

Society of Nepalese in Hawaii (SNEHA)

825 6th Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96816, U.S.A.

First General Meeting Minutes

Date and time: 03/18/2007, Sunday, 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Place: Ala Moana Beach (Magic Island) Park, Picnic Site 39, Honolulu, HI

Prepared by: Arjun Aryal

Present:

Moti Chapagain, Kusum Chapagain, Kabi Neupane, Mitra Neupane, Laxman Sharma, Bindu Sharma, Alok Rajouria, Sudha Rajouria, Krishna Lamichane, Meera Lamichane, Suzen Mainali, Naresh Pradhan, Promod Pradhan, Roshan Manandhar, Sunila Manandhar, Harihar Pant, Anita Pant, Pradeep Pant, Archana Pant, Deepak Neupane, Kamal Gautam, Krishna Subba, Kamala Thapa, Nandu Bhandari, Toyoko Bhandari, Mandhoj Rai, Bhima Rai, Suman Basnet, Bibin Shakya, Niva Shrestha, Jibas Shrestha, Chuldim Sherpa, Nima Sherpa, Kedar Shrestha, Raju Maharjan, Suryalaxmi Maharjan, Khem Sharma, Gyanendra Choudhari, Sailesh Pradhan, Saroj Thapa, Yadab Thapa, Arjun Aryal, Mandira Neupane, Prabal Bastola, Jatan Bastola, and Joe Niemczura

Agendas and Decisions

1. Formation of the Society

The meeting unanimously decided to form a non-profit organization based in Honolulu, Hawaii under the name of the Society of Nepalese in Hawaii'i (SNEHA).

2. Development of the Society's Mission Statement and Adoption of Draft Bylaws

The meeting developed the Society's mission statement and went through the content of draft Bylaws prepared by Moti Chapagain and Arjun Aryal and made several changes. The meeting also decided to form an executive committee and ask the newly elected executive to finalize the Bylaws incorporating all the changes suggested during the general meeting.

3. Appointment of the Executive Committee

The meeting formed a seven-member Executive Committee to look after the activities of the Society. The following people were appointed for the first Executive Committee.

1. Dr. Khem Raj Sharma - President
2. Arjun Aryal - Secretary
3. Sudha Rajouria - Treasurer
4. Mandhoj Rai - Member
5. Suman Basnet -Member
6. Bindu Sharma - Member
7. Kushum Chapagain - Member

4. Words of Thanks and Appreciation

The meeting thanked key people who pioneered and worked hard toward the formation of the SNEHA; particularly, Bibin Shakya for coordinating several previous meetings, Moti Chapagain for coordinating the input from the community and preparing the draft Bylaws, and Deepak Neupane for moderating the general meeting.

5. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.