



Society of Nepalese in Hawaii (SNEHA)

DAY: 01/16/2010
TIME: 2 - 4 pm
LOCATION: Hale Halewai

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:	Roshan Manandhar, Sarad Chandra Marahattha, Bedika Paudyal, Alok Rajouria (first half of meeting), Bibin Shakya, Bal Krishna Sharma, Reena Sharma
Note-taker	Bal Krishna Sharma

Key Points Discussed and Action

1	<p>Topic 1: Roles and responsibilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Website management: R Sharma will function as SNEHA WebMaster; Rajouria will assist her as needed. b. Website update: Manandhar will pay the applicable fees and renew SNEHA website within 2 days. c. RIO: Rajouria will coordinate SNEHA-RIO affiliation and will advice the EC on how SNEHA can maximize benefits. d. Bylaws update: Shakya will follow up on officially updating SNEHA bylaws. e. SNEHA communication: Rajouria will continue working as communication coordinator. The issue of whether we need to formulate and apply a google group user policy was brought up. The committee concluded that there is no immediate need for the same now, but kept the option of applying a user policy in case need arises. f. Manandhar will represent SNEHA EC in Nepali school meetings. He will also talk about viable funds and funding possibilities to Nepali school committee.
2	<p>Topic 2: Fundraising</p> <p>The committee unanimously approved Shakya's guidelines regarding fundraising programs initialed by member(s) that involves SNEHA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>The project applicant shall organize fundraising programs.</i> 2. <i>If needed, SNEHA shall assist receiving funds and transfer them to the beneficiary. Any administrative fees will be deducted from the fund.</i> 3. <i>The project applicant shall be responsible for progress reports to EC till the end of the fund.</i>

	<p>4. <i>If desired, the project applicant shall advertise the fundraising programs as "This program is affiliated with SNEHA".</i></p> <p>b. For members Man Dhoj and Bhima Rai's fundraising program of Jan 17, Manandhar will participate and provide receipts to donors.</p> <p>c. Similarly, in member Bikash Gupta's project, SNEHA will assist in the same way in case Gupta organizes a fundraising initiative.</p> <p>d. The committee gave continuity to the issue of possible fundraising for Haiti disaster victims. R. Sharma raised the possibility of organizing a fundraiser at the Campus Center. Rajouria to inquire about the availability of Campus center halls for such a program.</p> <p>e. SNEHA will request Himalayan Kitchen to let it place a donation box at their counter. The proceeds will go to Nepali school.</p> <p>f. Rajouria and Shakya will seek grants for the Nepali school and other projects. They will work on resubmitting/revising the previous proposals for the language class.</p>
3	<p>Topic 4 Programs for the year 2010</p> <p>a. SNEHA will organize one cultural program and summer picnic at the end of summer (tentatively) (fundraising combined); Shakya will reserve hall/venue. Member Surya Laxmi Maharjan will be requested to coordinate the cultural event.</p> <p>b. FSNEHA will participate in 2010 Food Drive.</p> <p>c. Fundraising: Only in case SNEHA is unable to hold the cultural program.</p> <p>d. SNEHA will give continuity to cultural events: e.g. egg hunting at Easter, Bhanu jayanti, Saraswati Pooja, etc.</p> <p>e. Parties: SNEHA will organize Nepali New year, Summer Picnic and Dashain party.</p>

Issues to be Resolved

1	How can we help Heiti people? Can we do some program at Campus Center? (Rajouria will inform about the administrative issues involved)
2	To support Nepali School, SNEHA will request Himalayan Kitchen to let it place on donation box at its cash counter. Still to be resolved 'who' and 'how'?