



AMERICA NEPAL MEDICAL FOUNDATION

Board Meeting 05/10/26:

Attendance:

Bishnu Sapkota - P	Binod Khadka - P	Dilli Bhurtel - P	Upendra Kaphle- P	Nita Thapa- P	Rachna Tiwari- P
Narayan Neupane - P	Bhuphesh Khadka - P	Samir Gautam - P	Binod Dhungana - A	Saroj Kandel - P	Shyam Poudel- P
Navin Raj Kaini - P	Santosh Sapkota - P	Raju Century - P	Jivan Lamichhane - P	Ananta Subedi- P	Rajesh Pandey - P
Bikash Bhattarai - P	Kalpna Shrestha - P	Ganesh Chaudhary - P	Shradha Manandhar - P	Birendra Sah - P	Bivek Wagle - A

Non-Board Members in attendance: None

Meeting start time: 8.00 PM EST

Agenda:

1. **Approval of board meeting minutes** 2/15/2026 and 4/19/2026 were presented and approved unanimously.

2. **Board membership application, Leadership roles for next year** – Dr Navin Kaini presented the board meeting applications for the year 2026/ 2027. Based on the bylaws and rules and regulations, Dr Manish Guragain and Dr Neelkantha Amatya fulfil the criteria and will be presented at the annual general meeting for the approval and inclusion into the board.

For the year 2026/ 2027- leadership will include Dr Narayan Neupane as president, Dr Navin Kaini as vice-president, Dr Bikash Bhattarai as General Secretary, Dr Ananta Subedi as co-secretary, Dr Manish Guragain as Treasurer and Ms Kalpna Shrestha as co-treasurer. Leadership roles will be presented in the annual general meeting for approval.

Committee roles revamp and changes will also be made during the annual general meeting.

3. **Fundraising plans and initiative** – As the board starts the work for fundraising, fundraising work was initiated during the board. Different board members pledged to

donate, amounting up to \$12000, while many board members committed to donating during the annual general meeting.

4. Committee report – Finance committee report was reviewed. Finance report attached separately with the draft board minutes. With activities to date, \$66,769.64 remains as bank balance.

- Project Committee update- Ganesh Chaudhary – recent project committee meeting minutes discussed.

5. 30th AGM Organization update- Narayan Neupane / Bishnu Sapkota updated the board members regarding the work behind the scene for the 30th ANMF Annual General Meeting. The conference will be held in Chicago- The **Westin Chicago North Shore**, 601 N Milwaukee Ave, Wheeling, IL 60090, **on May 29-31st, 2026**. This years theme for the conference would be – “Advancing Preventive Care in Nepal”. “Hamro Event” is the even manager for the program. Organizing committee is chaired by Narayan Neupane. Conference and Registration is ongoing. Registration will include Friday evening dinner and culture program, Saturday lunch and Fund raising Gala Dinner. Breakfast will not be included. Coffee, snacks and water will be available during the conference time throughout Saturday. Conference will include guest speeches, round table discussion, CME, Youth Forum, Cultural program and fundraising gala. Gala only registration is open.

Organizing team seeks help from board members in encouraging friends and families to register as soon as possible and attend the meeting. Participation of as many individuals and families as possible will help AGM be a successful program.

6. Projects discussion: New project application review was provided by Ganesh Chaudhary. Detailed discussions were held on projects.

1. **26HPSA001** Toxicology education support for two Nepali Physicians. - Board members discussed the project, reviewed the project committee and ANMF Nepal recommendations. Cost of travel, tuition etc was all reviewed. Board approved funding up to \$6000 for training one person.
2. **26ANMF003** Proposal to Strengthen the Skill Lab at Patan Academy of Health Sciences (PAHS) - Board members discussed the project, reviewed the project committee and ANMF Nepal recommendations. While traveling to Nepal, one of the board members visited PAHS, and was told by the employees at PAHS of not needing the equipment upgrades. Given the need to clarify the actual need of strengthening PAHS skill lab, the project was tabled for discussion for next board meeting after the annual general meeting.

3. **26NIMH001** Establishment of the National Center for Mental Health at Bharatpur Hospital - Board members discussed the project, reviewed the project committee and ANMF Nepal recommendations. While mental health is a real issue and needs a lot of support, project in on itself is considered beyond the scope of ANMF (Fund requested for construction only). Given multiple questions, the project was tabled for discussion during next meeting.
4. **26TUTH001** Proposal for training for fetal surgery in United States of America. - Board members discussed the project, reviewed the project committee and ANMF Nepal recommendations. The project was poorly written, and board members questioned the need of travel and training for 9 individuals. The project was denied unanimously.
5. **26NCCF001** Cervical Cancer Screening and Prevention in Machhapuchhre Rural Municipality of Kaski District, Gandaki Province, Nepal. - Board members discussed the project, reviewed the project committee and ANMF Nepal recommendations. Project could be impactful. However, there were questions regarding self-collection sample kit and sample quality, and alignment with government guidelines in cervical cancer screening. The project manager is to reach out to the applicant for clarification, so the project is tabled for discussion on next board meeting.
6. **26ANMF002** Visiting Fellowship to Inova Fairfax Hospital to initiate Lung Transplantation Program at MCVTC – Informed board regarding approval by web ballot since last board meeting. Fund assurance notice has already been sent to ANMF Nepal.

Meeting Adjourned: 11.36 PM EST.

Next Meeting: Scheduled for May 31, 2026 during the Annual General Meeting.