

## **2024-2026 MEMBERS**

## SHWETA AGHRAHARI, SUMITRA SHAKYA, NIROJ KOIRALA, SANJIB PHUYAL

PresidentVice PresidentGeneral SecretaryTreasurerPR DirectorPradip SthapitPunam LamaBishwas BhattaraiBibhuti KhatiwadaAabriti Pandey

Monthly INA Executive Board meeting for the month of December 2024 was held in 2330 SE Riverbirch Ln, Waukee on 12/15/2024.

- 1. President Pradip Sthapit called the meeting to order at 1:20 P. M.
- 2. Members present were Bibhuti Khatiwada, Bishwas Bhattarai, Pradip Sthapit, Punam Lama, Sanjib Phuyal (on zoom), Shweta Aghrahari and Sumitra Shakya. Aabriti Pandey and Niroj Koirala, were unable to attend. No general members were present during this meeting.
- 3. Punam Lama motioned to approve the minutes from the prior meeting. Shweta Aghrahari seconded. All 5 members present in the meeting voted yes. Motion carried.
- 4. Bibhuti reported there was no change in the Treasurer's report since the last meeting. All the previous events reimbursements have been completed and the account balance as of 12/15/2024 is \$14,238.
- 5. Updates on the Action plans of previous minutes;
- a. Sumitra Shakya reported that after her research she found no retail or bulk tax saving options for non profit. Sales tax should be paid by non profit too,
- b. Bishwas reported that he was unable to verify any information regarding the INA's physical location address in the Secretary of State's website. Bishwas Pradip will try to call and verify.
- c. Pradip Sthapit stated he has information and access to <a href="mailto:treasurey@iowanepaleseassociation.org">treasurey@iowanepaleseassociation.org</a> and gmail accounts, and will change login information on <a href="mailto:committee@iowanepaleseassociation.org">committee@iowanepaleseassociation.org</a>.
- d. Since the previous treasurer moved out of state, The Treasurer as well as the President will contact Wells Fargo and will be the new owners of the INA financial accounts. The treasurer checked with the bank and reported that it is possible to transfer funds into a periodic CD account. The Board approved to open a CD account and transfer \$10,000 to the CD account. The Board also approved that the account ending in 6518 will be permanently closed and the balance amount in the account will be transferred to the existing account ending in 3325.
- e. Punam Lama, Shweta Aghrahari and Bibhuti Khatiwada will contact the Hindu Temple and Cultural Center, and will communicate the available dates with the Board Members as per the HTCC's calendar

f. Pradip informed the Board that the Advisory Board has been formed and consist of following members;

Binod Pokharel

Kapil Limbu

Sanjay Shrestha

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- a. Pradip contacted Bikram and has obtained limited admin rights and has changed some interface of the website.
- b. He will follow up with Bikram for full access.
- c. Pradip will contact Anil Regmi at Urban Pet Hospital & Resort for website sponsorship.
- 7. Punam Lama talked about why it was necessary to form the INA 2013. She talked about its mission. The points she focused on were;

It's not for an individual's benefit.

Non-profit to support the community.

Not for power or position.

It's a formal and Legal Entity.

Facilitates Cohesive environment

Involves and encourages every community members

Facilitates community events.

All the Board Members agreed with her and decided that "WE ALL ARE INA".

8. Some community members have raised concern regarding entry fees to the Bolly Glam New Years Party. The Board decided to send a mass email and explain the situation to be transparent.

All the Board Members agreed on reaching out to community members regarding membership drive. Which helps generate some revenue for INA and will also help connect with the community members.

Bishwas and Pradip reported that the "Momo Party 2025" organizing group has selected a date for 1/11/2025. It will be in the Urbandale Senior Citizen Center. They are working on the details to inform and send invitations to the community.

The next meeting will be held on the 19th of January 2025. Bishwas will communicate the location and agenda with the Board members.

Bishwas made the motion to adjourn, Pradip Second.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Bishwas Bhattarai General Secretary.