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NAPA Executive Committee (Agenda - Seventh Meeting) Saturday, January 7, 2016 (9:00-10:30pm ET)

How to join the meeting?

1. Dial-in-number: (641) 715-3580. It will ask for the access code.
2. Enter the access code in your telephone keypad - access code: 113245#. You will be connected.

Attendance

Executive Committee	Ambika Tiwari, Dilip Panthi, Lila B. Karki, Pradeep Wagle, Prem Bhandari, Raju Pandey, Ramesh C Khanal
Informed in absentia	Megha N Parajulee
Uninformed in absentia	Kabindra Adhikari, Lekh Nath Paudel, Durga D Poudel

Agenda:

1. Welcome to participants and initiation of the meeting by the President

- Welcomed the participants and wished happy new year.
- Thanked all NAPA EC members for continuous hard work for NAPA.
- General secretary thanked everybody for their support/contribution for NAPA on the occasion of NAPA's first anniversary (January 6).

2. Updates from the President

2.1. Sameer Khanal's family incident support

- The collected amount (\$1217 from 21 donors) has been sent to Mr. Khanal. NAPA received acknowledgement of support from Mr. Khanal.
- President suggested to send a thank you letter to donors. Treasurer Ambika Tiwari and GS Prem Bhandari will work on this and send the message to donors.

2.2 NAPA Talk Session

- NAPA EC meeting thanked Dr. K P Paudel for delivering the second NAPA talk.
- AFU Vice-chancellor and Secretary of Ministry of Agricultural development are interested to present in the forthcoming Talk Sessions. Similarly, HICAST Principal Dr. Binayak Rajbhandari is also interested to present. Scheduling will be made as per their availability.

2.4. Nepal Travel

- During recent trips of President and General Secretary to Nepal, there were NAPA meetings with several organizations/institutions and individuals, including AFU, HICAST, Agricultural Economics Society, Nepal Animal Sciences Association (NASA), Ministries of Agricultural and Livestock Development, NEMACOL, friends of agricultural federation and Veterinary Association and Campus of Live Sciences, Dang.
- Friends from all sectors were interested and excited to work/collaborate with NAPA, mainly for technical expertise. They also expected continuity of NAPA's collaboration in the future.
- Eight residents agriculturists (Dr. Vidur Ghimire, Mr. Agni P Nepal, Dr. Yogendra K Karki, Dr. Yam B. Thapa, Dr. Dilli B KC, Mr. Dibakar Paudyal, Dr. Rudra B Shrestha and Dr. Milan Adhikary) from Nepal joined NAPA. Ten more members have committed to join NAPA soon.

-Membership fee (for Nepal based potential agriculturists and allied professionals): Drs. Karki and Bhandari have collected a flat amount of Rs 5,000.00 from each member as associate membership fee (this amount be more convenient for membership from Nepal). We, EC should consider fixing a lump sum amount of five thousand for associate members and granting life-long status of associate

membership. Many of the members and potential members cited examples of NRs one thousand to become life member of many professional associations in Nepal. EC should hold further discussion in this agenda.

2.5 Other

- NAPA EC should hold further discussion about NAPA membership from Nepal.
- Dr. Raju Pandey (also a member of By-laws review committee) talked about possible revision of NAPA By-laws to add an EC member of NAPA from Nepal and also possibility of bringing student members from Nepal in NAPA. However, it might not be possible to bring a member in EC due to our current NAPA By-laws' working/focus area (only Northern and Southern America).
- Membership status, membership fee and member rights will be discussed further.
- NAPA EC meeting discussed about the continuous absence of some EC members in the meeting without notice.
- NAPA EC meeting also briefly discussed about Research/Policy Brief. Mr. GS will contact Dr. Bishow Adhikari and discuss about it. The first policy brief will be from Dr. Megha N Parajulee. For the second issue, Dr. Panthee will contribute.

3. Brief updates on NAPA Activities

3.1 NAPA Convention/Conference, 2018: was not discussed.

- Conference Theme: NAPA will request to all NAPA members for the conference theme and finalize the theme as soon as possible.

3.2 Raju Pandey: Professional development of NAPA members – proposal

- Primary target group of NAPA professional development is NAPA members in Americas. He will consult with student co-ordination committee and identify their needs in terms of professional development.
- Secondary target group is Agricultural professionals/students in Nepal.

3.3 Dilip Panthee: Working Paper Series Committee/Board and other updates – proposal

- The working paper series will be in Journal format. Any journal format, for example Crop Science or HortScience may be adopted.
- We have a call for papers. As soon as papers are received, will send to appropriate experts for review.
- A committee of five people was proposed (Dr. Dilip Panthee, Editor-in-Chief, Drs. Prem Bhandari, Raju Pandey, Chakra Budhathoki, and a livestock professional). Dr. Panthee will confirm with the proposed members.

3.4 Pradeep Wagle: Global membership

- Google sheet of global membership has been forwarded to MDC members for their inputs.

3.5 Ambika Tiwari: Financial statement, New member, Update on MDC meeting

Financial status

Items	Amount (US\$)
A. INCOME	
A1. Membership Fee	\$7,255.00
A2. Donation	\$7,903.74
Total (A)	\$15,158.74
B. EXPENSES	
Previous Expense	\$5,594.97
Sameer Khanal Donation Payment	\$1,217.30
Total General Expense	\$6,812.27
Paypal Fee	\$356.78
Total (B)	\$7,169.05
Total Balance (A-B)	\$7,989.69

Membership update

Member Type	Number
Regular	68

Student	48
Joint	11
Life	5
Total Member	132

Change in membership since last meeting

Member Type	Number
Regular	6
Student	5
Joint/Family	1
Total Members Added this month	12

-Treasurer also shared the concern of Dr. Sainju for possible NAPA participation during the Tri-Society meeting in February, 2017. Ambika Tiwari and Pradeep Wagle will further follow-up about this meeting.

3.6. Ramesh C Khanal - Agri-connection

-Dr. Khanal requested feedbacks and comments on 2nd issue of Agri-Connection as soon as possible.

4. Closing Remarks:

-Dr. Dilip Panthee reiterated the progress made by NAPA, thanked everybody for working hard and attending the meeting and adjourned the meeting.

**Next EC Meeting:
Saturday, March 4, 2017: 9-10.30pm 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.

NAPA Future Programs: NAPA 2-yr Plan (presented by President Lila B. Karki)

Plan	Lead	Corresponding NAPA objectives
Conference in Nepal	Prem Bhandari/ Lila B. Karki	Objectives 4 & 5. Foster intellectual discourse
Convention in the USA	Lila B. Karki	Objectives 4 & 5. Foster intellectual discourse (NAPA regular activity)
Publications		Objective 5. Dissemination
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journal 	Durga Poudel	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working Paper Series 	Dilip Panthee	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newsletter 	Ramesh Khanal	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research/Policy Brief 	Bishow Adhikari	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brochure 	Prem Bhandari	
Membership Drive		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Americas 	Ambika Tiwari	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outside Americas 	Pradeep Wagle	
Webinar/Talk Session	Lila B. Karki	Objective 4. Foster intellectual discourse
Grant Writings	K P Paudel (to be requested)	Objectives 1, 2, & 6. Research
Professional Development Trainings, Discussions forums, and NAPA Contribution to Nepalese perspective such as distance course offerings	Raju Pandey	Objective 3. Capacity Building
Outstanding Faculty/Research/Extension/Student/Community Service Awards	Megha N Parajulee	Objective 7. Foster intellectual discourse
Professional/Institutional Collaborations	Megha N Parajulee	Objective 8. Foster intellectual discourse
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charitable Activities/ Donations/Fund Raising • NAPA Experts Roster 	Lekh Nath Paudel	Objective 9. Charitable activities
Wikipedia and resources	Kabindra Adhikary	Objective 5. Dissemination
NAPA Mass Communication Website, Facebook, Twitter	Pradeep Wagle/Prem Bhandari/Santosh Aryal/Tanka Kafle	Objective 5. Dissemination
Others plans/programs received from EC members will be compiled and discussed	Will be compiled by Prem Bhandari and Pradeep Wagle	Please send at napa2072@gmail.com and cc to both GS (pbhandari115@gmail.com) and JS (waglepradeep@gmail.com).
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Thank you!