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### Executive Committee

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## NAPA Executive Committee (Minutes – Eleventh Meeting)

### How to join the NAPA EC meeting?

**Time:** Sunday, November 5, 2017 9:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

**Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:** <https://zoom.us/j/586888334>

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**Meeting ID:** 586 888 334

### Attendance

<b>Presence</b>	Ambika Tiwari, Lekh Nath Paudel, Lila B. Karki, Megha N. Parajulee, Pradeep Wagle, Prem Bhandari, Ramesh C. Khanal, Surendra Osti
<b>Informed in absentia</b>	Lekh Nath Paudel
<b>Uninformed in absentia</b>	Durga D. Poudel, Dilip Panthi, Raju Pandey

### Agenda:

1. House Keeping: Prem Bhandari

Bhandari welcomed participants, initiated the meeting and provided a brief updates on NAPA Book and Journal publication progresses.

2. Welcome and Updates: Lila Karki

Provided a brief updates as below:

- 221 NAPA members as of Nov 5, 2017.
- Thanked Upendra M. Sainju and Ambika Tiwari for presenting NAPA at Tri-Society meeting (ASA, CSSA, SSSA) in Tampa, Florida.
- Thanked the 7<sup>th</sup> NAPA talk session presenter Y. B. Thapa and the audience.
- Thanked Agri-Connection Editor-in-Chief, Ramesh Khanal and the team for bringing the AC on time.
- Requested all NAPA EC members to submit abstracts for Oklahoma Conference; spread words and encourage colleagues to submit abstracts by the due date (Nov 30, 2017).

3. Oklahoma Conference 2018: Conference Updates: Pradeep Wagle

- Conference Secretary Wagle briefly updated the progress on the preparation of the conference.
- Most of the contents for conference has been uploaded in NAPA Website (<http://napaamericas.org/conference2018/index.php>).
- Important deadlines:
  - ~Abstract submission due – Nov 30, 2017
  - ~Early registration deadline is April 9, 2018 (\$15 extra charge for late and on-site registration).
- Conference registration (<http://napaamericas.org/conference2018/conference-registration.php>) and hotel booking are open.
- Several sub-committees have been formed and chairs and members for those committees have been identified (<http://napaamericas.org/conference2018/conference-committee.php>).
- A local committee has also been formed (<http://napaamericas.org/conference2018/local-management-committee.php>) to look after the conference management. Local committee meeting is being organized in Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma soon to distribute tasks/responsibilities.
- Call for abstracts (<http://napaamericas.org/conference2018/call-for-abstract.php>) and sample abstracts are uploaded on website.
- Next Conference Committee meeting is scheduled for Nov 12 (Sunday), 2017.

• Fund Raising Chair for the Conference: Megha N. Parajulee briefly talked about:

- Oklahoma conference and abstract submission.
- Journal publication (advertise globally and encourage colleagues/researchers to submit journal articles)
- Fund raising campaign to be started soon. Announcements will be sent out to potential sponsors. EC officers/members pledged to contribute the following amount:

- ✚ Lila Karki - \$501
- ✚ Megha Parajulee - \$501
- ✚ Prem/Usha Bhandari - \$251
- ✚ Surendra Osti - \$51
- ✚ Ambika Adhikari - \$101
- ✚ More will follow

4. Updates on Financial Status, New Members: Ambika Tiwari

- Tri-Society meeting in Tampa updates: Around 45 participants (about half of the participants were NAPA members), 1 hour meeting, NAPA slides briefly presented by Dr. Sainju. Brochure and member application forms were distributed by Ambika Tiwari. Refreshment was co-sponsored by Drs. Upendra Sainju, Khushi Ram Tiwari and Lila B. Karki.
- Financial status: \$12,780 balance
- NAPA scholarship: \$2210
- NAPA endowment: \$200
- Conference registration: \$200
- NAPA Members: 221 as of November 5, 2017

5. Agri-Connection

Editor-in-Chief Ramesh Khanal provided updates on the forthcoming issue of Agri-Connection. Materials are being collected

6. Closing Remarks

Surendra Osti adjourned the meeting.

Thank you!

**Next EC Meeting:  
Saturday, January 6, 2018: 9:00pm EST**

**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.