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## Executive Committee

### President

Dr. Lila B. Karki

### Vice President

Dr. Megha N. Parajulee

### General Secretary

Dr. Prem Bhandari

### Joint Secretary

Dr. Pradeep Wagle

### Treasurer

Ms. Ambika Tiwari

## Members

Dr. Durga D. Poudel  
Dr. Dilip Panthi  
Dr. Kabindra Adhikari  
Dr. Lekh Nath Paudel  
Dr. Raju Pandey  
Dr. Ramesh C Khanal

## NAPA Executive Committee (Agenda - Fourth Meeting) Sunday, October 16, 2016 (9-10pm 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

<b>Executive Committee</b>	Ambika Tiwari, Dilip Panthi, Durga D. Poudel, Lila B. Karki, Megha N Parajulee, Pradeep Wagle, Prem Bhandari, Raju Pandey, Ramesh C Khanal
<b>Guest</b>	Shiva Kumar Rai, Membership committee member
<b>Informed in absentia</b>	Kabindra Adhikari, Lekh Nath Paudel
<b>Uninformed in absentia</b>	Durga D Poudel

### Agenda/Decision:

#### 1. Updates from the President

- Thanked the Editor-in-Chief and the members – Ramesh C Khanal, Toya Baral and Sanjay Lamsal - of Agri-Connection for taking painstaking endeavor to bring the first-ever issue of *Agri-Connection* to fruition.
- Briefly updated the successful conduction of the first ever talk session by Dr. Drona P. Rasali on **Securing Sufficient, Safe and Healthy Food in Nepal**. Nearly 40 participants (NAPA members and non-members) attended the program.
- Future Talk Session. Informed that Dr. K.P. Paudel will present the next talk session on December 17, 2016.
- Updated about the formation of Student Coordination Committee under the leadership of Mr. Surendra Osti.

#### 3. Brief updates on NAPA Activities

##### 3.1 Megha Parajulee:

- NAPA Vice President proposed the date and venue of the NAPA Conference, 2018 in the great state of Oklahoma at Oklahoma City during the Memorial Weekend; May 26-27 (Saturday-Sunday).
- As per the discussion with Dr. Pradeep Wagle, Joint Secretary, reiterated Oklahoma City as the best venue for hosting the NAPA Conference due to its geographic centrality (bordered by at least 7 states), concentration of NAPA members/potential members (including Joint Secretary), access from major destinations through flights as well as preferable in driving distance for members of at least 15 states.
- While all EC members expressed positive opinion for both the venue and the date for the conference, as per the request from some members, EC decided to hold for one more month to make the final decision. The primary reason was to allow members to offer other better proposals if there are any.

##### 3.2 Raju Pandey: Professional development of NAPA members

- Presented his initial idea of professional development of NAPA members as well as agricultural development of Nepal. His initial proposal identified two major clientele:
  - A. Agricultural professional and students within NAPA region
  - B. Nepalese agriculture, and agricultural professionals in Nepal.
- Decided that a draft outline be drafted and shared among EC members, soon.

3.3 Prem Bhandari:

- Housekeeping:
  - Mass communication support for NAPA from Bijay Thapa, eNepalese.com
  - Nepali language support by Bimal Acharya, Sub-editor, Nepal Saptahik, Kantipur Publications
- Proposal for possible collaboration by Dinesh Pandey: Informed EC members of the proposal for possible collaboration on “Story Telling Contest” to be organized by YPARD Nepal. General Secretary will circulate the proposal and possible NAPA’s roles as put forth by YPARD Nepal.
- Also informed of the Book writing idea and NAPA’s possible roles proposed by Dr. Rasali. President Karki and Bhandari will gather more information on this idea and share to EC’s next meeting.

3.4 Ambika Tiwari:

- Updated NAPA tax filing – e-post card 990-N filing (filed on Sept. 20, 2016)
- Financial statement and flood relief fund

NAPA Balance Sheet Summary "(As of October 14, 2016)"		
Items	Amount (US\$)	Remarks
<b>A. INCOME</b>		
A1. Membership Fee	\$6,590.00	
A2. Donation	\$6,643.74	Includes Flood donation of \$4428.00
<b>Total A</b>	<b>\$13,233.74</b>	
<b>B. EXPENSES</b>		
501(c) Registration + IRS Application	\$505.00	
AGM Related Expenses Total	\$434.25	
NAPA Website Domain Purchase & Hosting	\$228.43	
Business Check + Paypal Charge back	\$28.20	
LA Flood Donation + IT Support Payment	\$4,399.09	Dr. Poudel \$4299.09 + Mr. Kafle \$100.00
<b>Total General Expense</b>	<b>\$5,594.97</b>	
<b>Paypal Fee</b>	<b>\$291.12</b>	
<b>Total B</b>	<b>\$5,886.09</b>	
<b>Total Balance</b>	<b>\$7,347.65</b>	

- Membership status as of October 14, 2016

Member Type	Number
Regular	61
Student	36
Joint	10
Life	5
<b>Total Member</b>	<b>112</b>

3.5 Dilip Panthee: Working Paper Series Committee/Board and other updates

- Presented the tentative format of working paper series.
- Proposed the formation of a **Publication Committee** as an Apex body. Under Publication Committee will be Newsletter Committee, , Journal Committee, Policy and Research brief, . and others;
- As in previous meeting, EC members proposed Panthee to draft his concept and circulate among EC members for discussion.

5. Closing Remarks:

- Vice-president closed the meeting.

**Next Meeting:  
Sunday, November 5, 2016: 9-10pm 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
• Journal	Durga Poudel	
• Working Paper Series	Dilip Panthee	
• Newsletter: Agri-Connection	Ramesh Khanal	
• Research and Policy Brief	Bishow Adhikari	
• Brochure	Prem Bhandari	
Membership Drive		
• Americas	Ambika Tiwari	
• Outside Americas	Pradeep Wagle	
Webinar/Talk Session	Lila B. Karki	Objective 4. Foster intellectual discourse
Grant Writings and other issues	K P Paudel and others (to be requested)	Objectives 1, 2, & 6. Research
Members' professional development, Agricultural and professionals development in Nepal	Raju Pandey	Objective 3. Capacity Building
Recognition (Outstanding Faculty/Research/Extension/ Student/Community Service)	Megha N Parajulee	Objective 7. Foster intellectual discourse
Professional/Institutional Collaborations	Megha N Parajulee	Objective 8. Foster intellectual discourse
• Charitable Activities/ Donations/Fund Raising	Lekh Nath Paudel	Objective 9. Charitable activities
• NAPA Experts Roster		
Wikipedia, and resources & list of journals	Kabindra Adhikary	Objective 5. Dissemination
NAPA social media Website, Facebook, Twitter	Pradeep Wagle/Prem Bhandari/Santosh Aryal/ Tanka Kafle	Objective 5. Dissemination
Editorial support (English)	Yet to be identified	
Nepali Language Editor	Bimal Arohi (Acharya)	
Mass communication	Bijay Thapa, eNepalese.com	

Thank you!