



PRESIDENT REPORT

2018-2020

Abstract

Sincere thanks to the Executive Officers, Board of Directors, and Life Members of Asta-Ja USA, and all other supporters and well-wishers of Asta-Ja for this very successful tenure. This report contains major accomplishment achieved by Asta-Ja USA during the tenure of its first Board of Directors. Highlights of the achievements made by Asta-Ja USA during 2018-2020 tenure are presented under different categories including marketing and networking, science and technology, membership, policy advisory, newsletter, relief and support, and programs and project. Recommendations are made for future advancement.

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I. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE COMMITTEES (2018-2020)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

	NAME	PHYSICAL ADDRESS
1	Dr. Arjun Aryal	Hawaii, USA
2	Dr. Durga D Poudel	Louisiana, USA
3	Dr. Dilip Panthee	North Carolina, USA
4	Dr. Peetambar Dahal	California, USA
5	Dr. Ambika Adhikari	Arizona, USA
6	Dr. Pushpa Pathak, MD	Texas, USA
7	Ms. Kamala Neupane, RN	Kansas, USA
8	Dr. Prem Bhandari	Michigan, USA
9	Mr. Gyanshor Shrestha	Texas, USA
10	Mr. Bikas Sainju	California, USA
11	Dr. Tara Niraula	New York, USA
12	Dr. Kalpana Khanal	Massachusetts, USA
13	Mr. Sahas Shrestha	Texas, USA
14	Ms. Neela Joshi	Texas, USA
15	Dr. Rupak Rauniar	Texas, USA
16	Dr. Kabi Neupane	Hawaii
17	Dr. Jiwnath Ghimire	Hawaii, USA
18	Dr. Raju Pandey	California, USA

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

	NAME	PHYSICAL ADDRESS
President	Dr. Durga D. Poudel	Louisiana, USA
Vice President	Dr. Prem Bhandari	Michigan, USA
General Secretary	Dr. Arjun Aryal	Hawaii, USA
Joint Secretary	Dr. Rupak Rauniar	Texas, USA
Treasurer	Mr. Sahas Shrestha	Texas, USA

POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL

	NAME	PHYSICAL ADDRESS
1	Dr. Basu Sharma	New Brunswick, Canada
2	Dr. Khusi Tiwari	Mississippi, USA
3	Dr. Deerga R Adhikari	Louisiana, USA
4	Dr. Krishna P Paudel	Louisiana, USA
5	Dr. Puru Shrestha	Arizona, USA

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

	NAME	PHYSICAL ADDRESS
Coordinator	Dr. Dilip Panthee	North Carolina, USA
Member	Dr. Prem Bhandari	Michigan, USA
Member	Dr. Raju Pandey	California, USA
Member	Mr. Sahas Shrestha	Texas, USA

LIFE MEMBER

	NAME	PHYSICAL ADDRESS
1	Dr. Arjun Aryal	Hawaii, USA
2	Dr. Durga D Poudel	Louisiana, USA
3	Dr. Dilip Panthee	North Carolina, USA
4	Dr. Peetambar Dahal	California, USA
5	Dr. Ambika Adhikari	Arizona, USA
6	Dr. Pushpa Pathak, MD	Texas, USA
7	Ms. Kamala Neupane, RN	Kansas, USA
8	Dr. Prem Bhandari	Michigan, USA
9	Mr. Gyanshor Shrestha	Texas, USA
10	Mr. Bikas Sainju	California, USA
11	Dr. Tara Niraula	New York, USA
12	Dr. Kalpana Khanal	Massachusetts, USA
13	Mr. Sahas Shrestha	Texas, USA
14	Ms. Neela Joshi	Texas, USA
15	Dr. Rupak Rauniar	Texas, USA
16	Dr. Khusi Tiwari	Mississippi, USA
17	Dr. Deerga R Adhikari	Louisiana, USA
18	Dr. Puru Shrestha	Arizona, USA
19	Dr. Jiwnath Ghimire	Hawaii, USA
20	Dr. Raju Pandey	California, USA
21	Dr. Krishna P Paudel	Louisiana, USA
22	Mr. Shankar Gautam	Florida, USA
23	Dr. Prakash Neupane, MD	Kansas, USA
24	Dr. Shyam Thapa	Colorado, USA
25	Dr. Basu Sharma	New Brunswick, Canada
26	Dr. Prasamasa Singh	Toronto, Canada

II. MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT

	Category	Achievement
1	Organization, marketing and networking	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The 501(c)(3) status which is valid from the date of February 28, 2018, date of registration of Asta-Ja USA. Asta-Ja USA website, 2) Amazon Smile (visit https://smile.amazon.com/, and Sign in and Choose your Charity. 3) Rotary Clubs Hawaii, USA, and Damauli, Tanahu, Nepal; Vyas Municipality, Tanahu, Nepal.
2	Science and technology	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Poudel, Durga D. 2018. Agricultural and Natural Resources Development and Management Strategy. Presented at the First NRNA Global Knowledge Convention. October 12-14, Kathmandu, Nepal. 2) Poudel, Durga D., Arjun Aryal, Sahas Shrestha, Prem B. Bhandari, and Ajay Bhandari. 2018. Asta-Ja Initiatives for Kathmandu Valley Environmental Pollution Control. A Poster Presented at the First NRNA Global Knowledge Convention. October 12-14, Kathmandu, Nepal. 3) Durga D. Poudel. Pushpa L. Moktan and Purusotam L. Shrestha, 2020. Environmental community awareness and climate change initiatives, National Knowledge Convention Symposium: Environment and Climate Change, NRNA NCC USA. 4) Impact of COVID-19 book (In progress)
3	Membership	26 Life Members
4	Policy Briefs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Asta-Ja Policy Briefs, December 2019, Volume 1, Issue 1 2) Asta-Ja Policy Briefs, April 2020, Volume 2, Issue 1
5	Newsletter	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Asta-Ja USA Newsletter, October 2019, Volume 1, Issue 1 2) Asta-Ja USA Newsletter, April 2020, Volume 2, Issue 1
6	Programs and projects	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Vegetable Production Project, Tanahu, GreaterGood.org \$10,000.00 2) NRNA NCC USA Environmental Community Awareness and Climate Change grant \$10,000.00 3) Center of Excellence for Environment and Climate Change 4) Rotary International Grant for Chunder Drinking Water Project \$75,000.00
7	Relief and support	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) COVID- 19 Relief Work \$1,600.00 2) Schoolchildren support fund from Educational Foundation, Hawaii \$3,200.00 3) Educational support fund for two High Schools in Tanahu from Rotary, Hawaii, \$35,000 (In Progress)

III. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) Committees:
 - a) Organization, Marketing and Networking Committee
 - b) Policy Advisory Council
 - c) Newsletter Committee
 - d) Development Committee
- 2) Asta-Ja USA brochure, business cards, leaflets, promotional materials (t-shirts, hats, pens, etc), introductory PowerPoints.
- 3) Membership (gender balance)
- 4) Asta-Ja Journal
- 5) Post COVID-19 Resilient Nepal Convention
- 6) Collaboration with INGOs, NGOs, and Governmental Agencies for R&D projects.

IV. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

With the active support from its life members, Asta-Ja USA is progressing very fast with appreciable and impactful works. Through its sister organization in Nepal, Asta-Ja RDC, Asta-Ja USA has been able to operate very well at the grassroots level in Nepal. The Asta-Ja USA is being recognized well by NRNA, academic institutions, and several governmental and nongovernmental agencies in Nepal. Local communities in Nepal are looking Asta-Ja USA very positively and are hopeful for Asta-Ja USA's involvement in research and development works in their areas. Through a wide network of Asta-Ja sister organizations, Asta-Ja USA is uniquely set for fundraising, relief works, research and development, scholarly activities, policy decision support, environmental quality and climate change, and for addressing many other contemporary issues.