## 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Report

# AMERICA NEPAL MEDICAL FOUNDATION



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America Nepal Medical Foundation (ANMF) successfully conducted its 24th Annual Conference and Members' Meeting via Zoom on July 11, 2020.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, ANMF was unable to organize its regular annual conference, so we held a virtual annual conference this year.

The meeting was held as a closed member only session for the first 20 min, followed by open session.

The second session was live on Facebook for the public to view.

#### Members Only Closed Session

- The meeting opened with a welcome speech by President Dr. Bhupesh Khadka.
- ANMF secretary, Dr. Bishnu Sapkota presented a recent board decision from 5/17/2020 regarding the
  election of the president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, 3 new board members, chair of the project
  committee, and member of the finance team.
- Dr. Bishnu Sapkota allowed members to ask questions after the presentation, then put a motion to ratify the decisions of the board meeting. The proposal was unanimously approved by the all the members attending the closed session.

The following decisions were ratified-

- Dr. Bhupesh Khadka as the President of ANMF
- Dr. Binod Khadka as the Vice- President of ANMF
- Dr. Bishnu Sapkota as the Secretary of ANMF
- Ms. Kalpana Shrestha as the Treasurer of ANMF
- Dr. Raju Century, Dr. Dixa Dhital and Dr. Sandesh Pandit as the new board members, the current total number of the board of directors stands at 22.
- Dr. Santosh Sapkota as the chair of the project committee.
- Dr. Sandesh Pandit as a member of the finance team.



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The members also ratified the new executive team of ANMF. The team includes-

President: Dr. Bhupesh Khadka
Vice president: Dr. Binod Khadka
Secretary: Dr. Bishnu Sapkota
Treasurer: Ms. Kalpana Shrestha

Chair of Project Committee: Dr. Santosh Sapkota
Chair of the Membership Committee: Dr. Anil Suwal

• Board member: Ms. Julia Shepardson.

This was followed by the annual financial report from the treasurer Ms. Kalpana Shrestha. The members only session concluded with a financial report.





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## Open Session (Fun and Fundraiser)

The president welcomed everyone to this session which was live on the ANMF Facebook page. This session was also open to the public to join via zoom upon request. There was extraordinary participation from both members and nonmembers.

America Nepal Medical Foundation conveyed its heartfelt condolences to those who lost their loved ones during the COVID-19 pandemic. The participants observed 15 seconds of silence to honor those who lost their lives.

The session was moderated by President Dr. Bhupesh Khadka and Board Member Dr. Dixa Dhital. The donation portion, including the donation barometer, was moderated by Vice President Dr. Binod Khadka. Dr. Santosh Sapkota oversaw the zoom for the entire conference.

A short video from ANMF USA president Dr. Bhupesh Khadka and ANMF Nepal president Dr. Bhupendra Basnet was presented. Dr. Bhupesh Khadka thanked everyone for electing him as a new president of ANMF and briefly summarized his vision to advance the mission of ANMF going forward with constructive collaboration with likeminded partners in Nepal.



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Dr Bhupendra Basnet summarized various works done by ANMF in Nepal during this COVID-19 pandemic.

This was followed by a slide presentation of the current Board of Directors.

The MCs also encouraged participants to donate to advance the cause of ANMF.

Dr. Sandesh Pandit, member of the finance team presented a short video on ways to donate to ANMF. The donation was projected live via Barometer. The goal was to raise about \$150,000. The board members collectively pledged \$28,000 donation. Dr. Bhupesh Khadka thanked Saroj Sigdel and Dr. Shreebatsa Dhital for the IT support to create Barometer and other required works.

The new members' welcome video slide was presented by Vice-President, Dr. Binod Khadka.

Dr Anil Suwal and friends performed a song dedicated to ANMF. Dr. Suwal composed the song himself. He was joined by several other talents of the NEPDOC band and Winchester Nepali Community. The song inspired everyone to do something for our motherland.

This was followed by a video presentation summarizing ANMF COVID-19 relief effort in Nepal. ANMF has spent around \$100,000 so far in various relief efforts related to COVID-19 pandemic.

#### **ANMF COVID-19 RELIEF WORKS VIDEO LINK**

Another video slide of members was presented to acknowledge the members.

This was followed by a melodious musical presentation by Dr. Bishal Rawal, a life member of ANMF and a practicing Nephrologist from FL.

Dr. Binod Khadka acknowledged the donors and thanked them for their support and gave updates on the donations while also encouraging others to donate.

This was followed by a musical performance by Mr. Kailash Kayastha from San Antonio Texas, an IT expert with a strong passion for music.



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Tik Tok videos from our past president Dr. Santosh Sapkota and Mrs. Amita Shrestha we	vere also plaved	/ed.
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Short video clips from non-physician members were also played. MCs emphasized that ANMF belongs to everyone. Anyone who wants to advance healthcare in Nepal are welcome to join us for the cause.

ANMF projected videos reflecting the organization's projects from 2019-Present.

#### PROJECT VIDEO 2019-2020 LINK

MC thanked ANMF Nepal for their hard work in executing the ANMF mission, and asked President Dr. Bhupendra Basnet to speak for a few minutes. Dr. Basnet spoke on the great works done by ANMF during the earthquake of 2015 and now during this COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Basnet thanked all the members and donors and wished everyone good luck for the success of the 24th AGM.

MC welcomed Prof Dr. Bhagawan Koirala to share his view on the role of ANMF Nepal and his vision regarding the Kathmandu Institute of Child Health (KIOCH). Dr Koirala spoke about the new opportunities and projects beyond this pandemic, as well as the purpose and mission of KIOCH, and how ANMF can partner with them.

Senior Life Member of ANMF, Ms. Julia Shepardson's video which explained why she has been with ANMF for many years and why she encourages new members to join was played.



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MC welcomed singer/composer Raju Lama from Mongolian Heart for his live performance from Nepal. The participants were spellbound by his soulful voice.

MC thanked Raju Lama for his time and support to advance the mission of ANMF.

MC invited motivational speaker and singer Ani Choying Drolma to talk about the need to balance service and spirituality for the better of mankind. She spoke about Dharma, Karma, and Punya. She also sang a song titled-Phulko Aakhama Phulai Sansara for us upon request. Vice-president Dr. Binod Khadka thanked her for this song and participants gave her standing ovation.



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A Short Video from Dr. Mahabir Pun was played. Dr. Pun thanked ANMF for its support to the National Innovation Center (NIC) during this COVID pandemic and wished everyone good luck for the success of this annual meeting.

Vice president Dr. Binod Khadka updated the final donation tally.

This was followed by TIK TOK videos dedicated to health care workers in Nepal and all over the world from Dr. Santosh Sapkota and RN Amita Shrestha.

The president Dr. Bhupesh Khadka thanked everyone who participated via ZOOM and Facebook and thanked everyone who donated to ANMF. He thanked the organizing committee for their hard work to make this event a huge success and was grateful of the work done by the ANMF Nepal team which is led by Dr. Bhupendra Basnet to advance the mission of ANMF.

With this, both sessions of 24th AGM concluded.



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#### 24TH AGM Attendance via ZOOM

Members present during ratification	Members who joined post ratification	Unverified and non-members
84	45	47
	Grand total	176

Maximum attendance via ANMF Facebook live page at a given time reached up to 144.

#### **Fund raised**

The total amount collected from membership and donation this year including fund raised during 24<sup>th</sup> AGM is \$120,795.48.

KIOCH specific donation was \$4000.00 (this is included in the total amount above)



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#### **Organizing Committee of 24th AGM**

- Dr. Bhupesh Khadka
- Dr. Binod Khadka
- Dr. Bishnu Sapkota
- Ms. Kalpana Shrestha
- Dr. Santosh Sapkota
- Dr. Anil Suwal
- Dr. Sandesh Pandit
- Dr. Dixa Dhital
- Dr. Raju Century
- Dr. Binod Dhungana
- Dr. Ganesh Chaudhary
- Dr. Dinesh Subedi

The open session can be watched in following hyperlink-Facebook