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NAPA Executive Committee

(Minutes – 3rd EC Meeting)

Sunday, October 28, 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, Manoj Karkee, Sanjok Poudel (82%)
Informed in absentia	
Uninformed in absentia	Nirmala Adhikari, Bijesh Mishra

Agenda:

1. House Keeping

General Secretary hosted and began the meeting.

2. Welcome and Initiation of the meeting

President welcomed participants and initiated the meeting. He thanked Dr. Wagle for spending lots of dedicated time to NAPA while in a short private vacation in Nepal. Dr. Karki wishes Happy Tihar and a wonderful festive season to all.

3. Updates/Discussions:

- 2020 Convention

Dr. Wagle summarized and informed how the venue was identified for the 2018 Oklahoma conference. He proposed to seek proposals from EC members for the venue considering the following points: presence of NAPA members, preferably NAPA EC member (s), affordable city, easy access and convenient for traveling (driving and connecting flights), and attractions in the hosting city.

There were lots of discussions among EC members. Atlanta was one of the main proposed venues followed by Baltimore, Texas, Colorado, and Chicago.

- Research mini-grants

Vice President briefly presented about recently initiated NAPA Research mini-grant activity. He clarified that it is more of research collaboration rather than scholarships and grants.

- NAPA Nepal update

General Secretary briefly presented his accomplishments in Nepal: short visit to AFU Rampur, NAPA orientation with graduate students, staff, and faculties including Assistant Dean, Dr. Kalyani Mishra (roundtable meeting).

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between AFU and NAPA. AFU Vice Chancellor Dr. I. P. Dhakal and NAPA Vice President Dr. Megha N. Parajulee signed the MOU.

General Secretary handed scholarships money of 1,50,650.00 NRs (USD 1,310.00 @ 115 NRs) to Assistant Dean, Dr. Kalynai Mishra to distribute at AFU and its branches/affiliate colleges based on the set criteria by the scholarship donors. The scholarships will be distributed after Tihar. Similarly, Dr. Wagle held a short meeting with NAPA Liaison Person for Nepal, Mr. Kiran Ojha, in Kathmandu to discuss about NAPA activities and membership drive efforts. He handed scholarships money of NRs 25,875.00 (USD 225.00 @ 115 NRs) to Mr. Ojha to distribute at IAAS (Paklihawa and Lamjung campuses) on consultation with Dr. Gopal KC, Assistant Dean, IAAS, TU. He also handed NRs 3,640.00 to Mr. Ojha to pay expenses for the student writing contest prize distribution program earlier in Kathmandu.

Dr. Wagle delivered an oral presentation entitled 'Global Food Security through Agricultural Transformation: How can Agricultural Expatriates Contribute?' that highlighted NAPA's missions/goals, and current activities/programs at the NRN Global Knowledge Convention in Kathmandu (Oct 12-14, 2018). He requested participants (eligible members) from Nepal to join NAPA as associate members by paying NRs 5,000.00 (one time for life).

NAPA Member and Editor-in-Chief of NAPA Book Project, Dr. Drona Rasali, delivered an oral presentation highlighting NAPA activities and coordinated the Agri-Forum at the Global Conference.

Dr. Wagle printed 1000 copies of NAPA Brochures and 7 pieces of NAPA Banners (6 X 4 feet) in Kathmandu, and left 200 copies of Brochures and 2 banners to Nepal Liaison, Mr. Kiran Ojha, to use when NAPA events happen in Nepal. He will send some brochures and 1 banner to AFU, Rampur, Chitwan. Brochures and NAPA banners can be distributed to the areas in the USA where several NAPA members reside to display during community services and charitable activities.

- Advisory committee

President proposed Dr. Prakash Malla to be added into NAPA Advisory Committee. The EC meeting unanimously approved the proposal.

- NAPA Wikipedia Publication (Bijesh Mishra)

Absent

- NAPA Day

NAPA was officially founded on January 6, 2016. President Karki proposed January 6, 2018 to be celebrated as NAPA Day. Some activities to observe NAPA Day could be community service, local charity events (e.g., blood donation), Agri-poem competitions, webinar, and so on. A coordinator will also be identified soon to plan and move forward with the NAPA Day observance activities. The activities will be discussed over emails and finalized soon.

- Agri-connection (Ananta Acharya and Sanjok Poudel)

Both Dr. Acharya and Mr. Poudel will talk to Editor-in-Chief and work towards bringing new issue of Agri-connection on time.

- Financial update, Tax filing (Nirmala Adhikari)

Absent

- EC role and responsibility

President requested EC members to read by-laws and make sure what their roles and responsibilities are, and to serve the community accordingly at the fullest potential, as a professional.

- Senior life membership

General Secretary proposed senior life membership for people older than 65 years at \$100 (one-time payment) for life membership. EC unanimously approved the proposal as per its mission and vision.

- Coordinators for the following committees (Resource and Capacity Building, Nepalese Women in Agricultural and Allied Professionals, and Community and Charitable Services) were unanimously nominated to expand NAPA activities and serve the community and beyond.

President and Vice President proposed:

Dr. Buddhi Lamsal - Resource and Capacity Building

Dr. Prakriti Bista - Nepalese Women in Agricultural and Allied Professionals

Mr. Resham Gharti - Community and Charitable Services

- Membership Drive and Update

Membership Drive Committee (MDC) Chair, Dr. Wagle and President Karki requested EC members to become life members if have not become yet. MDC member Ms. Kemika Bhandari briefly updated her efforts to expand NAPA memberships.

- Talk Session/Webinar

NAPA Talk session chair, Dr. Lila K. Khatiwada informed that National Planning Commission Member, Dr. Ram Kumar Phuyal, will give a talk on Nov 25 at the NAPA regular Webinar. Details will be shared soon.

- Group email and other IT tasks

Joint Secretary and the IT Chair, Dr. Acharya has created some listserv. He will be working on NAPA website improvement soon.

- GJAAS

GJAAS Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Parajulee, updated the progress on GJAAS. He requested all EC members to encourage friends and colleagues to submit papers to the upcoming issue of the journal.

4. Closing Remarks

Dr. Parajulee thanked participants and adjourned the meeting.

Note:

- We value and respect each other's time. As a professional organization, we will act professionally - **start promptly and wrap-up on time.**
- General Secretary (and Joint Secretary) will take notes and keep us posted about upcoming plans/events/and more.
- If we cannot finish discussion on our proposed agenda, the remaining agenda will be discussed in our next meeting (or specified by the EC).
- To be as efficient, effective, and participatory as possible, we'll try not to repeat the previous speaker (for the same agenda) (unless the President desire to do so). Express your thoughts precisely and respect each other's ideas.