



# Non-Resident Nepali Association

## Australia

National Co-ordination Committee Australia  
(NRNA - NCC)  
ABN: 29 136 322 598

### Minutes of NRNA Meeting

Venue: Pacific College of Technology, Auburn, Sydney

Date: 28/08/2011

#### Attendance of Meeting

SN	Name	Position	Remarks
1	Ganesh KC	President	present
2	Prem Sapkota	VP, NSW	present
3	Swotantra Shah	VP, QLD	present
4	Bhairab Dhakal	VP, WA	Present *
5	Mahendra Oli	Secretary	Present
6	Bharat Pokhrel	Treasurer	present
7	Niranjana Prasad	Joint Secretary, NSW	present
8	Raj Thapaliya	Joint Secretary, WA	present *
9	Binod Bhakta Acharya	Joint Secretary, QLD	Present *
10	Krishna Giri	Member	present
11	Bhisma Bhandari	Member	present
12	Arun Kumar Thakur	Member	present
13	Rajan Sitoula	Member	present
14	Surendra Sapkota	Member	present
15	Sujata Basnet	Member	Present
16	Bhim Chhantyal	Member	Absent
17	Kiran Thapa	Member	present
18	Homnidhi Poudel	Member	Present *
19	Ramesh Poudel	Member	Present *
20	Ganga Prasad Sapkota	Member	Absent
21	Madhu Panthee	Member	apology
22	Dorna Prasad Panta	Member	present *
23	Sarad Chalise	Member T	present *
24	Raju Adhikari	Member	apology
25	Aman Bajracharya	Member	present *
26	Deepak Bista	Member	present *



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### ICC Advisor and Members

SN	Name	Position	Remarks
1	Indra Ban	Advisor	Present
2	Goba Katuwal	Regional coordinator	Apology
3	Bhabani P. Oli	Youth coordinator	Apology
4	Ranju Thapa	Deputy Women coordinator	Apology
5	Dr. raju Adhikari	ICC member	Absent
6	Dr. Krishna Hamal	ICC member	Present *
7	Raju Shakya	ICC member	Absent
8	Shree Napit	ICC Member	Present

### Incoming ICC Members

SN	Name	Position	Remarks
1	Bhoma Devi Limbu		Apology
2	Pralhad KC		present
3	Surendra Sigdel		present
4	Naresh Thapa		Absent
5	Tapendra Thapa		Absent

### Special Invitee

SN	Name	Position	Remarks
1	Mahendra Lamsal		Present
2	Bal Chandra Bhattarai		Present
3	Deepak Khadka	Consulate General, NSW	Present

\* Attended via teleconference

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Ganesh K.C., President of NRN Australia and Mr. Mahendra Oli, Secretary welcomed the participants. With the permission of Chairman, the meeting was further preceded with the following agendas:

#### 1. Introduction of new team members

Being the first meeting after the 4<sup>th</sup> National Conference 2011, all the participants introduced themselves.

#### 2. Welcome and handover notes from outgoing president Mr. Dhruba Subedi

Outgoing NRNA Australia President Mr. Dhruba Subedi (2009-2011) welcomed the new executive members and expressed his commitment to continuously support the new team.



Mr Subedi officially handed over the presidential, secretarial and treasural responsibility of out going team to the newly elected executive team of NRNA 2011-2013.

### 3. Welcome Speech from President

Mr. Ganesh KC; President of NRNA Australia, welcomed to all the meeting participants and expressed his commitment for the best interest of NRNA Australia and broader Nepalese Community in global and national level. He also sought ongoing support from all former presidents, ICC members and NRNA Activists.

### 4. Reporting of recently concluded NRNA ICC Regional Conference in Moscow

Ms. Indra Ban; an ICC advisor; congratulated the newly elected executive members and encouraged to work with other Nepali community organizations to achieve the organization's objectives. Ms Ban also reported that the conference was very well organised and successful. ICC youth coordinator Mr. Bhabani Oli, ( Regional Coordinator ), Mr. Goba Katuwal and women deputy coordinator Mrs. Ranju Thapa presented their papers in the conference which were very well received.

### 5. Nomination of four Executive Members (President Nomination)

NRNA Australia president Mr Ganesh K.C proposed the following people to be nominated as an executive member of NRNA Australia as per the constitution of NRNA Australia in recognition of their commitment and willingness to work for NRNA Australia for the term 2011 – 2013.

S No.	Name	State
1	Keshab Kandel	VIC
2	Mahendra Lamsal	NSW
3	Bal Chandra Bhattarai	NSW
4	Chola Kanta Bhusal	NSW

The meeting unanimously endorsed the proposal.

### 6. Nomination of Advisory Board Members

NRNA Australia president Mr Ganesh K.C. proposed following Advisory Board members for 2011-2013. The meeting has discussed over the president's proposal and unanimously approved.



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SN	Name	State
1	Bishnu Hamal	NSW
2	Pradip Dhakal	NSW
3	Dr. Ghanashyam Chapagain	NSW
4	Padam Sakya	NSW
5	Ramjee Bista	NSW
6	Dev Gurung	NSW
7	Ramesh Pandey	NSW
8	Bimal Bhattarai	NSW
9	Manohar Tiwari	NSW
10	Bharat Pant	NSW
11	Bom Yonzon	VIC
12	Jog Limbu	VIC
13	Ranjan Baidya	VIC
14	Tonu Gothane	VIC
15	Rajan Basnet	VIC
16	Bunu Gautam	QLD
17	Dr. Manoj Khanal	QLD
18	Yadav Sharma	WA
19	Dr. Kush Shrestha	SA
20	Dr. Kishwor Baidya	ACT

### 7. Policy Strategic Management Committee

NRNA Australia president Mr Ganesh K.C. proposed the following 6 members Policy Strategic Management Committee and the meeting has unanimously approved.

SN	Name	State
1	Dr. Hom Murti Pant	ACT
2	Dr. Narayan Pradhan	NSW
3	Dr. Ashok Shrestha	QLD
4	Dr Krishna Hamal	ACT
5	Dr. Shamser Sing Thapa	NSW
6	Dr. Raju Adhikari	VIC

### 8. Patron Council of NRNA Australia

NRNA Australia president Mr Ganesh K.C proposed following 3 members for Patron Council of NRNA Australia. There was an intense discussion on, whether the patron council to be formed or not, as some of executive members were concerned about the authority



given to patron council by the constitution. After an extensive discussion, the meeting decided to form the Patron Council as per the provision 15.3.8 of NRNA Australia constitution until the Constitution Amendment Taskforce present their recommendations to the executive committee.

The meeting approved following 3 members committee and authorised to recommend another four members to give it full shape as per NRNA constitution.

SN	Name	State
1	Mr. Mana KC	Ex-President (2005-2007)
2	Mr. Goba Katuwal	Ex-President (2007-2009)
3	Mr. Dhruba Subedi	Ex-President (2009-2011)

### 9. NRNA Australia Constitution Amendment Taskforce

As per the 4<sup>th</sup> National Conference Declaration, President Mr Ganesh K.C. proposed the following 16 members NRNA Constitution Amendment Committee. The meeting approved the proposal and delegated mandate to the committee to expand the committee as per the declaration. The meeting authorised to this committee to carry on broader discussion regarding the proposed amendment of NRNA constitution to make it more inclusive, efficient and effective to serve for the best interest of Nepalese community in Australia meeting its objectives in coming days.

SN	Name	State
1	Dr. Hom Murti Pant	Coordinator
2	Mr. Jog Limbu	State Coordinator - VIC
3	Mr. Goba Katuwal	Member, NSW
4	Mr. Mana KC	State Coordinator - NSW
5	Mr. Dhruba Subedi	Member, NSW
6	Dr. Samser Singh Thapa	Member, NSW
7	Ms Indra Ban	Member, NSW
8	Mr. Ganesh KC	Member, NSW
9	Mr. Niraj Shrestha	Member, NSW
10	Mrs. Bunu Gautam	State Coordinator - QLD
11	Mr. Deepak Bista	State Coordinator - SA
12	Mr. Bhairab Dhakal	State Coordinator - WA
13	Mr. Raju Adhikari	State Coordinator - NT
14	Mr. Sarad Chalise	State Coordinator - ACT
15	Mr. Aman Bajracharya	State Coordinator - TAS



### 10. Expansion of state committee

NRNA Australia Vice president Mr. Swotantra Shah (QLD), Bhairab Dhakal (WA), state member Drona Panta (VIC), Raju Adhikari (NT) and Deepak Bista (SA) will hold further consultation and will work towards forming the state committees in respective states and will propose in coming NRNA meeting for its final approval.

### 11. Committee to coordinate a meeting of Council of Nepalese Community Association Advisory Committee of Australia

President Mr Ganesh K.C. proposed a committee with following nine members to facilitate and coordinate a meeting of Council of Nepalese Community Association in Australia and has approved unanimously. The Council of Nepalese Community Association Advisory Committee which is the representation of all Nepalese Community Associations form all over the Australia will recommend 10 executive members to the NRNA Australia for 2011-2013.

SN	Name	
1	Ganesh KC	Coordinator
2	Mahendra Oli	Deputy coordinator
3	Krishna Giri	Member, NSW
4	Drona Pant	Member, VIC
5	Swotantra	Member, Qld
6	Deepak Bista	Member, SA
7	Bhairab Dhakal	Member, WA
8	Raju Adhikari	Member, NT
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### 12. Promoting Community Events and News: Current Challenges and proposed Solution

Secretary Mr. Mahendra Oli highlighted the current issue of communicating community based events and news to its registered members. Sending frequent emails to its registered members has resulted in lower opening rate and higher opted out rate. To overcome this Mr. Mahendra Oli proposed a model which will give community based organizations, an access to NRNA Australia web portal, so that respective organization can upload their news and events



themselves and the secretary will send out fortnightly email news letter summarising the local news and events. For further details of this arrangement, please refer to the Appendix A.

### **13. Membership Card**

During the forth National Conference, NRNA Australia did not have any printed membership card. As many of our registered members are enquiring about the membership card, Secretary Mr. Mahendra Oli initiated the discussion on whether to get the membership card printed or not. Many participants expressed their view that printing and posting the membership card to our members may not be practical and could be costly. The meeting decided to advise to all registered members with their membership number through a designated letter via email and the responsibility is given to the secretary of NRNA.

### **14. Progressive Structure of NRNA Australia**

Mr. Krishna Giri; an executive member; has proposed “A Progressive Structure of NRNA Australia for Sub Committee”. Mr. Giri presented his concept of forming different sub-committee to achieve NRNA Australia’s objectives and also discussed about further development of our website which will better connect NRNs, Community organisations and businesses. The meeting appreciated Mr. Giri’s effort and advised the President to consider the structure while making further projects and sub-committee. For further details, please refer to the **Appendix B**

### **15. Financial Account handover to treasurer**

The meeting has decided to handover all financial matter from outgoing treasurer to newly elected treasurer. The meeting also decided to inform to the concern bank to authorise for account handover.

### **16. Preparation of the name list and payment for those who are participating in the 5th Global Conference with voting rights**

Non-Resident Nepali Association International Coordination Council's (NRN ICC) 5th Global Conference is going to held in Kathmandu on 12-14 October 2011 with the theme “NRN movement towards prosperous Nepal”. As per ICC constitution, only 100 delegates from Australia can be participated with voting rights in the conference.

The meeting has given the responsibility to the President Mr. Ganesh KC and Secretary Mr. Mahendra Oli to send out expression of interest to its registered members, compile the list and send it to global conference organizing committee along with the payment and photograph.



### 17. Public Relation Officer

NRNA Australia president proposed Mr Mahendra Lasmal as a public officer . An executive member Mr. Krishna Giri expressed his interest to serve as a public officer as well. Most of the meeting participants expressed their views on this and some of the members raised issues relating to Constitutional issues, conflict of interest and fair trading requirements. After extensive discussion, Mr. Krishna Giri withdrew his interest and Mr. Lamsal's nomination for the post of Public Officer was endorsed

### 18. Youth Coordinator

NRN Australia president Mr Ganesh K.C proposed Mr Suresh Gurung as a youth co-ordinator. An executive member Mr. Bhisma Bhandari also expressed his interest to serve as a youth coordinator. Some of the elected executive members echoed that an executive member should be given the responsibility of youth coordinator or any coordination of this nature. The Committee requested The President to seek further consultation and decided to postpone the nomination of Youth Coordinator until next executive team meeting.

### 19. Around the Grounds

Secretary Mahendra Oli informed the Committee about the feedback received from Mr. Umesh Pant; a registered member of NRNA Australia. Printed copy of the feedback was distributed to all meeting participants.

**There was no further agenda to be discussed; the meeting was concluded at 6:00 pm**



### Appendix A

#### Discussion Paper by Mahendra Oli

#### Promoting Community Events and News

#### Current Issues and Proposed Solution

NRNA Australia has been promoting community events and news by sending emails to its registered members when requested by the organizers. Our community is growing so is our community based events and news which has resulted in too frequent emails and has also increased administrative overhead. To address this issue and to be more effective, efficient and transparent, a proper collaborative mechanism need to be in place.

By promoting community events and news, we will be promoting Nepalese Culture, tradition and will be helping our young Nepalese community to further advance and unite.

As we have many community organizations who are working for the welfare of our community and our mother Country Nepal, it is very important for NRNA Australia to collaborate with these community organizations and work together to achieve the common goals. Under this solution, all the community events and news will be hosted and published in NRNA Australia's website ([www.nrn.org.au](http://www.nrn.org.au)) and an email newsletter will be sent to its registered members fortnightly. Here are the proposed steps:

This is a draft proposal prepared for further discussion.

#### Steps

**Step 1:** Our IT team will provide login details for our online news/event portal to registered community organizations

**Step 2:** Community organizations will login into the portal

**Step 3:** Community organizations will fill up our events/news form. The input from the user will be controlled by appropriate field and length

**Step 4:** Once submitted, the portal will automatically send an email notification to the submitter

**Step 5:** The portal also will automatically send an email to NRNA online event/news panel

**Step 6:** NRNA online event/news coordinator will review the submitted information and will contact the organization if required

**Step 7:** NRNA online event/news coordinator will publish the event/news in our website ([www.nrn.org.au](http://www.nrn.org.au))

**Step 8:** Once published, an notification email will be sent automatically to [secretary@nrn.org.au](mailto:secretary@nrn.org.au)

**Step 9:** Secretary will include the event/news in our fortnightly email news letter



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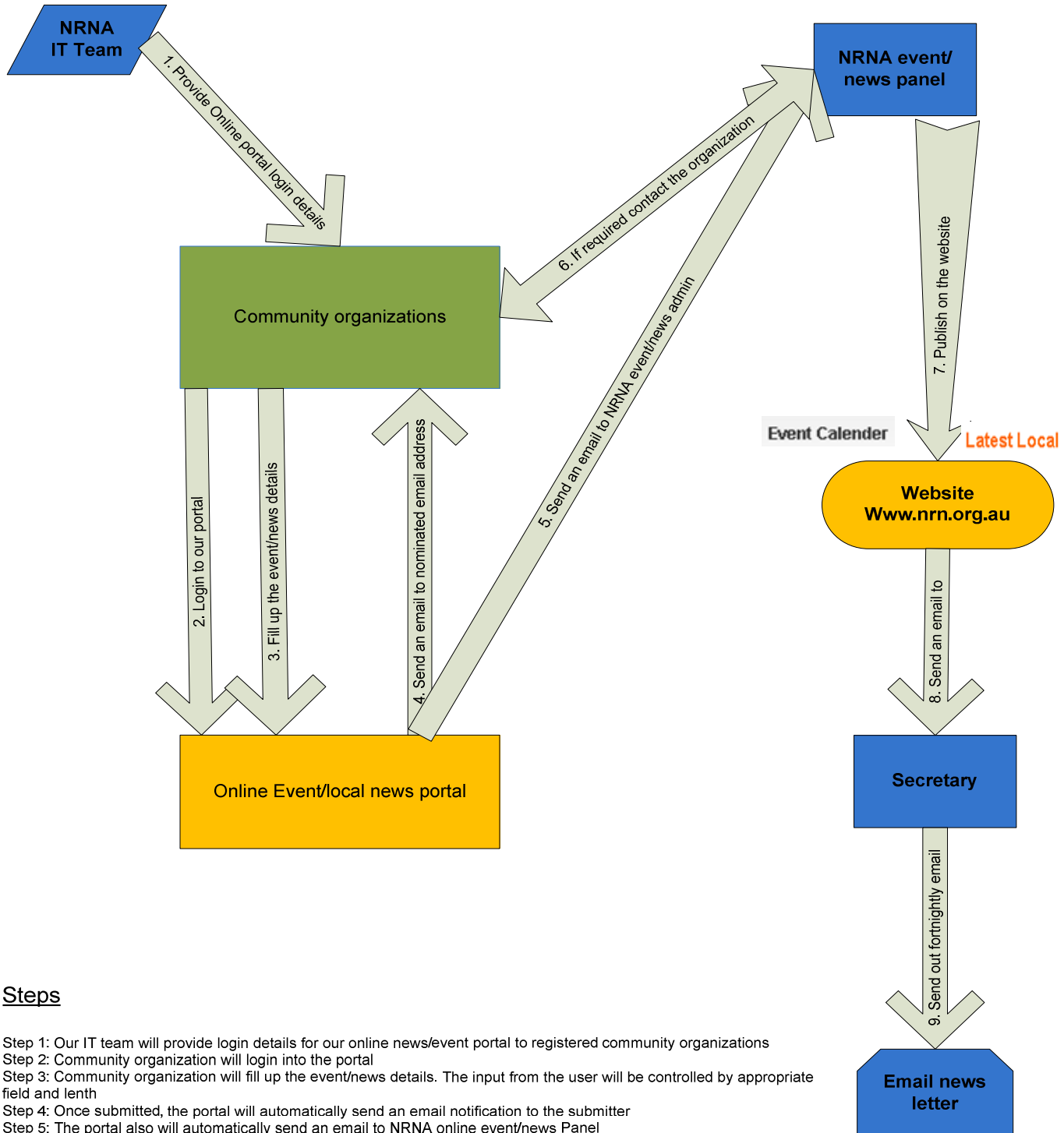
The following diagram shows the complete process



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Appendix B

Discussion Paper by Krishna Giri