

# AMERICA NEPAL MEDICAL FOUNDATION

## Board Meeting 05/04/25:

#### Attendance:

Bishnu	Binod	Dilli Bhurtel -	Upendra	Suman	Rachna Tiwari-
Sapkota - P	Khadka - P	Р	Kaphle- E	Regmi - P	Α
Narayan	Bhuphesh	Marvin	Binod	Saroj Kandel	Swikrity U
Neupane - P	Khadka - P	Brustin JD - E	Dhungana - P	- P	Baskota - A
Navin Raj Kaini - P	Santosh Sapkota - P	Raju Century - P	Jivan Lamichhane - P	Sandesh Pandit - P	Rajesh Pandey - P
Bikash Bhattarai - A	Kalpana Shrestha - P	Ganesh Chaudhary - P	Shradha Manandhar - P	Birendra Sah - P	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 02/16/2025 tabled and approved unanimously.
- 2. **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 scenes. Online registration ongoing, with total 134 tickets sold so far, need help from board members to increase the registration drive. 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.

Gala preparation was discussed in detail. New subcommittee will be formed to work on outline of gala. Subcommittee to include Soni Srivastav, Ananta Subedi and Judy Subedi.

- 3. **Board Members tenure, renewal and new membership discussion**: Dr Navin Kaini informed the board regarding 3-year tenure and term limits of the board members. Two active board members have decided to step down. Currently, board can accommodate 30 board members. The Board must prepare a slate of candidates prior to the AGM. ANMF Board member application has been sent out to the members of ANMF. Navin Kaini will inform the board members of new application and the board will decide on next years board membership.
- 4. Board members pledged to certain monetary donation for the upcoming AGM fund raising drive.

### 5. Committee reports:

- IT Committee update provided by Santosh Sapkota. Conference page and mobile friendly site, being constantly improved on.
- Collaboration Committee update provided by Navin Kaini. Collaboration committee conducted the last meeting in april.
  - Finance Committee update provided by Kalpana Shrestha
  - Membership committee update- provided by Saroj Kandel
  - 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.
- **25DH001**: Project title: A Preventive Health Screening Program for School-Aged Children in rural outreach centers of Dhulikhel Hospital. Ask \$79,686. Board reviewed project committee recommendations. Denied by the board unanimously. Rationale-Even though concept is good, project lacks clarity of content.
- **25BCH001**:Project title: Binaytara Cancer Hospital Fellowship Program. Ask \$20,926. Board reviewed project committee recommendations. Denied by the board unanimously. Rationale- Project lacks clarity regarding how the fellowship is conducted in collaboration Tata memorial hospital. Also, the annual budget of Binaytara foundation is much larger than ANMF, so supporting the project with limited budget available by ANMF is not the most prudent way to use the fund.
- **25HPSA002:** Project title: CPR TOT and AED Installation in Two Major Cities in Nepal. Ask \$14,585. Board reviewed and discussed project committee's affirmative recommendation. Previous project submitted by HAPSA could not obtain SWC approval within time frame of one year as set by ANMF bylaws. Previous HAPSA project was unable to obtain SWC approval, and the project is void and the project was resubmitted with higher amount ask. Board approved the project unanimously up to the amount of \$10,000 to be used for the project.

**25KICH001:** Project title: NICU Equipment for KIOCH- Kathmandu Children's Hospital. Ask \$96,252. Board reviewed and discussed project committee's affirmative recommendation. Board approved to partially or fully fund the project not to exceed the amount of \$ 96,252 as a highlighted project for upcoming annual general meeting, provided ANMF is able to raises the amount during the ANMF AGM fund raising.

**24KICH001:** Supply of ECHOCHARDIOGRAPHY Machine: Ask \$ 35,000. Board reviewed project committee recommendations. Denied by board unanimously. Rationale: Utility of one echocardiography machine for the region was questioned. Moreover, the larger project submitted by same organization was approved, leaving with not enough fund for the project.

Board also briefly discussed the future direction of ANMF in terms of projects and alignment / focus and how to function as an organization.

Meeting Adjourned: 11.20PM EST.

Next Meeting: June 8, 2024, 8 PM EST.