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NAPA Executive Committee (Minutes - Ninth Meeting) Saturday, May 6, 2017 (9:00-10:30pm 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#.

Attendance

Presence	Ambika Tiwari, Lekh Nath Paudel, Lila B. Karki, Megha N Parajulee, Pradeep Wagle, Prem Bhandari, Raju Pandey, Ramesh C Khanal, Surendra Osti
Guest	Narayan Khadga, Chair, By-laws Review Committee
Informed in absentia	Dilip Panthee
Uninformed in absentia	Durga D. Poudel

Agenda:

1. Updates from the President

~Happy New Year 2074 BS Wishes

~ Welcome to Mr. Surendra Osti as a new EC member

~ Thanks to NAPA Talk Session Speaker Dr. Bimala Rai Paudyal and Discussaint, Dr. Suman Rimal Gautam

~NAPA AGM 2017 is planned to be held on Saturday June 3, 2017 (for 3 hours); Dr. Upendra M. Sainju will chair the AGM; Exact timing and agenda for AGM will be developed and shared to EC and general NAPA members; Conference will be held via teleconference call. Details will follow.

~Advisory Council announced as follows. EC unanimously approved the Council.

SN	Personnel	Position
1	Dr. Nanda Prakash Joshi (USA)	Member
2	Prof. Gopi Upreti (USA)	Member
3	Dr. Krishna Prasad (KP) Sharma (Canada)	Member
4	Dr. Yam Bahadur Thapa (Nepal)	Member
5	Dr. Upendra Man Sainju (USA)	Member
6	Dr. Suman Rimal Gautam (USA)	Member
7	Dr. Narayan Khadka (USA), Legal Affairs	Member

2. Update on NAPA By-laws Review

Dr. Narayan Khadka, Chair, By-laws Review Committee updated the major changes (in addition to minor editorials) made in the current by-laws. These changes included: mission and objectives, inclusion of word "Nepal" in the text, National Executive Committee, regional chapters, election of the President elect/Vice President, Voting and Membership fee structures. These changes will be discussed on EC and the revision will be submitted to the forthcoming AGM. While most revisions were based on consensus, where there was no consensus, the issues are noted to be discussed on EC.

3. Updates from Vice President - Megha Parajulee

~Journal Editorial Board announced as follows. EC unanimously approved the Board. Also agreed that the board may be expanded as necessary.

SN	Personnel	Position	Location/Country
1	Dr. Megha N Parajulee	Editor-in-Chief	Texas A & M University, USA
2	Dr. Chakra Budhathoki	Member	John Hopkins University, USA
3	Dr. Kalidas Subedi	Member	Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Canada
4	Dr. Krishna P Paudel	Member	Louisiana State University, USA
5	Dr. Nabaraj Devkota	Member	Agriculture and Forestry University, Nepal
6	Dr. Pradeep Wagle	Member	USDA, USA
7	Dr. Rajendra Shrestha	Member	Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand
8	Dr. Toya Baral	Member	Merck, USA
9	Dr. Prem Bhandari	Member Secretary	University of Michigan, USA

~ Global Agriculture Summit (GAS) 2017. List of organizations and individuals to be involved in organizing GAS being prepared. Program will be developed and circulated soon. Proposed summit dates are December 29-30, 2017 in Kathmandu, Nepal.

4. Wikipedia update

~Lekhnath Paudel, Lead for NAPA Wikipedia, updated the status of the work. EC suggested to prepare and share the document with a package of information for necessary revision that may be uploaded to Wikipedia.

5. Updates from Treasurer Ambika Tiwari: Updated membership and financial status.

Financial Status

NAPA Balance Sheet Summary(As of May 4, 2017)	
Items	Amount (US\$)
A. INCOME	
A1. Membership Fee	\$8,543.23
A2. Donation (including Louisiana flood relief and Georgia Vehicular Accident)	\$7,903.74
Total A	\$16,446.97
B. EXPENSES	
Charity (Flood Relief and Vehicular Accident)	\$6812.27
Other Expenses	\$300.00
Paypal Fee	\$394.97
Total B	\$7,507.24
Total Balance	\$8,939.73

Total membership as of May 4, 2017

Membership type	Total number	New member addition since last meeting (March 4, 2017)
Life	5	4
Regular	73	12
Joint	11	0
Student	65	0
Associate	13	3
Total Member	167	19

6. Scientific Conference 2018 Updates: President

- Conference Committee Chair/Convener: Dr. Lila B Karki
- Convention Secretary and Local Committee Chair, Dr. Pradeep Wagle
 - Assistant Convention Secretary, Dr. Tanka Kandel
 - Assistant Convention Secretary, Rajen Bajgain
- AGM Chair, Dr. Khusi Ram Tiwari
- Scientific Committee Chair: Dr. K.P. Paudel
- Proceeding Committee Chair: Dr. Prem Bhandari
- All EC members will be members of the Scientific Conference Organizing Committee by default.
- Other Sub-committees will be formed as necessary.

7. Updates from General Secretary

- NAPA Book Publication Project – A 6-member Book Publication Project (BPP) Editorial Board is working on book publication project entitled, “Sufficient, Safe and Healthy Food in Nepal: Sustainable Systems, Principles and Practices .”

Book Publication Editorial Board

SN	Personnel	Position	Affiliation
1	Dr. Drona P Rasali	Chair	Population Health Surveillance & Epidemiology, Canada
2	Dr. Megha N Parajulee	Member	Texas A & M University, USA
3	Dr. Raju Adhikari	Member	CSIRO, Australia
4	Dr. Ram Acharya	Member	New Mexico State University, USA
5	Dr. Uma Karki	Member	Tuskegee University, AL, USA
6	Dr. Prem Bhandari	Member Secretary	University of Michigan, MI, USA

- *A call for expression of interest* for book chapters is being developed and will be announced soon. For any questions, the board could be reached at bpp.napa@gmail.com.
- Policy/Research Brief. A three-member Editorial Board is working to publish Policy/Research Brief. The team includes:

Policy/Research Brief Editorial Board

SN	Personnel	Position	Location
1	Dr. Bishwo Adhikari	Editor-in-Chief	USDA-ARS, Arizona
2	Dr. Ramji Ghimire	Member	Michigan State University, USA
3	Dr. Suman Rimal Gautam	Member	USAID Project, Ecodit LLC, USA

~The first issue of Policy/Research Brief will be released by the end of May, 2017.

- Status of the **conference themes**. Altogether there were 9 submissions. Themes are being evaluated by EC.

**Next EC Meeting:
Saturday, July 8, 2017: 9-10:30pm EST [Proposal: may be later on]**

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.

Thank you!