

## Minutes of Meeting

Date: 6th of August 2005  
Held At: Pacific College of Technology  
Time: 4pm  
Meeting No: 1

Chairman: Mana K.C.  
Minutes Taken by: Niraj Shrestha

### In attendance:

Ms Indira Ban - ICC Member  
Mr. Jay Dhungel  
Mr. Shyam K.C.  
Mrs. Renu Ghimire  
Mrs. Ranju Thapa  
Mrs. Durga Bastola  
Mr. Pradip Dhakal  
Mr. Pabi Raj Subba  
Mr. Gowa Katuwal  
Mr. Shree Napit

Apologies: Interstate Representatives

### Agenda Discussed on:

- Approval of new nominations on EC and advisory board of NRN Australia
- NRN Australia News Bulletin
- Continuing Development Website Management
- NRN Second Global Conference-Australian Participation
- NRN Database in Australia-Membership Vs. Registration
- Nepalese International Food Festival Trade show
- Celebrating NRN Day
- Organizing a barbeque party in September to interact with members
- Feasibility of building a community hall in Australia

### Observations:

1. Mana K.C., President of NRN Australia, welcomed all the team members of new executive team and sought cooperation and initiatives from all in order to achieve the objectives of NRN Australia in line with NRN ICC. He stressed the need to liaise with all Nepalese community organizations in Australia to carry out the task effectively and efficiently.

2. As per constitution of NRN Australia, president nominated the following people for executive committee.

Mr. Shree Napit  
Mr. Pavi Raj Subba  
Mr. Jay Dhungel  
Mr. Ram Gurung  
Mr. Ashok Dhakal  
Mr. Man Bhandari

3. Executive team discussed about the appointments in Advisory board. The following people were nominated for advisory board in recognition of their contribution to the Nepalese community, expressed commitment to foster & strengthen NRN Australia and their strength in the diversity of their professions.

Mr Bimal Bhattarai (Migration Agent & Entrepreneur)  
Dr. Narayan Pradhan (Retired Scientist, Entrepreneur)  
Captain Bhola Rai (Defence Instructor, Research Fellow)  
Dr. Bhes Raj Bhandari ( Associate Professor, QUT)  
Mr Shamsar Singh Thapa - Legal Practitioner (Solicitor/Barrister) & Law Academic)  
Mr Kiran Chalise (Senior Lecturer)  
Mr Satish Koirala (Journalist)  
Dr. Sharan K.C. (APHEDA)

4. Executive Committee extended its appreciation to all individuals, institutions, community organizations and sponsors for making the July 10 conference a grand success.

5. This meeting was more of an informal nature amongst elected members. All of our patrons (nepali community organizations) will be invited to nominate one each honorary members to represent in NRN Australia team meetings and activities.

6. Vote of thanks passed in favor of Mr Pradeep Dhakal from Pacific College of Technology and Rabindra Sharma from In Touch Accounting & Taxation Services for ongoing support and providing the meeting venue.

#### Action Plan:

1. An unanimous decision was taken to form a committee that will study the possibility of building a community hall in Sydney. The EC realized the importance of community hall in view of increasing numbers of Nepalese in Australia. A three member committee was formed under the coordination of Ms Indira Ban. The other two members of the committee were Pabi Raj Subba and Mr. Jay Dhungel. This committee will do the feasibility study and call out a broader community wide mass meeting to set up special committee for that purpose.

2. EC member Pabi Raj Subba was assigned to find a student member to be nominated for EC in order to garner involvement from youngsters. Executive member Bina Adhikari was congratulated for giving birth to her second child.

3. Executive Member Shree Napit was assigned and will continue to take charge on continuous development, enrichment and maintenance of NRN Australia website. This will also include publishing NRN Australia online Bulletin. The committee realized the importance of website in informing and involving broader mass in its activities and applauded Shree Napit in managing the website and other works carried out so far. He will use his discretion to appoint his assistants as necessary from within the EC or outside mass to carry out his task.

4. The Committee discussed about the participation in the Second Global Conference of NRN and urged the interested people to register by 5th of September 05. Communication flow will be on in the coming weeks.

5. NRN Day will be observed over here on the day declared by the Nepal Government. A tea party will be hosted to mark the NRN Day.

6. An unanimous decision was taken to commence on-line NRN database in Australia. On line registration feature will be developed and maintained by Shree Napit following a publicity campaign for registration.

7. A four member committee was formed under the coordination of Ranju Thapa to organize a barbeque in the month of September. The other members of the committee are Durga Bastola, Renu Ghimire and Niraj Shrestha. Voluntary contribution of \$5/adult will be expected to meet the cost of barbecue with children's admission being free. This gathering will be targeted for a catch up and setting up special committee for community hall and international food festival / trade show.

8. An International Food Festival will be organized in the near future to let people know about Nepalese traditional food and its culture. A four member committee under the Coordination of Ms Indira Ban was

formed to study the feasibility of International Food Festival. The other member of the committee was Pabi Raj Subba and Shyam K.C.

9. NRN Australia will open a bank account with the signatory authority of any two amongst the President, National Coordinator and the Treasurer.

10. Latest News: Victoria has selected its state representatives to NRN Australia after a wider community consultation. Mr Chandra Yonzon and Mr Pramod Khatiwoda both of whom were also the Victorian delegates in the national conference have been elected as Vice Chairman (reserved for Victoria) and executive team member to represent in NRN Australia team. Third one to represent Victoria is Mr Bholu Giri. We already had Mr Ashok Dhakal joined the NCC team under nominated quota. Welcome aboard to our Victorian Team !! Interstate Activities will be run in consultation with NRN Australia state representatives.