

# NEPAL AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION (OFFICIALLY UNNAMED)

Yuba City, California, USA

Jan 31, 1998 (Saturday)

2:00p.m. -4:00p.m.

## General Meeting Minute

We the undersigned participants gathered today at Mr. Janaki Pradhan's residence located at [REDACTED] Drive at Yuba City, California and formally conducted a meeting under the chairmanship of Mr. Janaki Pradhan. Dr. Ganga Deo briefed to the group about the facts of the existing situation and necessity of an official organization. As the number of Nepalis and friends have increased in Davis area, it would be useful to have an organization. Also, it was unveiled to the group that Dr. Pran Nath Vohra, a long time colleague of Mr. Janaki Pradhan and associate of Davis Nepali group, would like to see a place for Hindu heritage and cultural development and is willing to donate \$20,000.00 for the cause. The questions put before the group were : 1. Do we need to have a formal organization ?, 2. Why do we need and what is the purpose of the organization ?, 3. Can we accept the donation ?, 4. How the fund would be best utilized to serve the purpose ?, and, 5. What should be the short-term and long-term goals ? Dr. Ram Narain Sah explained the need of the organization and Mr. Janaki Pradhan stressed the need and several insights for future. The group started to discuss the different aspects of having an organization. Many valuable suggestions were put forward and inputs were given especially by Mrs. Bidya Pradhan, Dr. Bijay Shrestha, Ms Vijaya Ojha, Dr. Bryan Thoresen, Dr. Hari Rajbhandari, Mr. Peetamber Dahal, and Mr. Sanjay Dev.

The major points discussed were : naming of the organization, type of organization and its constitution, purpose and objective, short and long term goals, membership, donation and fund raising, politics-free non-profit organization, registration and tax-exemption, future unseen problems, and smoothly running activities etc. The discussion continued in a very lively condition and the whole group unanimously desired and gave yes votes to open an organization as soon as possible. But we need to formally name the organization with defined purpose and goals, draft a constitution and bylaws, officially register the organization as a non-profit non-political organization in the State and Federal Govt. for tax-exemption, and elect the steering committee to run the organization. Because of the shortage of time, it was decided that the group will meet again after the monthly pooja on February 21, 1998. Dr. Ganga Deo, Dr. Ram Narain Sah, Dr. Hari Rajbhandari, Dr. Bryan Thoresen, and Dr. Bijay Shrestha have volunteered to meet and prepare a preliminary purpose and proposal for the group in the next meeting.

### Participants :

<u>S. No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Signature</u>
1.	Mr. Janaki Pradhan :	Chairman
2.	Mrs. Bidya Pradhan :	Participant
3.	Dr. Ganga Deo :	Participant
4.	Mrs. Godawari Deo :	Participant
5.	Dr. Ram Narain Sah :	Participant
6.	Mrs. Devi Sah :	Participant
7.	Dr. Bryan Thoresen :	Participant
8.	Mrs. Nita Thoresen :	Participant
9.	Dr. Hari Rajbhandari :	Participant
10.	Mrs. Bidya Rajbhandari :	Participant
11.	Dr. Peetamber Dahal :	Participant
12.	Mrs. Shakuntala Dahal :	Participant
13.	Mrs. Sharda Ojha :	Participant
14.	Ms. Vijaya Ojha :	Participant
15.	Mr. Sanjay Dev :	Participant
16.	Dr. Bijay Shrestha :	Participant
17.	Mr. Sandeep Dahal :	Minor Observer
18.	Ms. Piyush Dahal :	Minor Observer
19.	Ms. Sangi Rajbhandari :	Minor Observer

With the permission of the chairman, the meeting was then adjourned at about 4:00 p.m.