



IOWA NEPALESE ASSOCIATION

Preserving Nepalese culture, together !!



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

Monthly INA Executive Board meeting for the month of February was held via Zoom on 02/16/2025.

1. Call to Order
Pradip Sthapit called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.
2. Roll Call
Bibhuti Khatiwada, Bishwas Bhattarai, Niroj Koirala, Pradip Sthapit, Punam Lama, Sanjib Phuyal, Shweta Aghrahari, Sameer Shrestha and Sumitra Shakya joined this meeting.
3. Approval of previous minutes
Bibhuti Khatiwada motioned to approve the minutes from the prior meeting. Poonam Lama second the motion. All members present in the meeting voted yes. Motion carried.
4. Treasurer's Update
 - a. Current Checking Balance: \$15,332.12
 - b. Business Checking Balance: \$7,301.20
 - c. Business Saving that will be merged Balance: \$1,103.23
5. Unfinished Business
 - a. Community Puja Updates
Poonam Lama said she is working with the Priest and the Temple management to finalize the details of the Community Puja. Since the priest is currently in India and that there is a new temple management board, she is trying to coordinate time to have a meeting with one of the board members of the temple management. Based on her prior discussions with the temple board member, the lunch per person will be \$10 in place of \$8, what we had estimated before. Kids under the age of 10 will eat free. She will update the INA board after her next meeting with the Temple folks.
 - b. Membership drive Updates

Bishwas said he had drafted a message and sent it to Pradip and Niroj for review. Pradip stated that he was having issues with sending mass emails. Niroj and Pradip will look into that. Once the mass email problem is sorted out, email will be sent for membership drive.

c. New Year Celebrations Updates

Niroj said that the Venue has been reserved for Nepali new year party at Urbandale Senior Citizens Center. Bibhuti said that Kabita Dhakal has shown interest in catering food for the party, Niroj, Bishwas along with Sarvendra Aghrahari will have a meeting with Kabita to finalize the possibility, menu and cost by next monthly meeting.

d. Blood Donation

Sumitra Shakya and Sanjib Phuyal will coordinate with Sanjay Shrestha to plan for the Blood Donation.

e. FLL funds and meeting

Pradip said that the FLL organizing committee has not met yet. He further said that the account is almost updated and estimated an approximately \$1,000 shortage of funds. He also mentioned that we may need to explore sources for donations. Niroj suggested that the parents of the kids participating in FLL should be encouraged and responsible for required fund gathering for FLL.

f. Kids Showcase update

Bishwas said he had communicated with some parents about the possible Kids showcase event and had positive responses. It will be on the 29th of March in Glen Village Clubhouse. Pradip confirmed that the venue has been reserved. Bishwas said that a mass email will be sent to the community regarding this event. In response to Pradip's curiosity about the program, Bishwas said that any kind of activity/talent a kid wants to share, which can be done indoors (due to venue restrictions).

g. INA website change update

Niroj said that no update at this time due to time restrictions. Niroj and Pradip also discussed updating the photo gallery on the website.

h. CelebrAsian update

Pradip said the theme for CelebrAsian 2025 is national flower. Pradip asked if we needed to call a town hall meeting and if we wanted to have a food stall. Punam Lama said we should focus on cultural and fashion shows and promote our culture. Shweta said we should encourage and call for new community members to lead these events/shows. Pradip said students from Ames may also be interested based on last year's experience. There was also a discussion about possible partnering with a restaurant or with Ames students.

INA will participate in CelebrAsian 2025 and focus on culture promotions like last year.

6. New Business

All the Board Members welcomed new Board Member Sameer Shrestha to the board. Sameer showed interest and said he will be involved in the membership drive.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Bishwas Bhattarai