

Iowa Nepalese Association (INA)

INA February Board Meeting - 4000 Mills Civic Pkwy, West Des Moines, IA 50265
04/20/2017 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Meeting Purpose: Monthly Meeting to discuss about the community and board activities.

Invitees: 2016/2017 INA Board Members

Attendees Present:

Kapil Limbu

Krishna Pandit

Prajwol Gopali

Sanjay Shrestha (On call)

Surendra Bajracharya (On Call)

Bhavesh Shrivastav

Bishwas Bhattarai

Aabristi Khadka (Bipin Tamrakar)

Sanjita Pradhan

Meeting Minutes:

- 1) Retrospect New Year's Event:
 - a. Kudos to Aabristi, Bipin and the team for coordinating the event.
 - b. Publish the high level income and expense report in the INA website for transparency.
 - c. Event coordinators felt that Kathmandu Restaurant could have done better job on food service; however, it was their first catering service and can be taken as lesson learned.
 - d. Members also felt that with that much of detail event planning, we aren't able to break even the cost due to the fact that to host standard events comes with the cost. So, team discussed that is it a time to raise our registration fee to make these events self-funded.
 - e. Team discussed about the discrepancy on number of people signed up in evite vs actual number people that came to the event. Can pre-pay ticketing be one of the source to control the gap? It should be considered as an option for next INA event.
- 2) Asian Festival:

- a. Updates: Village Leader is coordinating separate meetings and most of the INA board members are part of those meetings. If immediate assistance is required from INA board, then board will setup meetings as needed.
- 3) Earthquake Funds Disbursement update:
- a. Sanjay Shrestha is reaching out to NRNA to find out if they can provide information on what earthquake related project they are planning to disburse INA's fund.
 - b. Upon receiving the response from NRAN, funds will be disbursed.
- 4) Membership Drive:
- a. Bhavesh and Krishna will review updated list of INA members.
 - b. Team will come up with a plan to drive membership.
- 5) Soccer Tournament:
- a. Des Moines FC is planning to organize another Inter-State Soccer Tournament on August 12 at Valley High Stadium with conjunction with INA.
 - b. Task team coordinated by Bhavesh and Pujan has been formed and initiated the planning and research.
 - c. Task team will demo detail presentation on next board meeting.
 - d. Bhavesh provided high level summary of the tournament and asked board members if the task team can use INA's name to raise funds and ask for support.
 - e. Board members available in the meeting room and on phone decided that the soccer task team can go ahead and use INA's name for activities related to the soccer tournament.

Please update the meeting minutes if needed.

Thanks,
Prajwol Gopali
General Secretary
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