinar Committee: Last webinar was a great success! Over 70 participants attended it. Promotion of new scientists with broad topics made it more inclusive. For the next webinar we need to identify researcher/scientist in demanding field and if found, we can invite women scientists for next talk.

IT committee: Everything is going one fine. Need to add NAPA's vision statement on the main page.

Membership Drive Committee: 5 members have joined in the Sept-October. Few associate members have been asked to become life members. Few students have membership expiring and have been contacted for renewal.

GJAAS: Ten submissions have been received for the next issue. We have around 4 articles targeted for acceptance. All activities are now online and systematic.

Endowment Fund: 10k has been invested in Vanguard. EFAB is exploring other such investing areas.

Student CC: Student participation was around 20 for the last program. It may be because we held this program within a week from it was advertise and we need to advertise and promote the program for a longer period. Next program is about interaction with an attorney for immigration related issues which students have been demanding for quite some time. It will be a member only program as this will be an opportunity to promote membership and recruit new members.

3rd Biennial Conference: Conference Organizing Committee Chairs, Co-Chairs and Secretary and other committee leads, and members have been actively working. Hotel contract has been signed. Abstract call is out.

3. Documents Archiving:

NAPA programs are growing. NAPA has been developing and publishing many different documents (meeting minutes, grant proposals, progress reports, conference abstracts/proceedings, etc.) and in many different forms (audio, videos, word, excel, pdf, etc.). NAPA also has some historic documents from its opening or even before when discussions to open it were held. These documents need to be safely stored, saved and be available when in need. Dr. Dev Paudel has been storing the current documents in



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Google Drive. To make sure these data are stored safely, the committee agreed to store these documents in both cloud and hard drive; and compile data from previous years and add them to Google drive. Dr. Dev Paudel is requested to develop a data management plan and share with the committee during the next meeting.

- 4. Membership fees:** Associate student membership fees is decided to be NRs 1,000 for good standing graduate or undergraduate students in Nepal.
- 5. Financial Report:** Treasurer Dr. Santosh Dhakal presented the financial report which is as follows.

Meeting date	10/13/21
Regular accounts	Balance (\$)
PayPal	23.79
Regular Chase Cheking account	3,583.25
Regular Chase Savings account	31220.25
Subtotal	34827.29
Endowment fund accounts	Balance (\$)
EF Chase Checking account	3200
EF Chase Savings account	5717.33
Subtotal	8917.33
Vanguard investment	
Investment	10000
Value as of 10/12/21	10,097.90
Total	53,842.52

- 6.** Vice President Dr. Pradeep Wagle thanked every members for attending the meeting and adjourned the meeting.