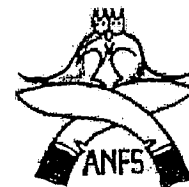


# Australia Nepal Friendship Society Canberra, Australia



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## Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Australia-Nepal Friendship Society Inc. 2010

**Date:** Saturday 17/04/2010

**Time:** 1:00pm – 3:00pm

**Venue:** Black Mountain Peninsula, Acton, Canberra, ACT

### Agenda:

- 1) Report from the President
- 2) Report from the Secretary
- 3) Report from the Treasurer
- 4) Proposal to revisit the ANFS constitution
- 5) Proposal to request the Embassy of Nepal to extend gratis visa to ANFS life members
- 6) Proposal to request the Embassy of Nepal to extend their assistance to relieve Nepalese students of their financial plights in Australia
- 7) Any other business
- 8) Nomination of Election Commissioner and Assistant Election Commissioner
- 9) Dissolution of the executive committee
- 10) Election of the new Executive Committee for year 2010-11
- 11) Address by the newly elected President and the committee members
- 12) Meeting close

### Minutes:

#### **1) Welcome address:**

President Dr Krishna Hamal welcomed the members of the society and highlighted on the activities performed by ANSF in the year 2009-10.

#### **2) Annual activity report:**

Vice President Dr Kishor Vaidya presented a full report on the annual activities on behalf of the Secretary Dr Pawan Pyakurel in his absence.

The major activities carried out by the ANFS were: Teej celebration; Dashain dinner; Deepawali, Chhath and Nepal Sambat celebration; Christmas and New Year celebration; Multicultural festival; Showcase Nepal; Community interaction with Hon Minister Pravakar Pradhananga. The society also organised several social gatherings to welcome and farewell the members of the society and also to meet Nepalese delegates who were here on government missions.

#### **3) Financial report:**

Treasurer, Mr Sudip Acharya presented annual financial report of ANFS.

A motion to accept the annual activity report and the financial report was moved by Ms Sue Salthouse and seconded by Dr Hom Murti Pant. Majority of the ANFS members present at the AGM clapped their hands in favour of the acceptance of the reports.

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#### **4) Proposal to revisit the ANFS constitution**

Mr Mohan Amatya spoke about the importance of constitution revisit and proposed ANSF constitution amendment. Dr Hom Murti Pant suggested putting this agenda in the next executive committee meeting and to wait for the decision.

Dr Krishna Hamal proposed that the next new executive committee should form a committee to revisit the ANFS current constitution and to recommend the changes required to accommodate concerns raised by the ANFS members before, during and after the last AGM. As per the current constitution, the recommended changes will be circulated to all financial members at least three weeks before a special AGM which should be called to ratify the changes in the constitution. The proposal was moved for acceptance by Dr Hom Pant and seconded by Mr Barry Telfer. Ms Pamela Steele Sherpa suggested sending the changes by post as some of the ANFS members may not have email system.

#### **5) Proposal to request the Embassy of Nepal to extend gratis visa to ANFS life members**

Mr Mohan Amatya proposed to request the Embassy of Nepal to grant gratis visa to the life members of the society. It was accepted by the majority of members present in the meeting. The Society will request the Embassy of Nepal to provide gratis visa to the life member of the Society.

#### **6) Proposal to request the Embassy of Nepal to extend their assistance to relieve Nepalese students of their financial plights in Australia**

Mr Amatya also proposed the ANFS Executive Committee to request the Embassy of Nepal to use its good offices, on behalf of the landlocked countries of Asia (in particular, Afghanistan, Bhutan, Laos and Nepal), to approach the Australian government to relieve the students from these landlocked and poor countries of their financial plights while they pursue their studies in Australia. This can be done through seeking a concession of the Australian government by allowing the said students to enrol part-time as well as allowing them to work 30 hours per week while on student visa.

#### **7) Any other business**

No other business issues were brought up for discussion.

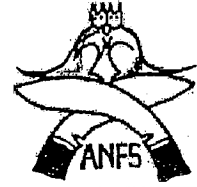
#### **8) Nomination of Election Commissioner and Assistant Election Commissioner**

The outgoing executive committee nominated Mr Mohan Amatya and Mr Ashok Man Singh as a Chief Election Commissioner and an Assistant Election Commissioner, respectively. The nomination was accepted by the AGM.

#### **9) Dissolution of the Executive Committee for year 2009-10**

With the approval of the nomination of Chief Election Commissioner and Assistant Election Commissioner, the executive committee for year 2009-10 was dissolved.

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## 10) Election of the new Executive Committee for year 2010-11


- i) Election result: The Chief Election Commissioner announced the withdrawal of candidacy by Dr Kishor Vaidya (candidate for President), Mr Rohit Karki (candidate for Secretary), Mr Mani Ram Banjade (candidate for Secretary), Mr Ramesh Gautam (candidate for Committee Member) and Dr Amar Shrestha (candidate for Committee Member). Two candidates were absent at the AGM (Mr Pradip Adhikari and Mr Shiva Raj Sapkota), and the Chief Election Commissioner nullified their candidacy. He also invited all candidates to present a three-minute speech on what they did, what they could not do in the past and what they want to do in the future.
- ii) Mr Gokarna Thapalia was nominated as an auditor.
- iii) The office bearers were elected unopposed.
- iv) The new executive committee for the year 2010-11 is as follows:


President: Dr Krishna Hamal  
Vice President: Dr Binod Nepal  
Secretary: Dr Pushkar Shrestha  
Treasurer: Mr Chudamani Sapkota  
Public Officer: Dr Pramod Adhikari  
Auditor: Mr Gokarna Thapaliya  
Executive Members: Dr Durga Dutta Kandel, Ms Dorothy Brown, Mr Sudeep Acharya, Mr Mani Ram Banjade, Mr Naresh Thapa

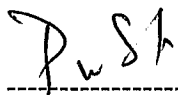
## 11) Address by the newly elected President and the committee members

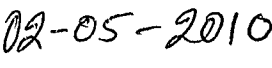
On behalf of the newly elected executive committee, Dr Krishna Hamal highlighted some of the important activities of the Society for the year 2010-11. He also proposed to recommend Dr Kishor Vaidya, Ms Rajani Rai, Mr Shiva Sapkota and Mr Rohit Karki to the new executive committee for its approval to nominate them as advisors to the executive committee.

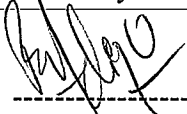
## 12) Meeting was closed at 3:00pm.


  
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Dr Krishna Hamal  
President

  
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Date

  
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Dr Pushkar Shrestha  
Secretary

  
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Date

  
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Dr Pramod Adhikari  
Public Officer

  
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Date