

Nepali Agriculture Professionals in Americas (NAPA) [yet to be finalized]

Meeting Minutes (Third Meeting)
Saturday, December 19, 2015 (8-9pm EDT)

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: 113-245#. You will be connected.

Date and Time: December 19, 2015 (8-9pm EDT)

Working Committee	Ambika Tiwari, Anup Srivastav, Chunu Mainali, Doleswor Bhandari, Kemika Bhandari, KP Paudel, Laxmi Pant, Lekh Nath Paudel, Lila B. Karki, Megha N. Parajulee, Prakash Malla, Prem Bhandari, Ramesh C Khanal, Sweta Sharma, Toya Baral, Dilip Panthi, Pradeep Wagle
Attendance	Ambika Tiwari, Anup Srivastav, Lila B. Karki, Prem Bhandari, Sweta Sharma, Toya Baral, Dilip Panthi
Guest	None
In absentia	Chunu Mainali, Kemika Bhandari, KP Paudel, Laxmi Pant, Megha N. Parajulee, Pradeep Wagle

Agenda and Decisions:

1. Updates and Agenda: Co-ordinator Lila Karki

- WC passed the motion to mourn the untimely demise of Mr. Krishna Bahadur Bhandari, father of WC member Ms Kemika Bhandari.
- A condolence message was circulated.



2. Organization's name

Update and name finalization – Lila and Prem

Decision:

- Members discussed and agreed the name as: **Association of Nepalese Agricultural Professionals of Americas**.
- In short it is called NAPA. It will be defined in the by-law accordingly.

3. Registration of the organization

Updates: Updates from KP, Megha, and Lila (Sub-committee members)

- KP Paudel explored the possibility of registering the organization in Louisiana (LA). He has agreed to proceed with registration at the shortest possible time.

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4. Disciplines to be covered in NAPA

Updates: Lila updated on behalf of KP.

Decision: Anything related to agriculture will be included in by-laws. Draft will be presented to the committee.

5. Member eligibility, types, and fees

Updates: Lila and Prem updated in absence of Megha.

Decision: following member categories and fee structure have been agreed:

Membership type	Description	Fee
1. Regular/General	Individuals/Ag. Professionals who meet the requirements of a general member (criteria will be defined in the by-law)	\$50 per year
2. Student	Current students who meet the requirements of a student member (criteria will be defined in the by-law)	\$25 per year
3. Life	Individuals/Ag. Professionals who wish to be a life member (criteria will be defined in the by-law).	\$500 One time
4. Joint	Individuals/non- professionals (e.g. spouse, children) who want to be affiliated with the organization and meet the requirements of a joint member (criteria will be defined in the by-law). These are non-voting members.	\$15 per year (under discussion.
5. Honorary	Individuals who meet the requirements of a honorary member (criteria will be defined in the by-law)	No fee for honorary member

6. Member Database

Updates: Prem, Anup and Lila

Name list

Facebook content and progress

Nearly 200 names/contact information have been collected so far. The list will be distributed to WC members for updates. Meeting also decided to remind all WC members of expanding communication in their respective network and providing the potential list of members to Prem as quickly as possible.

7. Organizational website

Updates: Pradeep and Laxmi

Decision: Laxmi and Pradeep will explore, prepare a draft design and update to WC members.

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8. Organizational By-laws

Updates: Sub-committee Prakash Malla, Lila Karki, KP Paudel, Prem Bhandari, and Toya Baral

Decision: The sub-committee will prepare a draft of by-laws during the holiday break and circulate it to the WC members soon.

9. Organizational Logo

Updates: Prem Bhandari

Decision: Feedbacks have been received. Lila and Prem will work with Ashish (Logo Designer) to incorporate suggestions.

10. Open Floor

- Ambika concluded today's meeting with holiday wishes.

Next Meeting: Mark Your Calendar
Saturday, January 16, 2016 (8-9pm EDT).

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!