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## ANMF Emergency Board Meeting

May 17, 2021, Monday

Meeting Logistics			
Meeting Date	May 17, 2021	Time	9:30 PM to 11:30 PM EST
Chair/Facilitator	Bhupesh Khadka	Prepared by	Sandesh Pandit
Purpose:	Quarterly Board Meeting		
Location:	Online-ZOOM		

Participants		
Anil Suwal-P	Ganesh Chaudhary-P	Santosh Sapkota-P
Bhupesh Khadka-P	Jivan Lamichhane-E	Shambhu Aryal- P
Binod Dhungana-A	Julia Shepardson-P	Subodh Mallik-P
Binod Khadka-P	Kalpna Shrestha-P	Sunil Sharma-P
Bishnu Sapkota-P	Libby Wilson-P	Bhupendra Basnet -P
Chandra Prakash Chataut-A	Marvin Brustin-A	
Dinesh Subedi-P	Prakash Thapaliya-P	E - Excused P - Present A – Absent
Dixa Dhital- P	Raju Biswokarma- P	
Dick Katzman-A	Sandesh Pandit- P	

## Minutes of ANMF Emergency Board Meeting on 5/17/2020

### New Proposals from ANMF/Nepal

Three new proposals were submitted by ANMF/Nepal on 17 May 2021. The purpose of today's emergency meeting is to take action on those proposals.

1. Oxygen Plant (plant #1)-**21ANMF005**
2. Oxygen Plant (plant #2)-**21ANMF006**
3. Oxygen Plant (plant #3)-**21ANMF007**

**All three projects were approved unanimously (see the quorum above). Board asked to hold the third project (21ANMF007) due to limited funds availability with the option to reactivate it when funds are available.**

### **Current Fund status.**

USD 87,000 is on our account. USD 23,000 from Facebook expected any day. Combined should be enough for 50% for the two plants. We are also expecting 50K USD from the Metlife Foundation.

### **Discussion around the method of the payment**

Vigorous discussion took place for most of the time around this topic about whether or not to send money to MRN which is a non-profit based in the USA. Another option is to pay the manufacturer directly in which case we need an invoice from the manufacturer including the model number and so forth. We might have to contact the manufacturer about doing it at the same time the MRN does. Concerns are raised that if MRN doesn't get the funding together, having dealt with the manufacturer ourselves, we might have more solid ground. Also, we don't want to look like a fundraising organization for another non profit and in the worst case we don't want to jeopardise our 501(c)(3) status.

However, it is not feasible to transport just two plants. We can clearly state in the MOU to get the money back if the project does not go through. We might be in a better position to ask for a refund from MRN based on our MOU rather than the manufacturer which might have different caveats for refund.

Dr Bhupendra Basnet from Nepal was also able to join toward the end of the meeting. He voiced the long term solution would be the plants and welcomed the decision. He voiced that sending funds from Nepal to France might be even more cumbersome.

### **Ultimate decision from the board**

Given the crisis situation in Nepal and considering all pros and cons of various options, **ANMF has decided to pay the down payment to MRN.** This will be done in conjunction with the funds that will be paid by other donors from Nepal.

Julia and Binod will take charge of writing the MOU.

### **Miscellaneous updates**

- The Biratnagar oxygen plant will be shipped from Calcutta in a few days.
- ANMF/Nepal are having difficulty procuring liquid oxygen tanks. We are trying to procure Oxygen cylinders instead pending clearance from the Ministry of Health.
- Isolation center will start operating in a few days too.

-NMA call center will start running in 1-2 days, currently physicians are being trained.

Meeting Adjourned in 2.14 hours.