



2024-2026 MEMBERS

SHWETA AGHRAHARI, SUMITRA SHAKYA, NIROJ KOIRALA, SANJIB PHUYAL, SAMEER SHRESTHA

President	Vice President	General Secretary	Treasurer	PR Director
Pradip Sthapit	Punam Lama	Bishwas Bhattarai	Bibhuti Khatiwada	Aabriti Pandey

The monthly INA Executive Board meeting for April 2025 was held in Waukee Public Library on April 27th.

1. Call to Order
Pradip Sthapit officially called the meeting to order at 1:15 PM
2. Roll Call
Attendees of the meeting included Aabriti Pandey (joining via Zoom), Bishwas Bhattarai, Niroj Koirala, Pradip Sthapit, Punam Lama, and Sameer Shrestha.
3. Approval of previous minutes
Pradip Sthapit moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, with Punam Lama seconding the motion. All members present voted in favor, and the motion was carried
4. Treasurer's Update;
Pradip Sthapit reported, after completing all necessary disbursements, the accounts balances are as follows:
 - a. INA Business Checking Balance: \$7,248.29 (As of 4/27/2025 10 AM)
 - b. STEM Checking Balance: \$4,902.51 (As of 4/27/2025 10 PM)
 - c. CDs (\$10,000) + \$63.56
 - d. FLL Parents Donation to INA
 - i. Suveksha Thapa (\$50)
 - ii. Nimita Bhardwaj (\$50)
 - e. Budgeting of upcoming INA events
Action - Need to budget for INA picnic based on last year's information.

5. Community Puja Updates
Punam Lama reported, based on feedback from attendees and temple staff, the Community Puja is considered a success, and we shall continue to facilitate events like this in the future.
Action - Need to send a thank you message to the donors.
6. Kids Showcase Update
Bishwas Bhattarai reported the Kids showcase was cancelled due to very limited participation.
7. Blood Donation Updates
Blood donation drive was successfully completed. Donors will be recognized during the Naya Barsha Celebration party.
8. Naya Barsha Celebration Updates
The event was successfully completed. Pradip Sthapit reported a \$75 deficit, which was generously covered by a donation from Kapil Limbu.
9. ISU Nepali Night Updates
There was representation from the Des Moines area. INA successfully handed over \$500, generously donated by community members.
10. Membership Drive Updates
Pradip and Niroj reported that an email has been sent to individuals who are not currently members.
11. New INA Lifetime member (through FLL parents + *Membership drive*)
 - a. Nimita Bhardwaj
 - b. Sudeep Dhakal
 - c. Manish Shah
 - d. Sanyuktadev Joshi
 - e. Sandeep Singh
 - f. Anjib Mulepati
 - g. Jay Shrestha
 - h. Tulashi Subedi
 - i. Manoj Prajapati
 - j. Siddhartha Shrivastav

The INA members present at the meeting unanimously approved the above listed lifetime members.

12. New INA Yearly Member - Family

- a. Rochak Ojha
- b. Renu Mahaseth

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13. Addition of Executive Board Member - Shweta Shrivastav

Pradip informed that Shweta Shrivastav was interested in becoming an Executive Board Member of INA. Members present were glad of a fellow community member's interest in joining the Board.

14. Proposal for INA Membership Upgrade Scheme (e.g., Lifetime Individual to Family Individual)

The discussion covered the current membership cost structure, comparing annual and lifetime membership fees. Board members also explored the possibility of offering additional benefits or discounts for lifetime members and considered a potential yearly family fee, even for those with lifetime membership.

The objective of this discussion was to brainstorm ways to generate more revenue to promote Nepalese culture among younger generations and non-Nepalese community members. While no decisions were made at this meeting, all ideas are welcome for further discussion.

Additionally, the conversation included exploring donations and grants to support STEM programs and cultural outreach efforts

15. Unfinished Business

- a. FLL funds and meeting (4/26/2025 3:30-5:30 PM)

Pradip Sthapit reported that there was a STEM committee meeting on the 26th. Anjib Mulepati, Yadav Shrestha and Suraj Amatya will develop a curriculum for this summer.

This program will support children transitioning from FLL Explore to FLL Challenge, and will also provide benefits for high school students.

While one of the meeting topics was fund, there was no discussion about any financial matters.

- b. INA website change update
Pradip and Niroj reported that the landing page, About Us page, and photos have been updated. Niroj further stated that the website will be periodically updated as time allows.
- c. CelebrAsian update
Pradip stated that during the last CelebrAsian meeting, the location for the INA tent was selected. The same spot used in 2023 was available for the INA cultural tent.
Action - Need to send a viber message/email calling about performers, volunteers and artifacts contributors.
- d. Picnic update
Niroj Koirala reported that Jester Park, shelter 3 has been reserved for the INA Summer picnic.
Action - Need to send an evite after the CelebrAsian message is sent..
- e. Bhadakuda purchase
Board decided to purchase Two 60 cups capacity rice cookers before the Picnic. Maktu shall be purchased close to momo party time.
- f. Fundraising for individuals and natural disasters.
The board decided INA will not engage in any donation for any private parties.
For natural disasters, donations will be collected from community members and businesses as needed, following the Board's decision.
For community members seeking financial assistance, the Board will review each request, research further as necessary, and facilitate support on a case-by-case basis

16. New Business

Sameer Shrestha inquired about donation purposes and potential partnerships with organizations in Nepal.

He also noted that having updated data on our community—such as the number of households and population—could serve as a valuable resource when approaching donors. While no data currently exists, efforts may be made to compile this information in the future.

Next Meeting Details

- Date: May 18, 2025
- Time: 1:00–3:00 PM
- Location: Waukee Library

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bishwas Bhattarai