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NAPA ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING 4th Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 4, 2022; 7:15 PM CST

Attendance	
Advisory Council	Gopi Upreti, Prakash Malla, Peetambar Dahal, Lila B. Karki
Executive Committee	Megha N. Parajulee, Pradeep Wagle, Ramjee P. Ghimire, Nityananda Khanal, Aditya Khanal
In absentia	Drona Rasali, Dianik B. Nepali, Nanda P. Joshi, Narayan Khadka

1. General Secretary Dr. Ramjee Ghimire called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees.
2. President Dr. Megha N. Parajulee welcomed Advisory Council members and debriefed them the major accomplishments of NAPA since the last Advisory Council meeting. Accomplishments debriefed included Research Mini-Grant program, Membership Drive, webinar, etc. and he requested to focus the meeting discussion on the upcoming conference.
3. Advisor Dr. Lila Karki and Vice President Dr. Pradeep Wagle debriefed the status of preparation for the upcoming conference including its hybrid mode, over 130 abstracts received, hotel booking, agri-poem and student essay competitions, and sociocultural event, among others. They requested the Council members for suggestions on increasing in-person participation at the conference.
4. Advisors and attendees provided following suggestions.

Food loss from the flood has been a recurrent phenomenon in Nepal. Significant quantity of food is lost from flood each year which has contributed to further worsening of the food safety and food security situation in the country. NAPA may explore opportunities to develop programs or strategies to help address this issue.

A panel discussion on or related to “Policy and Strategy for Agricultural Development in Nepal” was suggested for consideration during the upcoming third biennial conference.



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NAPA has consistently pursued enhancing the Endowment Fund and it is growing very well. However, NAPA members including its sponsors should be periodically informed of investment strategies and how the return from investment is being mobilized and utilized.

NAPA EC has been actively expanding its membership; however, innovative strategies and targeted outreach are required to induct significant number of agricultural and allied science students and professionals across various universities and institutions in U.S. and Canada who are yet to join NAPA.

Advisory Council expressed appreciation for EC's many impactful activities, including student-oriented training and workshops and mentoring of students through Research Mini Grant Program. As suggested, a separate symposium is planned for the presentations from the Research Mini-Grant students.

5. Vice President Dr. Pradeep Wagle thanked everyone for their participation and valuable input and adjourned the meeting.