

Nepali Association of Oregon

Progress Report 2011-2013

NAO accomplished the following major activities during 2011-2013 period:

Membership:

NAO collected \$2,560 from its general membership during 2011-13 periods. NAO updates the list of membership on its Website regularly. NAO membership information—since its inception in 2004—is presented in a table below that shows the break-down of membership by Family, Individual and Student membership status.

Membership-Status	2004	2005-07	2007-09	2009-11	2011-13
Family	18	58	51	67	49
Individual	10	49	25	18	11
Student	1	12	37	18	0
Total	485	\$2,755	\$2,935	\$3,005	\$1,415

High School Excellence Award

The NAO Education Fund supports a \$500 High School Excellence Award each year in the Nepali Community of Oregon and Southwest Washington. The award program was instituted in 2010. The list of all recipients of the award by year is presented below:

Year	Name of the student
2010	Manisha Shrestha
2011	Aakash D Raghubansh
2012	Subret Aryal
2013	Swechya Banskota

NAO Executive Committee has changed the name of the NAO \$500 Scholarship Program to the **NAO High School Excellence Award** to reflect the goal of this program.

College Orientation Program

NAO has offered an orientation program for the College-bound High School Seniors since 2010 to give them the information about the challenges and opportunities they are likely to encounter in their college life. These orientations are conducted by the admission personnel from local colleges/universities. A few recent college graduates have also shared their college experience at the orientations.

NAO Education Scholarship Program in Nepal

The NAO Education Scholarship Program supports education of three students in Nepal throughout their High School as long as they maintain good grades. The \$500 scholarship program was started in 2011 with the three students. The scholarship information and student details are presented in the table:

Year	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10
2011	Radhika Rajbahak Shree Bajra Barahi Higher Secondary School, Lalitpur (\$130)	Milan Shrestha Laligurans English School, Okhaldhunga (\$170)	Shrisha Shrestha Laligurans English School, Okhaldhunga (\$200)
2012	Nisha Lama Shree Bajra Barahi Higher Secondary School, Lalitpur(\$130)	Radhika Rajbahak Shree Bajra Barahi Higher Secondary School, Lalitpur (\$170)	Milan Shrestha Laligurans English School, Okhaldhunga (\$200)
2013	Bishnu G.R. (Gahat Raj), Mohan Kanya Higher Secondary School, Tansen, Palpa (\$200)	Nisha Lama Shree Bajra Barahi Higher Secondary School, Lalitpur (\$250)	Radhika Rajbahak Shree Bajra Barahi Higher Secondary School, Lalitpur (\$300)

The NAO Executive Committee has increased the amount of Education Scholarship Program in Nepal to \$750 from \$500 starting in 2013. A 8th grader, a 9th grader and, a 10th grader will receive \$200, \$250, and \$300 annual scholarship respectively from the NAO Education Fund.

NAO is managing its Nepal Education Scholarship Program to help needy and studious Nepali students in collaboration with Nepal Aama, a US based organization which has been working to support education of Nepali children in Nepal.

Education Fund Collection

NAO has collected a sum of \$2,058 donations for the NAO Education Fund during 2011-13. The donations were received from local community members, several friends of our community, and some visitors from Nepal. Intel Corporation has also contributed a total of \$600 for a voluntary contribution of community member Jagat Shakya in the local Nepali community.

An additional \$1,690 was collected from various NAO fundraising activities: 2012 Momo, 2011 Nepal Day, and profit sharing from its various events.

NAO Fund Raising: Momo Bhela, 2012

NAO organized a Momo event on February 18, 2012 at Sleigh Bell, Sherwood, Oregon. 102 community members attended the event. NAO raised \$1,660 at this event. The amount collected from the event was equally divided between NAO Education Fund and NAO Disaster Relief Fund.

NW Jamghat Picnic

NAO participated in the 11th NorthWest Nepali Community Jamghat held in Vancouver, BC, Canada in 2011. A total of 62 Nepali Oregonians represented NAO at the Jamghat. NAO also participated in the 12th NW Jamghat organized in Seattle in 2012. A total of 35 Nepali Oregonians participated in this event.

Nepal Day Festival Celebration:

Nepali Association of Oregon organized its first-ever Nepal Day Festival in Portland, Oregon in July 16, 2011. This festival was organized to promote Nepali heritage, culture and people, as a part of a celebration of the Visit Nepal Year-2011. Nepali Ambassador to the USA Dr. Shanker Sharma., Mayor of the City of Beaverton, Dennis Doyle, Consul General of Japan to Portland Takamichi Okabe, Non Resident Nepali (NRN) Association USA President Suman Timilsina were our distinguish guests at the festival. The festival was attended by over 500 Oregonians. Famous mountaineer A.C. Sherpa from Seattle presented a documentary about his mountain climbing experience in different parts of the world. Nepali Ethnic music, dances, ethnic fashion show, traditional Nepali foods, people of Nepal photo, arts and handicrafts exhibition were some of the memorable attractions of the festival. Information on people and places and travel information were also provided to the visitors at the festival. The event was coordinated by the NAO immediate Past President Kush Shrestha with an active assistance from NAO advisors, executive committee members (2009-2011 & 2011-13) and many other general members.

Friendship Football Match between Portland and Seattle

NAO organized a friendship football match with Seattle in October 2011. The match was held in Portland.

Fundraising for Channu Sinclair Williams's Medical Treatment

NAO donated \$2,500 for the cancer treatment of a community member Channu Sinclair Williams who was diagnosed with a rectal cancer. Community members at the Dashain 2012 celebration party donated a sum of 2,329 to cover a portion of his daily expenses as he undergoes his cancer treatment.

Eresh Suwal volunteered to create a photo album of Nepal for Channu while Prasanna Pradhan put together a Nepal Day 2011 promotional DVD. The photo album and DVD were presented to Channu to fulfill his desire to learn about Nepal. NAO also donated \$250 to cover his hardship needs due to his medical condition in 2011.

Besides Channu, NAO also provided a one-time \$200 financial assistance to Mina Sibakoti to cover her medical expenses.

Regular Activities

NAO organized regular activities such as Dashain 2011 & 2012 and New Year 2012 and 2013 and summer picnic in 2012.

Community outreach

NAO participated Beaverton International Festival in July. The festival was organized by the City of Beaverton at Tualatin Hills and Recreation Park in Beaverton. NAO presented Nepali traditional dances in the festival.

Miscellaneous Activities

NAO has been regularly helping to settle Nepali newcomers in the community by providing them assistance with finding apartments, helping them adjust to their new employment, building networks with fellow community members and providing them with relevant local information.

NAO Financial Report

NAO Financial Summary: 2011-2013

NAO Activities Incomes/ Expenses 2011-2013	Incomes	Expenses
OpeningChecking Account Balance (as of 5/3/ 2011)	\$11,397	
Outstanding Income	\$196	
Membership	\$1,620	
Education Fund Donation	\$1,306	
Nepal Day 2011	\$3,230	
Momo Event 2012	\$2,467	
Nepali New Year, Dasain & Summer Picnic	\$12,088	
Channu's Cancer Care Fund raising	\$2,329	
Account Transfer/ Interest	\$1,505	
Miscelleneous Income	\$300	
Outstanding Expenses		\$63
NAO Excellence Award		\$1,000
NAO Scholarship in Nepal		\$500
Nepal Day 2011 Celberation		\$2,538
Momo 2012 expenses		\$629
Nepali New Year, Dasain & Summer Picnic		\$11,576
Community Outreach & Soccer Game		\$449
Channu's Cancer Care Assistance		\$2,750
Account Transfer		\$3,584
Administrative Expenses		\$783
TOTAL	\$36,438	\$23,872
<u>NAO Account Balance as of :</u>	<u>5/30/2011</u>	<u>12/31/2012</u>
Checking Account	\$10,811	\$12,265
Education Fund Account	\$10,904	\$12,693
Relief Fund Account	\$790	\$1,496
<u>TOTAL Account Balance</u>	<u>\$22,504</u>	<u>\$26,453</u>

Notes:

Outstanding Income and Expenses are incurred in 2013.

A total of \$1,011 collected donations and profit sharing from NAO activities are due to be transferred to the Education Fund.

Community Members Own Initiative:

Nepali Language Class for Community Children

Several parents of local Nepali community, on their own initiative, have organized and continued classes to teach Nepali language to local Nepali community children of all ages for the last three years with a focus on speaking, reading and writing skills of Nepali language. About 25 children participate in this program on a regular basis. The class is held at the Beaverton Community Center every Sunday. For more information, Binita Baniya, binitab@yahoo.com