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#### **Working Committee**

**Coordinator** Dr. Lila B. Karki

**General Secretary** Dr. Prem Bhandari

**Treasurer** Ms. Ambika Tiwari

#### Members

Dr. Megha N. Parajulee Dr. KP Paudel Dr. Toya Baral Ms. Kemika Bhandari Dr. Lekh Nath Paudel Dr. Prakash Malla Dr. Ramesh C Khanal Dr. Sweta Sharma Dr. Dilip Panthi, Dr. Pradeep Wagle Dr. Anup Srivastav Dr. Laxmi Pant Dr. Doleswor Bhandari Dr. Chunu Mainali

# NAPA Working Committee (Fifth Meeting)

Saturday, March 12, 2016 (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.

### **Meeting Minutes**

Attendance		
Presence	Ambika Tiwari, Kemika Bhandari, KP Paudel, Lila B. Karki,	
	Megha N. Parajulee, Prem Bhandari, Dilip Panthi, Pradeep	
	Wagle	
Guest	Khusi Ram Tiwari	
Informed	Anup Srivastav, Sweta Sharma, Toya Baral	
in absentia		

#### Agenda:

**1. Updates General:** Co-ordinator Lila B. Karki updated the status of IRS Application submitted on March 4, 2016.

**2. NAPA by-laws.** It was discussed and decided to distribute NAPA bylaws among prospective members and seek advice with TWO week time. [Action: The by-laws, Information on how to join NAPA and Invitation to General Assembly have been circulated to agricultural professionals on March 19, 2016].

## 3. First General Assembly in Dallas, Texas on May 28, 2016

Dr. Megha N Parajulee (Co-ordinator) updated about the first General Assembly to the members. It is decided to distribute the invitation information to as many members as possible.

## 4. NAPA membership, membership drive and mass e-mail circulation. Updates: Ambika Tiwari (Treasurer).

• Madam Treasurer shared the NAPA balance sheet up to March 12, 1016.

NAPA Balance Sheet Summary ('As of March 12, 2016)			
Items	Amount (US\$)	Remarks	
A. INCOME			
A1. Membership Fee	2729.55		
A2. Donation	365.74		
Total A	3095.29		
B. EXPENSES			
501('c) Registration	\$55.00		
IRS (Form 1023) Application	\$403.40		
Paypal Fee	\$10.74		
Total B	458.40		
Balance (A-B)	2636.89		

• Madam Treasurer also updated the list of NAPA membership. The updated list until <u>March</u> <u>20, 2016</u> is as follows.

Membership	Number		
Life	4		
Regular	20		
Student	5		
Family/joint	4		
Associate	0		
Honorary	0		
Voting members = 29			
Non-voting members=4			

- IMPORTANT: WC unanimously decided the proposal to have at least 3 digit figures of membership before the first General Assembly. For the purpose, each WC member is required to make at least 5 voting members.
- WC decided to send a mass email to all potential members. Keep updated the master list from all WC members. To facilitate WC members, the updated membership list will be shared among WC members.

#### 5. Website Discussion

• WC unanimously decided to the proposal to make NAPA website professional (even hire an IT professional to design website). L B Karki and K P Paudel will find options for this. Pradeep Wagle also has an option. We will seek help from him as well.

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