

**NAPA Executive Committee**  
**(Minute – 6<sup>th</sup> EC Meeting)**  
 Sunday, September 8, 2019 (8:00-10:00 pm CST)

**Attendance**

<b>Executive Committee</b>	Lila Karki, Megha Parajulee, Pradeep Wagle, Romy Das Karna, Lila Khatiwada, Sanjok Poudel, Bijesh Mishra, Nirmala Adhikari
<b>Informed in absentia</b>	Ananta Acharya
<b>Uninformed in absentia</b>	Kemika Bhandari, Manoj Karkee

**Agenda:**

**1. House Keeping – General Secretary**

General Secretary hosted the meeting and proceeded with the housekeeping things.

**2. Welcome/Initiation of the meeting and some updates on NAPA activities – President**

President welcomed participants and initiated the meeting. Following updates were made on different on-going programs/activities.

**3. Updates/Discussions:**

• **2020 Conference**

Conference Committee Chair and NAPA President shared some updates on 2020 conference:

- Calls for abstract, student essay writing contest, and poem competition are released.
- Call for fund raising appeal (donation) is released.
- Conference brochure and flyer are finalized.
- Conference organizing committee is meeting monthly for the preparation of the conference.

• **Membership updates**

Membership Drive Committee (MDC) Chair and NAPA General Secretary updated membership status as of September 8, 2019.

Table 1: People joining NAPA as per membership category

<b>Member categories</b>	<b>Numbers</b>
Founding Life	5
Regular Life	59
Joint Life	2
Associate Life (Australia)	1
Associate Life (Nepal)	39
Associate International (Australia)	2
General/Regular	64
Student	136
Family/Joint	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>321</b>

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**Executive Committee**

**President**

Dr. Lila B. Karki

**Vice President**

Dr. Megha N. Parajulee

**General Secretary**

Dr. Pradeep Wagle

**Joint Secretary**

Dr. Ananta Acharya

**Treasurer**

Dr. Nirmala Adhikari

**Members**

Ms. Kemika Bhandari

Dr. Romy Das Karna

Dr. Lila K. Khatiwada

Dr. Manoj Karkee

Mr. Sanjok Poudel

Mr. Bijesh Mishra

- **Financial update**

Treasurer reported that NAPA has account balance of \$26,645.49 as of Aug 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

- **GJAAS update**

Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Parajulee briefly updated the progress on GJAAS as follows:

- Manuscript ID assigned – 11 (all in 2019)
- 5 - officially accepted by now
- 1 – final stage of acceptance
- Authors are revising others
- DOIs assigned and formatted for publication – 2 papers.
- Website improvement is under-way and few articles will be online this month.

- **Book update**

Dr. Parajulee briefly updated the progress on book project as follows:

- Book project is progressing well.
- All chapters are reviewed and being finalized.
- First informal version will be ready soon and foreword/preface for the book will be collected thereafter.
- Hoping to have the first formal draft to EC by the end of the year 2019.

- **Wikipedia update**

Update same as the last meeting. The major issue is Wikipedia notability issue for NAPA.

- **Presentation at Nepalese Association in Southeast America (NASeA) Convention in North Carolina**

- Ambika Tiwari made a presentation entitled '**Food Security Challenges and Opportunities: How NAPA can Contribute to Agricultural Transformation in Nepal**' at the NASeA convention.
- During the presentation, she requested eligible participants to join NAPA and contribute at their end.
- She was accompanied by NAPA EC member Romy Das Karna and a few other NAPA members during the presentation. NAPA brochures were also distributed to participants at the session.

### **3. Any other business (AOB):**

#### **Miscellaneous:**

- NAPA's collaborative project with IAAS, TU for the post-graduate curriculum development and refinement has begun. For the first phase, Dr. Megha N. Parajulee has been invited to join the experts' team in Nepal for 2 weeks.
- Dr. Parajulee will also update the progress with research mini-grant awardees while he is in Nepal.
- Bijesh Mishra is creating Microsoft access database of Nepalese Student Association (NSA) in U.S. universities along with members and potential members.
- Sanjok Poudel briefly talked about the preparation of new Issue of Agri-connection.

#### **4. Closing Remarks**

Dr. Parajulee adjourned the meeting.