

Date: 2-26-2015

Place: Waukee Public Library, 6:15 pm - 8:15 pm.

Attendees

Madan Thapa (Host)

Ram Mani Pathak

Ishwor Shrestha

Kushal Bhatta (On Conference call)

Bikal Adhikari

Roshan Pradhan

Bikram Shrestha

Surendra Bajracharya

Pradip Sthapit

Agenda:

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Discussions:

Asian Festival Updates

Meeting was held on Tuesday (Feb 24, 2015)

Following persons were designated in Operations Team

- Kushal Bhatta
- Arbind Karn
- Krishna Pandit

Bikal Adhikari and Iswor Shrestha participating on Village and Vendor Committee Meeting on March 4
Conference Call - Limited Speakers would be effective and would be less digressing. Ensure that we have everyone's participation on offline discussions.

No official advisory councils to be designated but we could get help and advices from past leaders.

Mailing List - To be created for effective communication between the organizing members.

INA Website.

INA website on our own domain, its live and functional now

Photos - Encourage members to submit their photos to put in the INA website.

Contacts - Contacts of frequently used services, persons, groups to be listed

Members List - Members list is important to send invites and etc. Find a better way to present these information, discuss the possibilities in upcoming meetings

Nilgiri

Design - Layout of the March edition of Nilgiri discussed. Upcoming events like holi etc to be highlighted on the front page.

Table of contents - Table of contents on the front page discussed.

Download - Possibility of sending the download link of newsletter discussed. This would give us indication of the reach of the newsletter.

Spring Donation to Bhutanese Refugees

Discussed about the possibility of organizing donation to the Bhutanese Refugees. INA could facilitate the event and it could be organized with the upcoming blood drive that would happen on April 25.

Forum for Citizenship/ Immigration/ Property

The last meeting in which Roshan Pradhan , Bikram Shrestha and Sanjeeta Pradhan attended was found to be helpful to discuss about the immigration related issues. Another separate forum could be organized where we have our active participation and get our questions answered. Madan to follow up and work on this.

Nepali Kids Program

Nepalese kids program to send a formal proposal to keep the program under the INA. A separate meeting may be needed to discuss the possibilities of inclusion of the program into INA.

Iowa Energy Cultural Night

April 4 - It may be already be late for this event but it could have been a good event to participate. This could be sent to Asian festival cultural lead to check if this could be still done. In the next such events anyone from the INA team who looks into the cultural side could actively follow up on it so that we don't miss the opportunities to participate.

Letter of Thanks - Discussed about the concerns of putting the information in the website. Follow up with the donor organization to discuss what is appropriate content could be done to avoid the confusion.

Ping Pong Updates - Discussed about the upcoming ping pong event and how everyone were excited to participate on the event.

Date for next INA meeting (March) - Roshan Pradhan to send a tentative date to organize the next meeting and everyone could decide if that is feasible.

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