

## Nepali Agriculture Professionals in Americas (NAPA)

Meeting Agenda (First Meeting)

October 4, 2015 (8-9pm EDT)

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| <b>Working Committee</b> | Ambika Tiwari, Anup Srivastav, Chunu Mainali , Doleswor Bhandari, Kemika Bhandari, Krihna P Poudel, Laxmi Pant, Lekh Nath Paudel, Lila B. Karki, Megha N. Parajulee, Prakash Malla, Prem Bhandari, Ramesh C Khanal, Sweta Sharma, Toya Baral |
| <b>Attendance</b>        | Ambika Tiwari, Kemika Bhandari, Krihna P Poudel, Lekh Nath Paudel, Lila B. Karki, Megha N. Parajulee, Prakash Malla, Prem Bhandari, Ramesh C. Khanal, Sweta Sharma, Toya Baral                                                               |
| <b>Guest</b>             | Khusi Ram Tiwari                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>In absentia</b>       | Anup Srivastav, Chunu Mainali , Doleswor Bhandari, Laxmi Pant                                                                                                                                                                                |

### Proposed Agenda and Decisions/Notes:

#### 1. Short introduction

##### Decision/Note:

- Lila Karki (Coordinator) welcomed each member of the Working Committee (WC), briefly highlighted the purpose of the meeting.
- A brief introduction of each member of the NAPA WC and the guest.
- The Coordinator provided a brief background of the Organization.

#### 2. Name of the Organization

Finalizing the name of our anticipated organization (few proposed names were circulated).

Current name of the Organization: Nepali Agricultural Professionals of Americas (NAPA)

##### Decision/Note:

- Various proposed names of the organization discussed.
- Decided to make the name broad, short, simple and inclusive (principles) to represent all major domains of membership.
- Decided to propose at least three possible names and circulate.

#### Three possible names:

Based on the principals mentioned earlier, three names are proposed below (without any ranking). [The word "Agricultural" includes all different disciplines within "agriculture" and therefore, it is not possible to include each discipline in the organizational name (please see the list of disciplines in #3 below). To keep it broad, short, simple and inclusive, NAPA seems a better fit). Specific disciplines, however, will be reported/ mentioned under the Scope/ Disciplines in the Bylaw. Next, since "Americas" is inclusive (to include US, Canada and other countries of South America) than North America, "Americas" is mentioned in the name. Your suggestions will be highly appreciated].

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### Possible Names

1. Nepali Agricultural Professionals of Americas (NAPA)
2. Association of Nepali Agricultural and Allied Professionals of Americas (ANAAPA)
3. Nepali Agricultural and Allied Professionals of Americas (NAAPA)

Toya: NAAPA (1)

**\*\*URGENT NOTE: Please send your preferred organizational name by Sunday, October 18, 2015 at the latest. Thank you.\*\***

### **3. Disciplines to be covered in NAPA**

Decision/Note:

Decided to prepare a list of possible disciplines to be included. We prepared the following list for discussion. More will be discussed at the time of refining our vision, mission, and goal (in the by-laws).

- Agricultural Economics
- Agricultural Engineering
- Agricultural Extension
- Agricultural Statistics (Bio-Statistics)
- Agro-forestry
- Agronomy (Crop Science)
- Animal and Plant Nutrition
- Animal Breeding
- Animal Husbandry
- Biotechnology
- Entomology
- Environmental Science
- Farm Management, Agri-Business Management
- Fishery/Aquaculture
- Forage and Pasture
- Forestry
- Genetic Engineering
- Horticulture
- Hydrology
- Mineral Resources/Mining/ Minerology
- Natural Resource Management
- Pathology
- Plant Breeding
- Plus other allied fields (please add....)
- Rural Social Science
- Soil Science

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- Veterinary Sciences

**\*\* NOTE: Please update this list.**

### 4. Member eligibility, types, and fees

Decision/Note:

- For membership fee, an income based approach was suggested. Discussion was not conclusive.
- Megha N. Parajulee will prepare a proposal for discussion.

### 5. Member Database

Decision/Note:

- It was decided to prepare a Database of possible members in North America.
- Decision was made to design a template to collect a tentative list of members. At this stage, we would like to know who is where.
- Each member of WC will collect and circulate the list (names, terminal degree, and contact information) of possible members in US and Canada (in Canada, Chunu Pant and Laxmi Pant will facilitate).
- The task of collecting names is already started.
- A template has been designed and circulated to all WC members (on 10/5/2015).
- As per coordinator's personal communication, Anup Shrivastav has agreed to maintain and update member's master data base file.

### 6. Organizational Website

Decision/Note:

- Briefly discussed about a possible website. Lila Karki (and all WC members) will explore possibility of finding an expert to help us design an organizational website.

### 7. Organizational Bylaws

Decision/Note:

- Prakash Malla is unanimously nominated as the Chair of the Bylaw Sub-committee. The Sub-committee members include Lila Karki, Krishna Poudel, Prem Bhandari and ..... The Sub-committee will prepare and circulate the draft among WC members for further refinement and finalization.

### 8. Organizational Logo

Decision/Note: Not discussed (due to time limitation)

- Prem Bhandari circulated a very (crude) initial version of the organizational logo (in a powerpoint file). This is just a starting point to initiate/expedite the discussion. We have received a few suggestions and awaiting feedback from other members.

### 9. Open Floor

Decision/Note:

- The WC decided to hold a regular meeting once every month.

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- The next meeting will be held on (Please mark your calendar)

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- Sub-group meeting will be continued as per the decision of the sub-group members.
- Megha N. Parajulee closed the meeting with his remarks.

**Note:**

- We value and respect each other's time. As a professional organization, we will act professionally 'start promptly and wrap up on time'.
- Secretary General will take the notes and keep all of 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.
- To be efficient, effective, and participatory as possible, we'll try not to repeat the previous speaker (for the same agenda) (unless the Coordinator desire to do so). Express your thoughts precisely and respect each other's ideas.

**Thank you!**