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Feature Member Organizations

ANMA & NAsEA

ANMA: The Association of Nepalese in Midwest America (ANMA) is an organization of Nepalese and friends of Nepal in North America, particularly in the Midwest region of the United States. Founded in 1982 in Chicago, Illinois, ANMA is the first regional Nepali organization in the USA. ANMA was subsequently incorporated as a non-profit tax exempt organization in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1989.

ANMA took a lead role in organizing the First National convention of Nepalese and friends of Nepal in North America at College Park, Maryland on May 25-26, 1991 with full participation of eight other Nepalese and Nepal related associations. This convention was followed by the establishment of Nepalese Americas Council.

The major activities of ANMA, for years, have been hosting conventions, primarily in the Midwest region of the United States during the Memorial day weekend. In recent years, ANMA has been partnering with NAsEA to host conventions alternatively during Memorial and Labor Day weekends.

NAsEA : Nepalese Association in Southeast America (NAsEA) is supported by a large contingent of Nepalese Diaspora in Georgia and surrounding states. As a member of Nepalese Americas Council, NAsEA has worked very cooperatively with other regional organizations such as ANMN, Florida Nepal Society, Nepalese Community of North Carolina, and Nepali communities in Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee and other neighboring states.

NAsEA was the lead organization credited for hosting the historical Millennium Conference of Nepalese in 2000 at Atlanta, Georgia.

President's Corner



Dear Friends:
Namaste!

We have been taking baby steps in promoting NRN Association through our town hall meetings. I can not thank enough to all those individuals and organizations who came forward to volunteer hosting these meetings and will continue with these meetings. Such enthusiasm will bring an opportunity for North America to lead Global NRN Association soon.

Last month we were able to raise about \$1250 to support Late Ishwor Gandhari's funeral, increase membership to close to 500, and get support from 15 organizations paying their NAC membership dues.

One of our member organizations, INLS also hosted a first ever International Conference on Nepali Language and Literature in New York City with attendees from 6 countries.

In August, Mr. Ratan Jha represented us in NRN Middle East Conference in UAE

Please join ANMA and NAsEA members by participating in their Joint Convention

This Labor Day weekend at Raleigh, North Carolina

September 05-06, 2009

Update: NRN Town Hall Meetings and Membership Drives

1. Illinois: On Saturday Aug.8th 2009, a NRN Session (town hall meeting) was held in suburban Chicago at Mt. Everest Restaurant, 630 Church St. Evanston IL 60201 from 12 noon to 3 pm.

US representative to the NRN Association Dr.Gaury Adhikary, MI, Honorary Consul General of Nepal(Chicago) Mr.Marvin Brustin and NRNA advisor Mr. Sharda Thapa, IL also attended the program. Dr.Gaury Adhikary,Mr.Brustin,Mr.Sharda Thapa and Mr.Sharad Shrestha also shared their experiences and thoughts on NRN values. Their were tremendous amount of interest and response from the audience. NRN NCC President Mr. Suman R. Timsina joined the meeting from Pennsylvania via a conference call. The meeting was organized and moderated by Mr. Ramakant Kharel. Mr. Kharel made over 65 new members at this event.

2. Arizona: Two awareness events were held at Phoenix and Tuscon (AZ). Both events helped adding new NRN membership in the leadership of Dr. Ambika Adhikari, Dr. Netra Chetry, Mr. Rohini Sharma, Mr. Pradeep Karna and Mr. Tilak Mahato.

3. California: Mr. Shekhar Dhungel reported increasing interest from San Francisco bay area and increase in the number of membership for NRN Association. Another

and Mr. Rajendra Shrestha, Dy. Regional Coordinator of North America, attended NRN's regional meeting of Europe in Portugal.

We recently agreed to join hands with Nepali Women's Global Network to support Impact Education project initiated by a 17 years old Pooja Pradhan that will raise funds to support Mary Ward project to educate 2 girls in Nepal for 10 years. The project is endorsed by Nepali Women's Global Network.

I appeal all of you to join 4th Global NRN Convention in Kathmandu in October, 2009. I would also like to remind all of you to locally recognize and observe NRN Day on October 11, 2009.

Please send us NAC/NRN related news, articles and comments to nrnacc@gmail.com and visit our [website](#) for updates.

Thank you,

Suman R. Timsina

President

Observe NRN Day

October 11 is the NRN Day. Please ensure to celebrate and observe a NRN Day in your local Nepali event. For more information, contact nrnacc@gmail.com

Upcoming Town Hall Meeting

1. Los Angeles (CA) Area

September 12, 2009,
5:00-6:30 PM, at
Bombay Garden
17221 Pioneer Blvd

event in Los Angeles area will be held on September 12, 2009.

4. Texas: There were 3 separate events held in Texas. On Saturday Aug.22nd 2009, a NRN membership drive and a information session was held in Austin (Texas) after a local Soccer tournament. Representing NRN Association, Mr. Ratan Jha informed attendees about NRN Association and importance to join the global NRN Association to make a significant impact in Nepali community in Nepal and abroad. Series of town hall meetings and presence of NRN discussions in such gathering has been picking up in the US. With the help of Mr. Prabin Basnet, Mr. Hem Pathak, Mr. Nirmal Shrestha and few others, the association was able to get about 180 new NRNA members.

Two other town hall meetings were held in Houston on August 29 and Dallas on August 30. Dr. Rajendra Shrestha (TX) demonstrated a leadership by organizing event in Houston and very next day travelling to do a presentation in Dallas. There were over 100 in attendance in Dallas. It was held with the leadership of our Regional Director NRN Affairs Mr. Anjan Shrestha, Mr. Bhim Karki, Mr. Ram C. Pokhrel and many other individuals and local organizations.

5. Minnesota: Association of Nepalese in MN has decided to join Nepalese American Council. During ANMN picnic on August 15, Dr. Padam Sharma enrolled 25 people into NRN membership.

[Fourth Global NRN Conference](#)

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NRN Membership Drive

Are you a NRN member? Is your friend a NRN member?

If not, please become a member of the global NRN community.

Visit NAC website at <http://nepalcouncil.org> and take membership through paypal. Membership fee is \$5.00 per person / 2 years.

Email us at nrnacc@gmail.com for more information.

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4th Global NRN Conference

NRN Association is all set to host the upcoming [NRN Convention](#) in Kathmandu 13-15 Oct., 2009. It will be held at Soaltee Crowne Plaza Kathmandu. The pre-conference activities are scheduled to start on October 10, 2009.

If you are visiting Nepal during the Dashain-Tihar holidays, please make this as an opportunity to attend the NRN conference and rub shoulders with global NRN leaders, politicians, journalists and civil society leaders in Kathmandu. In order to participate in the conference, you need to be aware of the following information..

1. NRN Membership and Delegation: As per the NRN by-laws, 10 country members are represented by 1 delegate. All country delegates will be eligible to vote. There were 36 delegates from North America in 2007. We are expecting to increase the number of delegates this year. **To be eligible to vote for any NRN motions and elections, one must be a member of NRN National Coordinating Council.** NRN National Coordinating Council must certify and send a list of delegates to NRN Regional Coordinator of North America by October 1, 2009.

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2. ICC Election: Every other year, NRN International Coordinating Council holds an election for president, two vice presidents, general secretary, treasurer, secretary and treasurer. All candidates must be present in Kathmandu and attend the conference.

3. Registration: You need to pre-register for the conference. The registration fee for NRNs and friends of Nepal is US\$ 100 per person. The registration fee covers the expenses of the kitbag, the conference documentation, two dinners and 3 lunches. Registration forms must be received with payment to the National Coordination Council (NCC) of US. You can also register directly with the NRNA Secretariat. Your NRN membership status will be verified with the National Coordinating Council of USA.

4. How to register?: We highly encourage all potential attendees to register before September 30 by following the Paypal link at [Nepalese Americas Council](#) website. Please mention NRN Global Conference Registration as the purpose of donation. You'll receive the registration confirmation immediately.

If you prefer to pay registration by mail, please send a check payable to NAC to our treasurer [Mr. Lekhanath Bhandari @ 1230 N. Scott St. Apt.# 301 Arlington, VA 22209 - 3042.](#)

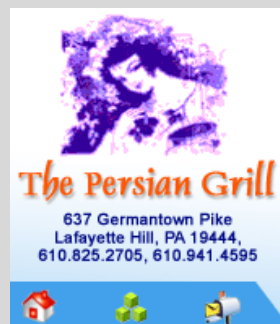
The list of NRN delegates from the United States will be published by October 1, 2009.

Editorial

Namaste!



The third issue of the NAC/NRN-NCC USA Newsletter is on your screen. It has been a pleasure to work on this E-newsletter and present to you over the internet.



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I hope you are enjoying the newsletter and getting to know the activities of other NRN communities and NAC organizations across the USA. The NRN town hall meetings and the energy and enthusiasm expressed by Nepali diaspora to become NRN members are very encouraging.

We send this newsletter to individuals in the United States, Canada, Nepal and NRN organizations around the world. We also hope to bring you news of other NRN-NCC's and news of NRN investments, philanthropic endeavors as well as political and civil deliberations on NRN issues in Nepal.

To get this newsletter out to you every month, we need your feedback on the format and the contents of the newsletter. Most of all, we need your news to share with other NRN communities across the USA and the globe. Your input sustains our enthusiasm.

Thank you,

Padam Sharma

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