



## AMERICA NEPAL MEDICAL FOUNDATION

### Board Meeting 02/16/25:

#### Attendance:

Bishnu Sapkota - P	Binod Khadka - P	Dilli Bhurtel - P	Upendra Kaphle- E	Suman Regmi - E	Rachna Tiwari- P
Narayan Neupane - P	Bhuphesh Khadka - P	Marvin Brustin JD - P	Binod Dhungana - E	Saroj Kandel - P	Swikrity U Baskota - E
Navin Raj Kaini - P	Santosh Sapkota - P	Raju Century - P	Jivan Lamichhane - P	Sandesh Pandit - E	Rajesh Pandey - P
Bikash Bhattarai - P	Kalpna Shrestha - P	Ganesh Chaudhary - P	Shradha Manandhar - P	Birendra Sah - E	Bivek Wagle - A

Non-Board Members in attendance: Dinesh Subedi- 2025 AGM Organizing Committee Chair  
Dr Aarati Poudel

#### Meeting start time: 8.00 PM EST

#### Agenda:

- 1. Approval of board meeting minutes** 11/17/2024 tabled and approved unanimously.
- 2. Global Health Conclave 2024 update:** Dr Bishnu Sapkota informed the board of ANMF involvement in the conclave. Global health Conclave was recently organized by ministry of health and population, Nepal, on December 26-27, 2024. Americana past medical foundation had significant participation. The conclave focused on global diaspora brainstorming ideas to improve healthcare in Nepal. The conclave formulated 10 point priority action plan for diaspora involvement in advancing healthcare in Nepal.
- 3. 29th AGM Planning and organization** - Bishnu / Dinesh/ Narayan/ Santosh/ Navin - (29th AGM Agenda, Sponsorship, Invitation, Local update, Registration drive, Board members initiatives, responsibilities, Speaker's lineup)

Organizing team informed board of the work behind the scene. Online registration has started. Registration process has been slow. Organizing team discussed the ways to improve registration including registration drive, word of mouth, and reaching out to the fraternity of each board members. Dr Dinesh Subedi and Aarati Poudel informed the

board regarding local preparation. Dr Narayan Neupane informed the team of agenda and work regarding speakers' lineup.

**4. Board Members tenure, renewal and new membership discussion:** Dr Navin Kaini informed the board regarding 3 years tenure and term limits of the board members. The board members will be receiving emails regarding the need to express the interest to continue. Currently, board can accommodate 30 board members. The Board must prepare a slate of candidates in next 2 months. Current members and members with expiring terms need to inform the Board of their intentions to continue as an ANMF Board Member for the 2024-2025 year.

#### **5. Committee reports:**

- IT Committee update – provided by Santosh Sapkota. With work on new website, the online experience is more responsive. The old data is being migrated to the new website.

- Collaboration Committee update - provided by Navin Kaini. Collaboration committee conducted one CME session with ANMF critical care forum.

- Finance Committee update - provided by Kalpana Shrestha

- Project Committee update- provided by Ganesh Chaudhary and Rajesh Pandey.

All committee meeting minutes submitted to board/ secretary will be uploaded to the website.

**6. Projects discussion:** New projects application review was provided by Ganesh Chaudhary and Rajesh Pandey. Detailed discussions were held on multiple projects.

**24CIC001:** Project title: Snake Bite Project in Madhesh Province, Nepal. Ask \$24,999.62. Board reviewed project committee recommendations. Denied by the board unanimously. Rationale- Expensive. Dept of Health Services, Teku, working on similar project.

**24ASK001:** Project title: Expansion of the Nepal Poison Information Center. Ask \$31,544.72. Most of the finance was related to salary. Board reviewed project committee recommendations and approved \$15,772.36 unanimously. Board recommended ASK foundation to collaborate with TUTH, Department of pharmacology and Brown University for sustainability. Some board members will help connect ASK foundation with Dept of Pharmacology chair Dr Narayan Malhotra.

**25KICH001:** Project title: NICU Equipment for KIOCH- Kathmandu Children's Hospital. Ask \$96,252. Board reviewed and discussed project committee's affirmative recommendation. Board members raised the concern from donors of providing significant financial assistance to same organization, with KIOCH receiving significant donation in recent year. KIOCH has large pool of donors and can raise the fund from other sources too. Board agreed to table the project for discussion in next regular board meeting.

**25JNMA001:** Project title: JNMA Podcast Studio: Ask \$9,678.75. Board reviewed the project committee recommendations. Board approved the project unanimously. Board

recommended ANMF Nepal, and possibly collaboration committee/ ERDC committee coordinate with JNMA in podcast contents and production over time.

**25PMWH001:** Enhancing newborn screening for Congenital Birth Defects in Nepal. Board reviewed Project committee recommendations. Denied by board unanimously. Rationale: Poorly designed and written project, most budget going for salary and high cost of project.

**25HPSA001:** CPR TOT and AED Installation in Two Major Cities in Nepal. Ask \$55,480. Board reviewed and discussed project committee recommendations. Denied by board unanimously. Rationale: Sustainability, cost and issues with awareness among public. Previous project has not been completed by HAPSA and we have not seen the result of the project with similar objective.

**24ASAM001:** Heart Clinic of Old Citizen. Ask: \$20,000. Board reviewed and discussed project committee recommendations. Denied by board unanimously. Rationale: Nepal government with many programs including monthly monetary welfare money for senior citizens.

**24KICH001:** Supply of ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY Machine: Ask \$ 35,000. Board reviewed project committee recommendations. Questions posed by board during last meeting were answered by the project contact person. Another project has been applied for by KIOCH. This project will also be tabled for review in next board meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 11.06 PM EST.

**Next Meeting:** May 4, 2024, 8 PM EST.