

Meeting Minutes: 2001-2003 Term

NAO do not have the recorded meeting agenda and minutes for the 2001-2003. But we have account of all the NAO activities and financial report for that period (See **NAO's Progress Report: 2001-2003 under Report section on Nepaloregon.org**).

Under the leadership of Raju Mali, the NAO executive committee members conducted regular meetings to discuss all pertinent issues before any actions were taken. The majority of NAO Executive Committee meetings were held at Beaverton Central Plaza Community Room.

Raju Mali-President
Kush Shrestha - Vice President
Anupama Shrestha-Secretary
Darshan Rauniyar-Treasurer
Bal Krishna Joshi-Member
Daya Ratna Shakya-Member
Girish Ghimire-Member
Purna Ranjitkar-Member
Urmila Mali-Member

Major Decisions taken by the Executive Committee:

- Drafted and adopted NAO Constitution
- Opened a Bank Account on June 1, 2001.
- Applied for the Registration as a non-profit organization with the Office of the Oregon Secretary of State (November, 2001)
- Started official website: <http://www.nepaloregon.org>
- Started a group email: Nepaloregon@yahoo.com.
- Continuing the publication of NAO newsletter, "Namastae" twice a year, which used to be published by community member Daya Shakya since mid-1990.

Decisions regarding Regular and Fundraising Activities:

- Participated at the Asian Celebration in Eugene in February 2001 and the Asian Heritage Celebration in Portland in May 2001 with Nepali cultural dance programs.
- Participated the Joint Picnic with Seattle Nepali Society and Vancouver Nepali Society at Vancouver in 2002.
- Participated the annual Asian Reporter Agency Dinner. In 2002, The Asian Reporter Agency honored our community member Daya Shakya for his long and continuous voluntary contributions to the Nepali community in Oregon.
- Organized first fundraising event of Momo Bhela in June 2002 at Raju Mali's residence. We collected \$337 from about 40 attended community members.
- Organized first Himalayan Night cultural program in August 2002 at Portland State University. It was a fundraising and community outreach activities attended by more than 250 American and Nepalis. We raised \$2,235. Many talented artists from our community and Seattle participated in the program, attended by about 250 peoples.
- Organized regular New Year and Dasain events for our community in 2001 and 2002. Summer picnic in 2001.