



# NAPA

## Association of Nepalese Agricultural Professionals of Americas

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#### (Minutes – 1<sup>st</sup> EC Meeting)

Sunday, June 7, 2020 (8:00 pm CST)

#### Attendance

<b>Executive Committee</b>	Megha N. Parajulee, Pradeep Wagle, Ramjee Ghimire, Dev Paudel, Santosh Dhakal, Aditya Khanal, Gita Koirala Bhandari, Nityananda Khanal, Shyam Kandel, Sushil Thapa
<b>Informed in absentia</b>	
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<b>Invitee(s)</b>	Lila Karki

#### 1. Housekeeping and initiation of the meeting – General Secretary

General Secretary hosted and began the meeting and welcomed participants.

#### 2. Introduction of new EC officials - President

President welcomed the executive committee (EC) members and appraised of responsibilities and activities of EC members and the functioning of various committees. All EC members introduced themselves.

#### 2. Discussions:

The committee discussed and decided the following.

##### • Thanking the previous committee and subcommittees

The meeting passed a resolution to extend a sincere appreciation to the previous EC and its entire members, advisors, and committee leads and their members for their dedication to advance NAPA to the current level.

##### • Remarks from the past president

Past President, Dr. Lila Karki, accepted EC's invitation to attend its first committee meeting and shared his experiences of serving in NAPA. Dr. Karki highlighted the following points for institutional growth.

- ✓ Willingness for contribution and services -- expertise, time, monetary
- ✓ Accept criticism and complaints. Keep the organization out of politics and keep the platform professional.
- ✓ Teamwork and collegiality across membership and disciplines
- ✓ Prompt and unambiguous communication
- ✓ Team solidarity
- ✓ Professionalism
- ✓ Privacy of member information
- ✓ Proper record keeping, including transparent treasury
- ✓ Change ourselves to serve as examples for others and be forgiving



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- **Nomination of coordinators and members for NAPA subcommittees**

President proposed Dr. Sushil Thapa, Ms. Gita Koirala Bhandari, Dr. Pradeep Wagle, and Dr. Bed Prasad Khatiwada to lead the Agri-Connection Editorial Committee, the Women in Agricultural and Allied Professionals (WAAP) Committee, the Membership Drive Committee, and the Research/Policy Brief Editorial Committee, respectively. The EC unanimously approved them to lead the respective committees. Chairs for Resource and Capacity Building Committee, Student Coordination Committee, and IT Committee will be selected soon. President requested EC officers to suggest interested and qualified members to serve on various committees.

- **Nomination of a member to fill the vacant EC member position**

President requested to suggest names of suitable candidates for a vacant EC member position.

- **NAPA by-laws amendment**

President shared that only Annual General Meeting (AGM), which is organized annually, can entertain by-laws amendment agenda. The EC decided to initiate by-laws amendment process about four months prior to the next AGM, but suggested members to keep reviewing by-laws and making notes of necessary amendments.

- **Activity on COVID-19 pandemic**

The EC agreed to organize a talk or similar activity about 'Effect of COVID-19 pandemic in Nepalese Agriculture' in the near future.

- **Research mini-grant final report and review**

As requested, EC agreed to extend research period for mini-grant supported research led by Dr. Bishnu Pandey to July 15, 2020, but decided to go with seeking final reports from other awardees by June 15, 2020. The meeting also suggested RCBC to hold a virtual review meeting with presentations from the researchers. The review meeting will be open to all NAPA members and research advisors.

- **NAPA work plan/NAPA2020/Meeting calendar**

The EC decided to compile a list of ideas for possible activities during this EC term (2 years) from all EC members. All EC members will suggest 2-3 ideas/activities. After reviewing a compiled list of activities, EC will finalize the work plan in the next EC meeting. Next EC meeting will be called within a month due to urgency of certain tasks. The subsequent EC meetings will be held every two months.

- **Second NAPA conference**

The EC decided to hold the currently postponed Second NAPA Conference during the Memorial Day weekend of 2021. While the expectation is to conduct



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this conference in-person, EC also recognized the possibility of a virtual conference if in-person meeting is not possible due to public health issues and/or travel restrictions. Conference related issues such as reorganization of conference committees and call for new submissions will be discussed in future EC meetings.

- **Miscellaneous**

President informed that Non-Resident Nepali Association (NRNA) has invited NAPA president to serve on the Coordinating Committee of NRNA's National Knowledge Convention 2020 and chair the Agriculture and Natural Resources Symposium. The conference will be conducted via webinar during July 3-5, 2020. The EC unanimously authorized the President to serve on the invited role on behalf of NAPA.

### 3. Adjourn of the meeting

Vice President thanked all for attending and adjourned the meeting.