

# 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Body Meeting of Nepal Geological Society



## *AGM Report*



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## Background

The Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of Nepal Geological Society was held on Bhadra 31, 2067 (Sept 16, 2010) at the Auditorium Hall of the Department of Mines and Geology, Lainchaur Kathmandu. The NGS members were notified about the date and venue of the AGM through notice published in the Gorkhapatra Daily as well as email message. A brief description of the activities carried out during the meeting has been presented in this report. The NGS 14<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee believes that this summary report will be a record for the members who participated in the AGM and also will provide information to the members who were unable to participate in the meeting.

## Agenda of the AGM

The main agenda of the AGM were:

1. Briefing of works so far carried out and plan for coming year
2. Selection of Honorary Members of NGS (2067)
3. Preparation of the Sixth Nepal Geological Congress
4. Financial reporting
5. Miscellaneous

## The Program of the AGM

The AGM was conducted from 16:30 to 18:30 covering the above mentioned agenda and other queries raised by the members. The following was the program of the AGM:

Time	Activities
04:30 – 04:40	Registration
04:40 – 04:45	Call for Executive Committee Members to Dais
04:45 – 04:50	Welcome Speech by Mr. J.N. Shrestha, President
04:50 – 05:00	Annual Report by Dr. D. Pathak, General Secretary
05:00 – 05:05	Financial Reporting by Mr. D. K. Napit, Treasurer
05:05 – 05:10	Report by Prof. Dr. V. Dangol, Coordinator, Scientific Sub-Committee
05:10 – 05:15	Report by Mr. P.S. Tater, Coordinator, Public Relation and Financial Sub-Committee
05:15 – 05:20	Report by Dr. R.K. Dahal, Coordinator, Communication and Information Sub-Committee
05:20 – 05:35	Report on NGC-VI progress by Mr. K.P. Kaphle, Convener NGC-VI
05:35 – 05:50	Briefing by Prof. Dr. B.N. Upreti, Coordinator of Honorary Member Nomination Committee
05:50 – 06:25	Miscellaneous; Discussion
06:25 – 06:30	Vote of Thanks and Closing by Mr. Shyam KC, Vice-President

The activities of the program were carried out within the specified time.

## Summary of the Meeting Activities

The meeting started at the time specified in the program. The formal program started after the 14<sup>th</sup> executive member took their seat in the dais. The program was Chaired by Mr. J. N. Shrestha, President of the Society and conducted by Dr. Dinesh Pathak, General Secretary of the Society.

### WELCOME SPEECH BY MR. J.N. SHRESTHA, PRESIDENT

Mr. J. N. Shrestha, President expressed his heartiest welcome to the Society Members in the 32<sup>nd</sup> AGM of the Society. He praised the active role played by the Society Members for the successful role of NGS towards professional well being of the Nepalese geoscientists and spreading geo-scientific knowledge through scientific publication, seminars and workshops during last 30 years. Mr. Shrestha thanked the members for giving him the responsibility to head the Society and mentioned that the major initiation of the 14<sup>th</sup> executive committee was towards establishing relationship with various concerned organizations and renew the relationship with them.



*Mr. J. N. Shrestha, President, delivering welcome speech.*

The major efforts of the Committee were dedicated to lay ground preparation for the successful organization of the forthcoming Sixth Nepal Geological Congress. The preparation of the Congress is in progress through the active role of Mr. K. P. Kaphle, Convener of the Congress and other sub-committees formed for the Congress organization. Mr. Shrestha requested the NGS members for their support as and when necessary for the successful organization of the event.

Mr. Shrestha informed that the present executive committee has initiated to organize 27<sup>th</sup> Himalaya-Karakorum-Tibet (HKT) Workshop in 2012 in Nepal. The preliminary homework and exercise has shown positive response of the international geo-scientific community showing its trust to NGS for its capacity to organize such an international event. Such event would provide the NGS members an opportunity to exchange views and learn from the experiences of eminent geoscientists working in different aspects of geology of the HKT region. He thanked Prof. Dr. B.N. Upreti and Mr. S. N. Sapkota for their key role in making approach on behalf of the NGS.

At the end of his speech, Mr. Shrestha requested the participating members to provide constructive criticism in the past activities of the 14<sup>th</sup> executive committee and suggestions for better performance of the Society in future.

### ANNUAL REPORT BY DR. D. PATHAK, GENERAL SECRETARY

The annual report of the Society was presented by Dr. Dinesh Pathak, General Secretary. He mentioned that the executive committee put its maximum efforts to conduct different activities for

the optimum achievement of the objectives of the Society. The main activities carried out in the last year were the following:

### **Formation of different sub-committees**

In order to ensure the involvement of the members in NGS activities and get support to the executive committee, different sub-committees were formed with specific job descriptions.

### **Celebration of ISDR Day**

ISDR Day 2009 with the theme of “Hospital Safe from Disasters: Reduce Risk, Protect Health Facilities, Save Lives” was observed with the organization of half day workshop in presence of over 100 participants in which four papers were presented. Dr. Govinda Kusum, Secretary of Home Ministry was the Chief Guest of the ceremony. A brief report of the event was prepared and circulated to members as well as other government and non-government organizations. Very positive response was received from many organizations. Dr. Jaya Kumar Gurung and the ISDR Celebration Team contributed for the successful organization of the event.

### **Strengthen the Communication with NGS members**

In order to strengthen the communication with NGS members, database of email addresses of NGS Members was updated through various means and tools. Likewise, the email addresses of concerned organizations and individual was also updated. As a result, it has been possible to disseminate the information regarding NGS activities and other professional activities in abroad can be sent to around 70% Nepalese members and 42% Foreign Members of the Society. Likewise, communication has also been made to various concerned organizations working in Nepal, with other professional societies and geologists who are yet to be NGS member. Each and every activities of the Society has been regularly disseminated to the NGS members through email and any queries raised by the members and other organizations were promptly responded.

*Dr. Pathak requested to [send a request mail to the Society \(info@ngs.org.np\)](mailto:info@ngs.org.np) if anyone has not been receiving mails from NGS so that their email address could be updated in order to ensure the delivery of mail from the Society.*

### **Solving the problem of email/website of the Society**

When the present executive committee took the office, the website of the society was not accessible and the mails sent to the email address of society used to be bounced back to the sender. This problem was promptly solved. However, it was realized for better performance, it is necessary to change the server. It was materialized and at present both email addresses of the Society is functioning properly. The website of the society is under restructuring process and Dr. R.K. Dahal is supporting in this matter as the Coordinator of Communication and information sub-committee.

For one more year, we will be using both the email addresses of the Society (i.e. info@ngs.org.np and ngs@wlink.com.np). We are going to abandon the email address ngs@wlink.com.np by next year and we will be using only the web email address (info@ngs.org.np) of the Society. In order to materialize it, the NGS members are requested to **use info@ngs.org.np by now onward** to communicate with NGS. It is believed that for the

individuals and organizations, one year time will be sufficient to update the Society's email address.

### **Communication with G/O and I/NGOs**

Concerned Government and international agencies were constantly communicated. A smooth relationship has been established/re-established with them, especially with the UNDP, SAARC Secretariat, Ministry of Home, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Industry and Ministry of Science and Technology.

### **Organization of Talk Program**

The NGS scientific sub-committee initiated the organization of two talk programs in which a good number of audience.

### **Exchange of Journal between other professional Societies**

As an endeavor of NGS to be in close communication with other professional societies. The Indian Geological Society has agreed to exchange the journal between the two societies after a long gap. Similar approach has also been made to other societies.

### **Preparation of Sixth Nepal Geological Congress**

The present executive committee is working in close coordination with the Convener of the Congress Mr. KP Kaphle providing him every necessary support. The Congress Venue has been finalized at Administrative Staff College Hall. We have received good response on our call of abstracts through First Circular and the Second circular has already been distributed. As far as the financial matter is concerned, we are giving our full effort to raise fund for the Congress through different organizations and the NGS members, especially Mr. B.M. Jnawaly, S.N. Sapkota have provided full support in this matter as far as possible. So far we have received/got commitment of more than US\$ 22,000.00 and expect to generate additional fund necessary for the organization of the Congress. Notably, Cairn energy, DASE France, CalTech, USA, Embassy of India have already provided/made commitment of handsome financial support for the Congress. We are in communication with other national and international organizations for raising further fund.

### **Nomination of Honorary Member of the Society**

In order to nominate the Honorary members of the Society a three member committee was formed comprising of Prof. Dr. B.N. Upreti (Coordinator), Mr. Bharat Jnawali (Member) and Mr. Shyam KC (Member). The committee has recommended two persons and the executive committee has endorsed the recommendation, which was unanimously approved by the 32<sup>nd</sup> AGM. The following persons are the nominated Honorary Member of NGS:

- Prof. Dr. Kazunori Arita, Hokkaido University, Japan
- Mr. J. M. Tater, Kathmandu, Nepal.

### **NGS Publication**

An Editorial Board was formed with the Chief Editorship of Dr. Santa Man Rai. The board has been working in the publication matter. It has brought the Bulletin Volume 27, Journal Volume 39 is in press and Volume 40 is at final stage, which will be shortly sent to press.

### **Future Program**

Organization of ISDR Day, 2010: The ISDR Day will be observed on October 2010. The final date will be announced later. The ISDR Theme for 2010 is “Making Cities Resilient”.

Organization of NGC-VI: Continue work towards the successful organization and the Sixth Nepal Geological to be held in November 2010.

Organization of HKT workshop in 2012: Full effort will be given towards organization of the HKT Workshop after a long gap in 2012.

### **Publication of “Himalaya-Tibet Collision” Book**

Professor George Mascle (NGS Life Member) approached to publish the Himalaya-Tibet Collision Book in French and English. Professor Upreti and Dr. S. M. Rai also had communicated with him in this matter at the earlier stage. The French version has already been published in France in which Nepal Geological Society is the co-publisher. The English version will be published in Nepal in which French Geological Society will be co-publisher. We are in constant communication with Professor Mascle in this matter.

### **Establishment of Mitra-Rai Fellowship**

Dr. Kamala Kanta Acharya and Mr. Niraj Regmi made approach to the Society for the establishment of Mitra Rai Fellowship. We have principally agreed on the matter after series of interaction. Once the proposed amount NRs. 120,000 is made available and deposited in the bank account of Society, we will manage the distribution of scholarship from the amount obtained as the interest.

### **Land and Building of the Society**

Managing the land and constructing building of the Society is the long awaited matter for us. We had worked in this matter and contacted the concerned government officials and have submitted our request. We are in constant touch with them. We will inform you the outcome.

### **Creating Job Opportunity**

In order to create more position in the government organization, we had made approach in some organizations like the ministry of environment, ministry of science and technology, NAST.

### **Collaboration with G/O and I/NGO**

Since we have been able to be in connection with the G/O and I/NGO, we will be continuously working towards further collaborative activities with these organization. However, the leading role of NGS in the Geoscience related field will not be compromised.

Dr. Pathak mentioned that the above mentioned activities of the present executive committee would have never been materialized without the support of NGS members and their constructive advice. He extended sincere thank to all members for their co-operation, support and advice in the past and expected the same also in future.

## FINANCIAL REPORTING BY MR. D. K. NAPIT, TREASURER

Mr. D. K. Napit, Treasurer, presented the financial status of the Society. The Audit Report for the FY 2066/067 was distributed to the participating members in the AGM. He made a brief report on the income and expenditure during the last year. The following is the brief of financial status of NGS:

- Bank balance till the end of Asadh 2066: NRs. 25,03,070.64
- Bank balance till the end of Asadh 2067: NRs. 22,89,586.00
- Advance till the end of Asadh 2067: NRs. 5000.00
- Cash till the end of Asadh 2067: 12,100.00
- Total till the end of Asadh 2067: 23,06,683.13
  
- **Total Income during FY 2066/67: 3,04,835.07**
- **Total expenditure in FY 2066/67: 5,01,219.07**



**Mr. D. K. Napit, Treasurer, presenting the financial report.**

It seems that there has been more expenditure (by 1,96,384.51) than income during FY 2066/067. The reasons are the following:

- Due to decrease in US\$ exchange rate
- Payment of advance of FY 2065/66
- Payment of journal volume 37, 38 and Bulletin 26 (Payment due of previous Executive committee)

Mr. Napit mentioned that the above financial scenario indicates that the Society will be in sound financial condition during present FY (2067/68) as the payment due of previous FY (2065/66) has been paid from the income of last FY (2066/67). The financial report of Mr. Napit was unanimously approved by the AGM. Likewise, the issue was raised whether to continue the US\$ account in bank or think for alternatives. Finally, it was concluded that in long run, keeping this account is beneficial to NGS and hence the meeting concluded to continue the US\$ account.

## BRIEF REPORTING BY THE COORDINATORS OF DIFFERENT SUB-COMMITTEES

**Prof. Dr. V. Dangol, Coordinator, Scientific Sub-Committee** reported the activity of the committee during the last one year. He mentioned that two scientific talk programs were held in which many members participated and interacted during the program.

Prof. Dangol also requested NGS members to help him to arrange more talk programs in future through presenting research findings and communicating with the other researchers.



**Prof. Dr. V. Dangol, reporting the activity of scientific sub-committee.**

**Mr. P. S. Tater, Coordinator, Public Relation and Finance Sub-Committee** explained the activities that were carried out by the committee. He focused on strengthening the relationship between possible local donors. Mr. Tater also expressed his approach to raise financial support to organize the NGC-VI. The members suggested him to seek support of NGS members to make approach to concerned organization. Mr. D. N. Subedi and Mr. R. Khanal suggested for making approach to some organization.



*Mr. P. S. Tater, reporting the activity of public relation and finance sub-committee.*

Mr. Tater expressed his commitment to actively engage in fund raising activities for making strong financial condition of NGS.

**Dr. R. K. Dahal, Coordinator, Communication and Information Sub-Committee** made a brief reporting on the activities of his sub-committee. He elaborated on the situation of communication system of the Society and threw light on future activities to be carried out. Dr. Dahal also reported on the issues related to the restructuring of the NGS website.

#### **REPORTING BY PROF. DR. B. N. UPRETI, COORDINATOR, HONORARY MEMBER NOMINATION COMMITTEE**

Prof. Dr. B. N. Upreti, Coordinator, Honorary Member Nomination Committee made a brief report on the selection of the Honorary Members Prof. Dr. K. Arita and Mr. J.M. Tater. Prof. Upreti read the biography of Prof. K. Arita and his contribution in the study of Nepalese Himalaya as well as to the Society. Likewise, Mr. B. M. Jnawali, Member of the Committee read the biography of Mr. J.M. Tater. The contribution of Mr. Tater in the establishment of Society and his role in the Geo-scientific activities in Nepal was explained by him. The recommendation of the committee was unanimously approved by the meeting.



*Prof. Dr. B. N. Upreti, reading the biography of Prof. Dr. K. Arita.*

#### **REPORTING BY MR. K. P. KAPHLE, CONVENER, SIXTH NEPAL GEOLOGICAL CONGRESS**

The progress on the preparation for the Sixth Nepal Geological Congress (NGC-VI) was reported by Mr. K. P. Kaphle, Convener of the Congress. He explained the mode of communication adapted to disseminate the Congress information. Mr. Kaphle informed that more than 190 abstracts have been received for the Congress from more than 27 countries. He expects around 140 foreign participants in the Congress. The selection of Congress venue was justified and requested for the support of all NGS members.



*Mr. K. P. Kaphle, Convener, NGC-VI, reporting the progress on Congress organization.*

## VOTE OF THANKS AND CLOSING BY MR. S. B. KC, VICE PRESIDENT

On behalf of the 14<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee, Mr. S. B. KC, Vice-President expressed thanks to the NGS members participating in the 32<sup>nd</sup> AGM of the Society. Likewise, the support of Department of Mines and Geology through providing the Auditorium Hall for the meeting and all the individuals and organizations who directly and indirectly supported for the organization of the meeting was gratefully acknowledged.



*Mr. S. B. KC, Vice-President extending Vote of Thanks.*

Finally, Mr. KC announced the closing of the AGM.

## Conclusion

The 32<sup>nd</sup> AGM of Nepal Geological Society was successfully completed. Fruitful discussions were made and constructive suggestions were obtained for the present executive committee. We do appreciate the interest shown by the NGS Members.

This report has been prepared as part of the information dissemination activity of Nepal Geological Society, which the 14<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee considers one of the important task to make the NGS member aware about the activities of NGS. Respecting the information right of NGS Members, we are continuously preparing and disseminating the report of main activities of NGS. We do always expect your constructive suggestion and guidelines for making the Society more dynamic, objective oriented, transparent and a successful professional organization.

This report incorporates the discussion notes provided by Mr. A. K. Duvadi and photographs taken by Mr. U. Raghubansi. Their contribution is gratefully acknowledged.

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