Association of Nepalis in Minnesota (ANMN)

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: August 24, 2025

Time: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Location: Penn Lake Library, Minneapolis, MN

Attendees

- Bijay Shrestha
- Ajib Shrestha
- Bhim Gurung
- Asha Lal Tamang
- Bhairav Khakural
- Rani Gupta
- Deepak Chaulagai
- Sapna Thapa
- Bharat Acharya
- Shraman Sharma (Non-board member)

Meeting Highlights

1. Welcome & Introductions

The President welcomed all attendees and introduced new board members and were appointed to the committees as below:

- Deepak Chaulagai – Finance
- Bharat Acharya – By-Law Review
- Sapna Thapa – Grant

2. Teej Celebration Update

- Teej Pooja details were posted on the ANMN website and shared via email with the community.
- Participants were advised to coordinate directly with Pundit ji, bring their own puja samagri, and offer Dakshina voluntarily.

- Although a samagri list was proposed, but time constraints prevented its implementation.

3. Dashain Event Planning Update

- Two options were considered:
    1. Hiring a professional singer/entertainer
    2. Hosting the event without a professional performer
- After evaluating costs and logistics, the board opted for a community-led celebration featuring:
    - Local talent performances
    - Dance and cultural activities
    - Family-friendly games (e.g., scavenger hunts, kite flying)
    - Traditional Nepali food
- A new event name will be selected to reflect the updated format.

4. CAAL Project

- The Grant Committee Chair will follow up on progress and next steps.

5. Approvals

- **July Meeting Minutes:** Approved with correct spelling of a board member's name.
- **New Board Members:**
    - Birendra Tharu – Approved
    - Merina Gautam – Approved

6. Website Content Review

- The Documents section was reviewed to address inconsistencies in:
    - Financial Reports
    - Annual Reports
    - Management Reports
- Updates will be made to ensure clarity and accuracy.

7. By-Law Review

- A high-level review will be shared in future meetings.