



## Society of Nepalese in Hawaii (SNEHA)

**DAY:** 01/17/2009  
**TIME:** 2 - 4 pm  
**LOCATION:** Hale Manoa Lounge 9<sup>th</sup> Floor

### Meeting Minutes

<p><b>Attendees:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ attended in person</li> <li>☎ attended by phone</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Jiw Nath Ghimire, Surya Laxmi Suwal Maharjan, Roshan Manandhar, Joe Niemczura, Man Dhoj Rai, Alok Rajouria, Bibin Shakya</li> <li>☎ Bedika Paudyal</li> </ul>
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### Key Points Discussed and Action

1	<p>Topic 1</p> <p>a) Lessons from 2008</p> <p>Shakya presented a brief overview of the successes of 2008 and stressed that this EC is to continue to take new challenges. All agreed that open communication among EC members will facilitate smooth operation. The EC will try to be transparent and keep the general members well-informed about its policies and decisions.</p>
2	<p>Topic 2</p> <p>a) Nepali Language and Culture Class</p> <p>All present at the meeting agreed that the Nepali class should be further strengthened. Rai will look into adding new teachers. Rajouria will try to find possible grant opportunities to support the class.</p>
3	<p>Topic 4</p> <p>a) SNEHA Website</p> <p>Efforts to be made to improve the website with new informative pages to increase traffic and introduce Google ads to raise income. A website committee will be formed soon. Ghimire to help identify possible committee members. Rajouria to lead the committee.</p>
4	<p>Topic 5</p> <p>a) Membership Drive</p> <p>All agreed on the need to increase the number of SNEHA members. Manandhar to send emails requesting membership renewal.</p>
5	<p>Topic 6</p> <p>a) Fundraising</p> <p>New ideas on fundraising were discussed. Niemczura to look into possibilities of promoting/selling imported Nepalese music CDs. Maharjan to organize a multi-family garage sale to benefit SNEHA.</p>
6	<p>Topic 7</p> <p>a) Celebrations</p> <p>It was decided that SNEHA will organize party/celebrations for Nepalese New Year, Dasain (and Tihar?). Maharjan to lead in organizing cultural programs. SNEHA will again apply for UH SAPFB grant to celebrate Nepali new year since it was a great success last year.</p>
7	<p>Topic 8</p>

	<p>a) Promoting Nepalese Entrepreneurship</p> <p>The EC members agreed that SNEHA should promote entrepreneurial endeavors of its members. Since one of its members, Suman Basnet is opening a Nepalese restaurant in Honolulu, SNEHA will cooperate with Suman for mutual benefits. Niemczura to contact Suman and discuss cooperation.</p>
8	<p>Topic 8</p> <p>a) Bookkeeping and Accounting</p> <p>Shakya will help Manandhar to use suitable free accounting software such as Account Express to keep SNEHA financial account. Manandhar to coordinate changing bank account signatories and paying GE tax due by the end of January.</p>
9	<p>Topic 9</p> <p>a) EC Meetings</p> <p>It was decided that the EC will meet on the last Saturday of Every month.</p>

### **Issues to be Resolved**

1	Since Dasain and Tihar are close by should SNEHA organize parties for both?