



AMERICA NEPAL MEDICAL FOUNDATION

ANMF Urgent Board Meeting: September 29, 2024

Attendance:

Board members- Bishnu Sapkota, Narayan Neupane, Navin Kaini, Santosh Sapkota, Kalpana Shrestha, Bikash Bhattarai, Ganesh Chaudhary, Bhupesh Khadka, Sandesh Pandit, Bikash Bhattarai, Birendra Sah, Shradha Manandhar, Jivan Lamichhane, Raju Century, Saroj Kandel, Rajesh Pandey, Upendra Kaphle, Dilli Bhurtel, Bivek Wagle.

ELC Member- Libby Wilson

ANMF Nepal- Sangita Basnet, Bikrant Rana

Excused- Binod Khadka, Swikrity Upadhaya, Suman Raj Regmi, Rachana Tiwari.

Absent- Binod Dhungana

Agenda:

1. Nepal 2024 Flood Update:

Bikrant Rana and Dr Sangita Basnet updated the status of heavy rain, flooding and its impact on general life and livelihood in Nepal. The recent floods caused by heavy rainfall in Nepal have wreaked havoc across communities, claiming the lives of more than 200 people and leaving countless families displaced. Survivors are in desperate need of shelter, food, clean water, and other essentials. Adding to the crisis, there is an imminent risk of a communicable disease outbreak due to unsafe sanitation conditions following the disaster. ANMF Nepal and the Nepal Medical Association (NMA) are looking into initiating relief operations, distributing essential supplies and working to prevent the spread of diseases in these vulnerable communities. ANMF US reiterated its support in any groundwork done by Nepalese partners and stakeholders.

Action Item: ANMF Nepal team to work with stakeholders and submit project proposal if deemed necessary.

2. ANMF Nepal Office expense:

ANMF Nepal team (Bikrant and Sangita Basnet) updated the board on the administrative cost and ongoing office expense for the past year. The itemized cost and expense were already emailed to the board prior to the meeting. Per ANMF Nepal, Social welfare council will not let office expense channeled to Nepalese organization without having a project attached to it. Nepal team advised using approved project to add administrative cost of up to 20% of the project to fund the office expenses for ANMF Nepal. Board had reservations, and suggested

other options to look into, including ANMF Nepal submitting project proposal yearly as a monitoring and evaluation of ANMF funded projects. ANMF US president will check with other nonprofit organizations working in Nepal to look at the legal way to fund the Nepalese office. Bikrant Rana will check with other Nepalese nonprofit nongovernment organizations as to how they are funded, as well as social welfare council to check on legal ways to fund the yearly expense.

Action Item: Bishnu Sapkota to check with nonprofit organizations in US to see how the fund is channeled in their organization to Nepal. Bikrant to check with nonprofit organizations in Nepal as well as SWC regarding legal path to fund Nepal office expense. Board recommended- Yearly project submission by ANMF Nepal as a yearly evaluation/ review project for ANMF funded projects in Nepal.

3. 29th Annual General Meeting Theme:

Themes for 29th ANMF Annual General Meeting was discussed. Board voted on consensus basis to have the theme as “Uniting Diaspora to Advance Healthcare in Nepal”.

4. Grant writing as a capstone project by a board member:

One of our esteemed board members, Shradha Manandhar, is trying to do a project on Mobile mammography for breast cancer screening as a capstone project for her MBA. She is in her initial process of grant application and must apply grant through nonprofit organization. She would like to partner with BP Koirala Cancer Hospital, Chitwan, Nepal. She will do all leg work required for grant writing. ANMF will not have any financial burden for the project. Grant, if received, will have very positive effect on our broad mission of ANMF. The proposed plan by Dr Manandhar was discussed in detail. She is still working on her logistics. Decision was made to have subgroup consisting of Santosh Sapkota and Dilli Bhurtel to help her through grant writing and submission, while maintaining all legal requirements per ANMF policy and grantor requirements.

5. ANMF meeting with prime minister:

Board was briefed by Narayan Neupane regarding ANMF executive team meeting with prime minister along with other nonprofit organizations in Boston on September 27/ 28, 2024. ANMF team raised its stance on equivalence for Nepalese providers trained in United States who want to practice in Nepal.

Meeting adjourned at 10.30 PM.