

# NEPAL AND FRIENDS CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

Davis, California, USA  
Feb. 21, 1998 (Saturday)  
3.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.

## Minute #2 : Second General Meeting

A general meeting of Nepal and Friends Association in the presence of following listed members was held under the chairmanship of Mrs. Bidya Pradhan at the residence of Dr. Ganga Deo, [REDACTED], Davis, California. Dr. Ganga Deo briefed the group about the minute of the preceding meeting and presented the need, purpose, and objective and goals of the organization, and proposed a list of 45 names with the acronyms of the conceived organization for discussion.

A lively discussion was successfully carried on and various valuable ideas and suggestions were made by the group. Several new names were put forward by the members but out of those only two more names were added to the list. The general mass was comfortable with the name of the proposed organization as "Nepal And Friends Cultural Association". However, the group felt the need to create an Ad-Hoc Committee to develop, detail out and suggest the actual name, purpose, objective and the constitution and by-laws of the proposed organization in a written form and hence nominated Dr. Ganga Deo, Dr. Ram N. Sah, Dr. Bryan Thoreson, Dr. Bijay Shrestha and Mr. Durga Dahal as Ad-Hoc Committee members to take the charge and meet the objective. The proposed nominated group accepted to take the responsibility.

### PARTICIPANTS

S.No.	Name		Signature
01.	Mrs. Bidya Pradhan	Chairman	[REDACTED]
02.	Mr. Janaki Pradhan	Member	
03.	Dr. Ganga Deo	Member	
04.	Mrs. Godawari Deo	Member	
05.	Dr. Ram N. Sah	Member	
06.	Mrs. B. Devi Sah	Member	
07.	Dr. Hari Rajbhandari	Member	
08.	Mrs. Vidya Rajbhandari	Member	
09.	Mrs. Shakuntala Dahal	Member	
10.	Mr. Durga Dahal	Member	
11.	Dr. Bryan Thoreson	Member	
12.	Mrs. Nita Thoreson	Member	
13.	Dr. Bijay Shrestha	Member	
14.	Mrs. Anjana Shrestha	Member	
15.	Mr. Prakash Poudyal	Member	
16.	Mrs. Shanti Poudyal	Member	

### THE AD-HOC COMMITTEE MEMBERS

S.No.	Name		Signature
01.	Dr. Bijay Shrestha	Member	[REDACTED]
02.	Dr. Bryan Thoreson	Member	
03.	Dr. Ganga Deo	Member	
04.	Dr. Ram N. sah	Member	
05.	Mr. Durga Dahal	Member	

The chairman declared the meeting adjourned at about 5.00 p.m.

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## **Introduction :**

Nepali community has grown over years in the Sacramento Valley (Towns?). The growth of our community with common cultural heritage and outnumber of friends has prompted us to unite ourselves under one big umbrella and to create one non-profit public benefit social and cultural organization which can play a significant role in bringing us together, in preserving and fostering Nepali cultural identity and integrity, and in establishing linkage among ourselves and friends of Nepal.

With these ideas in the background, a pioneer group of Nepali and friends met at Yuba City on Saturday, January 31, 1998, and after few hours of discussion conceived the idea to form a Nepal And Friends Association (the official name of the organization to be proposed and agreed upon in the next general meeting) with its distinct purpose, and short and long-term objectives and goals. The main purpose and objectives of the proposed organization are as follows :

## **Purpose :**

1. To preserve and promote Nepali identity and cultural heritage;
2. To strive to build the bridge between Nepali and friends of Nepal;
3. To promote mutual cooperation and understanding among Nepali and friends;
4. To strengthen the bonds and friendly relations among individuals, families, friends and institutions.
5. To provide or help provide financial and non-financial support to Nepalis in need withing the capacity of the Association

## **Objectives and Goals :**

1. To preserve Nepali identity.
2. To promote and foster Nepali cultural and social heritage and events.
3. To promote mutual cooperation among Nepali and friends of Nepal.
4. To strngthen our friendly relations with American and other Nepal-interested individuals, families and friends.
5. To organize special fund-raising events.
6. To observe and celebrate Nepali festivals and New Years.
7. To conduct meetings, seminars, and conventions on cultural issues in Nepal and America
8. To approach to get and accept donations to help create a Nepali cultural center.
9. To promote knowledge and understanding of Nepali literature, social culture and people of Nepal.
10. To keep an updated database of all members' and supporters' permanent mailing and e-mail addresses, phone numbers and any other useful information to relay to one another.
11. To promote Vedic knowledge and understanding (?).
12. To make membership drive and get ex-Peace-Corps volunteers involved in the Association.

SUGGESTED NAMES AND ACRONYMS FOR THE NEPAL AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION (FEB 21, 1998)

BY GANGA DEO				
S.No.	Preference	Acronym	Name	Pronunciation
1	*	ANF	Association of Nepal and Friends	अनैफ
2		ANFD	Association of Nepal and Friends in Davis	अनैफडी
3	***	AS ONE	ASsociation Of NEpalese	एअसन
4		AS ONE SAVA	ASsociation Of NEpali in SAcramento VAlley	एअसनसावा
5	**	CAN	Cultural Association of Nepal	कैन
6		CANAF	Cultural Association of Nepal And Friends	कनाफ
7		CHAND	Cultural Heritage Association of Nepal at Davis	चानै
8	**	DANA	Davis Area Nepali Association	दाणा
9		DANCHA	Davis Area Nepal Cultural Heritage Association	दानचा
10		DANCUHA	Davis Area Nepal Cultural Heritage Association	दानकुहा
11		DANEF	Davis Association of NEpal and Friends	दानैफ
12		DANF	Davis Association of Nepal and Friends	दानैफ
13		DANFA	Davis Area Nepal (or Nepali) Friends (or Friendship) Association	दानफा
14		DAOFON	Davis Association of Friends of Nepal	दावफोन
15		DAONAF	Davis Association Of Nepal And Friends	दावनाफ
16		DAONEF	Davis Association Of NEpal and Friends	दावनेफ
17		DAONF	Davis Association Of NEpal and Friends	दावन्फ
18	**	DNA	Davis Nepal Association	डीएनए
19	*	NAD	Nepal Association of Davis	नाव
20	***	NAFA	Nepal And Friends Association	नाफा
21	***	NAFA	Nepali And Friends Association	नाफा
22		NAFAD	Nepal And Friends Association of Davis	नाफाडी
23		NAFAOSAVA	Nepal And Friends Association Of SAcramento Valley	नाफाओसावा
24	*	NAFASAVA	Nepal And Friends Association of SAcramento Valley	नाफासावा
25	**	NAFCA	Nepal (or Nepali) And Friends Cultural Association	नाफका
26	**	NAFCO	Nepali And Friends Cultural Organization	नैफको
27		NAOSAVA	Nepal Association Of SAcramento VAlley	नावसावा
28	*	NASA	Nepali Association of Sacramento Area	नस/नसा/नास
29		NASAVA	Nepal Association of Sacramento VAlley	नसावा
30	**	NCA	Nepal Cultural Association	एनसीए
31	*	NCAD	Nepal Cultural Association of Davis	एनकेड
32	*	NCS	Nepali Cultural Samiti	एनसीएच
33		NECFA	NEpal Cultural Friendship Association	नैकफा
34		NEFA	NEpal Friendship Association	नैफा
35	*	NEHA	NEpal Heritage Association	नैहा
36	*	NFA	Nepal Friendship Association	एनएफए
37	*	NHA	Nepal Heritage Association	एनएचए
38	**	NSS	Nepali Sanskritik Sansthan	एनएसएच
39	*	NSS	Nepali Seva Samiti	एनएसएच
40		SANA	Sacramento Area Nepal (or Nepali) Association	सान/साता
41	***	SANAF	Sacramento Area Nepali And Friends	सानफ
42		SANAFSA	Sacramento Area Nepali And Friends Association	सानफा
43		SAVA NECA	SAcramento VAlley NEpal Culttural Association	सावनेका
44	*	SAVANAFSA	SAcramento VAlley Nepal And Friends Association	सावनाफा
45		SVNAF	Sacramento Valley Nepali And Friends	एचवीनैफ
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Additional Names suggested by the general group in the general meeting				
1		NAAFA	Nepalese-American And Friends Association	नाफा
2		NAAFA	Nepalese, Americans, And Friends Association	नाफा