

## **ANMF US - Nepal Meeting 07/26/2024:**

### **Attendance:**

US - Bishnu Sapkota, Narayan Neupane, Navin Kaini, Bikash Bhattarai, Santosh Sapkota, Binod Khadka, Dilli Bhurtel, Rajesh Pandey, Kalpana Shrestha, Saroj Kandel.

Nepal - Sangita Basnet, Arun Kunwar, Jyoti Bhattarai, Bhagwan Koirala, Mahesh Sigdel, Shankar Rai, Sandhya Khadka, Bikrant Rana.

### **Agendas:**

#### 1. Role of ANMF-Nepal:

ANMF Nepal is eye and ear for the organization and is complimentary to the ANMF US team. ANMF Nepal knows the ground reality and could help with identifying best focus for the projects. **ANMF Nepal feels that it needs more participation in project discussion** so that most of the projects that are submitted for approval are well vetted. There is a lot of work that goes behind the scenes by ANMF Nepal to examine the validity and necessity of the projects submitted. ANMF Nepal team asked US team give due consideration for the project approved by ANMF Nepal. Communication with ANMF-Nepal regarding decisions on projects, particularly if different from what ANMF Nepal recommended should be clear. If project is rejected, we should look at possible reconsideration based on questions answered.

#### **Need of sharing information regarding submitted project.**

Nepal team also thought that there is a great need of support for **project application writing**. ANMF US team brought the idea of **doing one or two high impact projects** and concentrate on major areas and major funds. With many ongoing projects, it is felt by both team that we need to look at the impact evaluation of the projects.

2. Vision, Mission and Goal of ANMF: Team discussed regarding vision, mission and goal of the organization. ANMF has worked on **education, capacity building, infrastructure and policy changes** in past. While working on the philanthropic causes, we should remain apolitical; and projects and policies should reflect this. There was a concern that there is a lot of personal interest. ANMF needs to remain aloof from personal interests and should remain apolitical. ANMF US would be cognizant of conflicts of interest.

#### 5. Transfer of knowledge and technology:

- **Observerships** in the US: Knowledge transfer in areas not existing in Nepal is very important. So, if there is possibility of observerships in US, Nepal team wants ANMF US to consider facilitating the project or request.

- **Support subspecialty development in Nepal**- ERDC and Collaboration Committees can work closely with Nepalese counterparts. ANMF Nepal can facilitate the connection between the team.

-**Provide clinical support services** (non-physician) not available in Nepal

- **Encourage trainee research presentations:** Best poster awards at major medical conferences in Nepal. ERDC can collaborate with ANMF Nepal and nonprofit organizations in Nepal regarding this. ERDC team will discuss offline with ANMF Nepal and create a guideline. Both teams endorsed the idea, mainly in research. What kind of society or academic organization to involve in it needs to be looked at closely.

7. **Presence of ANMF Nepal at the AGM** in the US- Have ANMF Nepal represent in the annual general meeting. There needs to be clarity regarding who would attend if the proposed representative cannot. It should be based on the hierarchy mode- the president, the vice-president or the secretary.

8. **Collaboration with professional societies:** ANMF Nepal could facilitate ANMF US in building academic trainings, CMEs, Workshops for the Knowledge and skill transfer. Collaboration committee and ERDC committee involvement would be important in this regard.

9. Discussion regarding **equivalency for Nepalese providers** who want to come back to Nepal for clinical care. Follow up regarding the round table meeting. MEC + NMA + Binod Khadka to try to conduct the meeting.

**Meeting adjourned.**