NAPA Executive Committee
(Minute – 6th EC Meeting)
Sunday, September 8, 2019 (8:00-10:00 pm CST)

Attendance

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<th>Executive Committee</th>
<th>Lila Karki, Megha Parajulee, Pradeep Wagle, Romy Das Karna, Lila Khatiwada, Sanjok Poudel, Bijesh Mishra, Nirmala Adhikari</th>
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Agenda:

1. **House Keeping – General Secretary**

   General Secretary hosted the meeting and proceeded with the housekeeping things.

2. **Welcome/Initiation of the meeting and some updates on NAPA activities – President**

   President welcomed participants and initiated the meeting. Following updates were made on different on-going programs/activities.

3. **Updates/Discussions:**

   - **2020 Conference**
     - Conference Committee Chair and NAPA President shared some updates on 2020 conference:
       - Calls for abstract, student essay writing contest, and poem competition are released.
       - Call for fund raising appeal (donation) is released.
       - Conference brochure and flyer are finalized.
       - Conference organizing committee is meeting monthly for the preparation of the conference.

   - **Membership updates**

   Membership Drive Committee (MDC) Chair and NAPA General Secretary updated membership status as of September 8, 2019.

Table 1: People joining NAPA as per membership category

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Executive Committee

President
Dr. Lila B. Karki

Vice President
Dr. Megha N. Parajulee

General Secretary
Dr. Pradeep Wagle

Joint Secretary
Dr. Ananta Acharya

Treasurer
Dr. Nirmala Adhikari

Members

Ms. Kemika Bhandari
Dr. Romy Das Karna
Dr. Lila K. Khatiwada
Dr. Manoj Karkee
Mr. Sanjok Poudel
Mr. Bijesh Mishra
• Financial update

Treasurer reported that NAPA has account balance of $26,645.49 as of Aug 31st, 2019.

• GJAAS update

Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Parajulee briefly updated the progress on GJAAS as follows:

- Manuscript ID assigned – 11 (all in 2019)
- 5 - officially accepted by now
- 1 – final stage of acceptance
- Authors are revising others
- DOIs assigned and formatted for publication – 2 papers.
- Website improvement is under-way and few articles will be online this month.

• Book update

Dr. Parajulee briefly updated the progress on book project as follows:

- Book project is progressing well.
- All chapters are reviewed and being finalized.
- First informal version will be ready soon and foreword/preface for the book will be collected thereafter.
- Hoping to have the first formal draft to EC by the end of the year 2019.

• Wikipedia update

Update same as the last meeting. The major issue is Wikipedia notability issue for NAPA.

• Presentation at Nepalese Association in Southeast America (NASeA) Convention in North Carolina

- Ambika Tiwari made a presentation entitled ‘Food Security Challenges and Opportunities: How NAPA can Contribute to Agricultural Transformation in Nepal’ at the NASeA convention.
- During the presentation, she requested eligible participants to join NAPA and contribute at their end.
- She was accompanied by NAPA EC member Romy Das Karna and a few other NAPA members during the presentation. NAPA brochures were also distributed to participants at the session.

3. Any other business (AOB):

Miscellaneous:

- NAPA’s collaborative project with IAAS, TU for the post-graduate curriculum development and refinement has begun. For the first phase, Dr. Megha N. Parajulee has been invited to join the experts’ team in Nepal for 2 weeks.
- Dr. Parajulee will also update the progress with research mini-grant awardees while he is in Nepal.
- Bijesh Mishra is creating Microsoft access database of Nepalese Student Association (NSA) in U.S. universities along with members and potential members.
- Sanjok Poudel briefly talked about the preparation of new Issue of Agri-connection.

4. Closing Remarks

Dr. Parajulee adjourned the meeting.