



Shree Pashupatinath Foundation, USA

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) OF THE
SHREE PASHUPATINATH FOUNDATION, USA,
10843 KENNEY STREET, NORWALK, CA 90650 ON
DECEMBER 24, 2024, 10:00 AM PST

Minutes

The Annual General meeting of the Shree Pashupatinath Foundation, USA was held on Sunday, December 22, 2024, at 10:00 AM PST at the prayer hall of the Shree Pashupatinath and Buddha Mandir located at 10843 Kenney Street, Norwalk, CA 90650.

Notice and Agenda of the Annual General Meeting:



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Rameshor Bhandari

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Hem Raj Rai
Indraraj Pandey
Kedar Poudel
Ram Raja Pandey
Shamsher B. Bhandari
Tulasi Gnawali
Upendra Sapkota

November 11, 2024

Notice of Annual General Meeting:

Dear Valued Community Members,

This is to notify that the Annual General Meeting of Shree Pashupatinath Foundation, USA will be held on December 22, 2024. Please see the details below:

Date: Sunday, December 22, 2024
Time: 10:00 AM PST
Venue: Shree Pashupatinath & Buddha Mandir

Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Approval of minutes of the previous AGM
3. President's report
4. Formation of new Managing Board of Directors
6. Formation of new Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees
6. Additional business, if any

Board of Trustees, Life Members, and general members are encouraged to attend this important meeting to discuss the Foundation's activities and future plans.

Please mark your calendars and make every effort to attend the Annual General Meeting.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Rameshor Bhandari
President
Shree Pashupatinath Foundation, USA

Bhakta Thapa
Chairperson
Board of Trustees



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1. Attendance:

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Attendance

S.N.	Name	Signature
1	Acharya Choodamani Pathak	
2	Achyut Raj Ghimirey	
3	Agandhar Kandel	
4	Ajit Babu Ghimire OR Sushma Aryal Ghimire	
5	Akaraj Pandey	
6	Alina Dhakal	
7	Amita Niraula	
8	Amita Poudyal	
9	Amrit Mahato	
10	Anil K. C.	
11	Anil Nepal	
12	Anish Jung Rana	
13	Anita Basnet OR Krishna Thapa	
14	Anita Gurung	
15	Anita Sharma Nepal	
16	Anjana Karki	
17	Anju Adhikari	
18	Anup Rimal	
19	Arjun Dhakal OR Manju Devkota	
20	Arjun Nyaupane	
21	Arjun Paudel OR Rita Pant	
22	Arjun Thakuri OR Rachana Thakuri	
23	Arjun Tripathi OR Durga Tripathi	
24	Bakhan Thapa Magar	
25	Balaram Banstola OR Gita Subedi Banstola	
26	Bali Raj Karki	
27	Balram Thapa	
28	Basu Dev Pokharel OR Urmila Pokharel	
29	Basudev Ghimire	
30	Bed P Dawadi OR Bipana Dawadi	



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31	Bhaban Bhatta	
32	Bhagawati Pandey	
33	Bhakta Thapa	
34	Bhanu Neupane	
35	Bharat Bhattarai	
36	Bharat Pokhrel OR Srijana Pokhrel	
37	Bhawani Pandey	
38	Bhim Dhakal	
39	Bhuwa N Niure OR Anita Niure	
40	Bhuwan Paudel	
41	Bibek Shrestha	
42	Bimal K Guragain OR Gyanu Guragain	
43	Bimal Shrestha	
44	Bimala Bhattarai	
45	Bimala Bhetwal	
46	Bimala Dhakal	
47	Bimala Lamichhane	
48	Bina Rijal	
49	Binita Ojha OR Rajesh P Ojha	
50	Binod K Bhetwal	
51	Binod OR Elina Thapa	
52	Birendra K Shrestha	
53	Bishnu Hari (Madan) Tripathee	
54	Bishnu Maya Tripathee	
55	Bishnu Paudel OR Mina Paudel	
56	Bishnu Shrestha	
57	Brinda Guragain	
58	Chakrapani Mishra	
59	Chandra K Dhital OR Maya Devi Dhital	
60	Chandra Siwakoti	
61	Chhabilal Poudel OR Nirmala D Poudel	
62	Chiranjibi Gautam OR Bishnu Gautam	



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63	Darshana Pandey	
64	Deelu Sapkota	
65	Deepa Amatya	
66	Deepa Pathak	
67	Deepak Chudal OR Sushila Chudal	
68	Dennis Poudel	
69	Devaki Pandey	
70	Devi Charan Ghimire OR Kalpana Ghimire	
71	Devi Kumari Thapa	
72	Devi Prasad Baskota	
73	Dhana Medhasi	
74	Dharma R Shakya OR Neelam Shakya	
75	Dibya Gnawali	
76	Dil B. Shrestha OR Sarita Shrestha	
77	Dilli Prasad Thapaliya OR Sobita Thapaliya	
78	Dilli R Silwal	
79	Dilli Raj Acharya OR Dipika Regmi Acharya	
80	Dilli Thapa	
81	Dinendra Bhattarai OR Ichhya Bhattarai	
82	Dinesh Shah OR Jyoti Shah	
83	Don B Karkichetri	
84	Dr. Badri Bhandari OR Basanthi Bhandari	
85	Dr. Basant Bikram Shah	
86	Dr. Binod Tiwari	
87	Dr. Deepak Shimkhada	
88	Dr. Jeet Joshee	
89	Dr. Kamal Dhakal OR Bishnu Regmi	
90	Dr. Samikshya Neupane	
91	Dr. Sanjay Khanal	
92	Dr. Shambhu Dhungana	
93	Durga Raj Niraula	



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94	Eak Prasad Pandey	
95	Eka Dev Sharma	
96	Ganga B Basnet OR Sharada Basnet	
97	Ganga Shrestha	
98	Gauri Joshi	
99	Gita Guragain	
100	Gita Silwal	
101	Gokul Dhakal OR Sita Dhakal	
102	Gokul Poudyal Gulakshana Mishra	
103	Gopi Kandel	
104	Gyanendra Gurung OR Chandra Gurung	
105	Hari Ram Pant	
106	Hem Bahadur Thakulla	
107	Hemraj Bhatta OR Sabitra Bhatta	
108	Hemraj Rai OR Bhaktamaya Rai	
109	Indira Tripathi	
110	Indra K Shrestha OR Ambika Shrestha	
111	Indra Raj Pandey	
112	Indu Mainaly	
113	Ishwar K. Gurung	
114	Ishwari Bhattarai	
115	Jamuna Rawat OR Om Khadka	
116	Janak Prasad Joshi	
117	Janaki Chaulagain	
118	Jayanti Lohani Khanal	
119	Jhamak Niraula OR Prabha Niraula	
120	Jiba Lamichhane	
121	Jitendra Amatya	
122	Josephina Dhungana	
123	Jyoti Shrestha	
124	Kabindra Pant OR Ila Pant	
125	Kabita Chaudhary Karki	



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126	Kalpana Bhandari	
127	Kalpana Ghimire	
128	Kamal Gautam OR Sharada Gautam	
129	Kamala Giri	
130	Kanhaiya Lal Kayastha	Kayastha
131	Kanishka Chaugai	
132	Kanti Shimkhada	
133	Kapil Adhikari	
134	Karma Raj Sharma Neupane	
135	Kaushila Joshi	
136	Kedar Poudel	
137	Keshar B Bhandari	
138	Khemlal Adhikari OR Krishna Parajuli	
139	Khemu Regmi	
140	Kiran K. Upadhyaya	
141	Kopila Adhikari	
142	Kosh Raj Thapaliya	Kosh Raj
143	Krishna Bhattarai OR Ambika Bhattarai	
144	Krishna Dhungana	
145	Krishna Gurung OR Sunita Gurung	
146	Krishna Koirala	
147	Krishnaa Siwakoti	
148	Kul Prasad Dhakal	
149	Kumar Pant	
150	Labu Sharma	
151	Lal Kaji Shrestha	
152	Lata Ghimire	
153	Laxman Basnet	
154	Laxman Gadtaula OR Reema Pokhrel Gadtaula	
155	Laxman Ghimire	
156	Laxmi Dhakal	Laxmi



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157	Laxmi Pandey	
158	Laxmi Pandey	
159	Lok Nath Tiwari	
160	Madan Pathak	
161	Madhav Budhathoki OR Prava Budhathoki	
162	Mahendra Basnet, Janaki Neupane	
163	Mahendra P Kandel OR Lalita Kandel	
164	Mahendra Raj Panday OR Yin Cheng	
165	Mandira Dhakal	
166	Maniram Neupane OR Hema Neupane	
167	Manita Basnet	
168	Mausami Pathak	
169	Maya Sapkota Kandel	
170	Michiko Shah	
171	Milan Nyaupane OR Binita Nyaupane	
172	Min K Shrestha OR Tika Shrestha	
173	Modika Paudel	
174	Monika Pandey	
175	Mukunda Bhandari	
176	Mukunda Dawadi OR Sheela Dawadi	
177	Mukunda Dhungana	
178	Mukunda P Ghimire OR Durga Ghimire	
179	Muna Bhandari	
180	Nabin K Pokharel OR Mira Gautam Pokharel	
181	Nandalal Gautam OR Narayani Gautam	
182	Nanu Thapa	
183	Nara Acharya	
184	Naramaya Baskota	
185	Narayan Prasad Panta OR Sarada Panta Pandey	
186	Neera Aryal Pandey	



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187	Netra P Mainaly	
188	Nir Kumar Thapa OR Sharada Thapa	
189	Nirja Dhungana	
190	Nirvek Pandey	
191	Nora Koirala	
192	Numbish Prajapati OR Raisha Shrestha	
193	Om Subedi	
194	Oshin Shrestha	
195	Parbati Ghimire Pantha OR Krishna J Pantha	
196	Portia Bhattarai	
197	Prabin Ghimire OR Roshani Dhungana	
198	Prajesh Acharya	
199	Prakash Sunuwar OR Anjana Rai Sunuwar	
200	Pramila Shrestha	
201	Pratikchhya Medhasi	
202	Prem Guragain	
203	Prem Raj KC	
204	Purushottam Pandey	
205	Rachana Thapalia	
206	Radha Dhami	
207	Radha Krishna Gautam OR Ranjita Dhakal Gautam	
208	Radha Niraula	
209	Raj Kumar Pradhan OR Reeyaska Pradhan	
210	Raj Kumar Shrestha OR Manu Shrestha	
211	Rajan Adhikari OR Laxmi Adhikari	
212	Rajendra K Pradhan OR Anju Pradhan	
213	Rajendra Karki	
214	Rajendra Pyakuryal OR Muna Pyakuryal	
215	Rajendra Siwakoti	
216	Rajesh Niraula	
217	Rajesh Pandey	



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218	Rajesh Timilsina	
219	Ram Aryal OR Sabina Aryal	
220	Ram Babu Pandey	<i>Ram Babu Pandey</i>
221	Ram Dhungel OR Aaradhana Lamsal Dhungel	
222	Ram Lama	
223	Ram Prasad Sharma	
224	Ram Raja Pandey	<i>Ram Raja Pandey</i>
225	Ram Sharan Adhikari	
226	Ramchandra Lamichhane	<i>Ramchandra Lamichhane</i>
227	Ramesh Pandey	
228	Ramesh Thapa	
229	Rameshor Bhandari	
230	Ramjee Chaulagain OR Dhanisara Chapagain	<i>Ramjee Chaulagain</i>
231	Ramji Gautam OR Sushma Pokhrel Gautam	
232	Ramsharan Pandey OR Babita Pandey	
233	Resu Mainali Chimouriya	
234	Rishi Dhakal	<i>Rishi Dhakal</i>
235	Rita Mishra	
236	Ritesh Parajuli	
237	Rochi Acharya	
238	Rohini Lata Kayastha	
239	Roshan KC	
240	Rosy Baral Thapa	
241	Rupa Bhandari Acharya OR Gajindra Bhandari	
242	Sabitri Neupane	
243	Sagar Poudel OR Sarita Sadaula	<i>Sagar Poudel</i>
244	Samir Thapa	
245	Sangita Shrestha OR Ashok Shrestha	
246	Sangita Siwakoti	
247	Sanjay Guragain OR Punam Guragain	
248	Sanjip Thapa OR Bindu Thapa	



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249	Sanju Sapkota	
250	Sapana Thapaliya	
251	Saraswati Ghimirey	
252	Saraswati Gyawali	
253	Saraswoti Luitel	
254	Sarina Sharma	
255	Sarita Gurung	
256	Sarita Thapa	
257	Saroj Pyakurel	
258	Satish Bhattachan OR Maria Bhattachan	
259	Shamsher (Subash) Bhandari	
260	Shashi Poudyal	
261	Sher Bdr. Karki OR Binita Karki	
262	Shesh Ghale OR Jamuna Ghale	
263	Shiva Kumar Adhikari	
264	Shradha Upadhyay KC	
265	Shradha Upadhyaya	
266	Shyam Joshi	
267	Sita Dhungana	
268	Sitaram Kattel OR Chandra Kala Mishra	
269	Sitaram Poudyal	
270	Sona (Lalmati) Basnet	
271	Srijana Thapaliya Rana	
272	Sriram Thapa	
273	Subin Bhattarai	
274	Suchita Bhandari	
275	Sudip Raj Sharma OR Shova Sharma	
276	Sue Joshee	
277	Sujana Bhandari	
278	Sulakshana Poudyal	
279	Suman Dhakal OR Bimita Dhakal	
280	Sunanda Thapa	



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281	Sunita K Choudhary	
282	Sunita Sharma	
283	Suraj Sharma	
284	Surendra Sapkota	
285	Surendra Shrestha/ Sursudha Music Nepal	
286	Suresh Hamal	
287	Surya Mohan Adhikari	
288	Surya Prasai OR Sita Upreti	
289	Sushil Chaugai	
290	Sushila Marahatta	
291	Sushila Pandey	<i>Sushila Pandey</i>
292	Sushma Poudyal	
293	Sushma Shrestha	
294	Tara Devi Dhungel	
295	Tara Gurung Black	
296	Tarak P Rijal	
297	Tika Angdembey OR Dhana Angdembey	
298	Tika K Pant	
299	Tilak Rana	
300	Tripta K. C.	
301	Tula R Bajgai	
302	Tulasa Karki	
303	Tulasha Lamsal Koirala	
304	Tulasi R Gyawali	<i>Tulasi R Gyawali</i>
305	Tulasi Subedi	
306	Tustine Rana	
307	Uddhaba (Uttam) Adhikari	
308	Uma Karki Thapa	
309	Umesh Karki OR Chuna Thapa Karki	
310	Upendra Neupane	
311	Upendra Sapkota OR Shanti Sapkota	<i>Upendra Sapkota</i>



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312	Uttam Dhamala OR Sushma Bhandari Dhamala	
313	Uttam Jung Thapa OR Sulochana (Indira) Shah	
314	Uttam Karki	
315	Veda B. Joshi	<i>Veda B. Joshi</i>
316	Vijaya Gurung	
317	Vikrant Giri	
318	Vinod Gnawali	
319	Yadav Chimouriya	
320	Yam Thapa	
321	Yubaraj Oli OR Shabitra Oli	

- 322 K. P. J. D. K. O. T. A. 4044539376 *[Signature]*
- 323 - Laddu Basnet (Rabin) 562-650-2132 *[Signature]*
- 324 - Laxman Nepal (818) 8491918 *[Signature]*
- 325 Shambhu Siwakoti 562 5265700 *[Signature]*
- 326 Laha Prasad Tripathi 714 221 4885 *[Signature]*
- 327 Bishnu Laxmi Tripathi 11 11 *[Signature]*
- 328 madhu sadan gaudel. 5627815129 *[Signature]*
- 329 Rohan Pandey 562 552 16298 *[Signature]*
- 330 KALPANA THAPA 714 2045 120 *[Signature]*
- 331 RAM Saran Pandey 562-215 9149 *[Signature]*
- 332 KANHAIYA SHRESTHA 562-441-6019
- 333 Prabir M. Shrestha 310-309-0998
- 334 Prem Sitaula 562 422 4687



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2. Program Schedule:

10:00 AM:

Members arrive; meet and greet; distribution of nomination forms starts.

10: 20 AM: Call to order

Secretary Dilli (Siddhartha) Silwal starts the event and requests BOT Chairperson Bhakta Thapa to chair the meeting.

10:25 AM:

Mangala Charan by Priest Choodamani Pathak

10:35 AM:

- a. _Secretary Silwal Recognizes Past Presidents, Patrons, advisors, representatives of other Nepali organizations present at the meeting.
- b. Requests members to approve the meeting minutes of 2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

10:50 AM:

President Rameshor Bhandari welcomes the AGM attendees and presents the annual report and Treasurer Laxman Ghimire presents financials.

11:10 AM:

Members' Questions and Concerns (Q &A), If any

11:20 AM:

Introduction of New Trustees and Life Members and distribution of membership Plaques

12:00 PM: Lunch



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Selection and Election of the New Managing Board

Directors and Board of Trustees, Executive Committee

Sunday, December 22, 2024

Details:

1. Nomination Submission:

Start: 10:00 AM PST

End: 12:00 PM PST

2. Publication of Candidates' List: 12:30 PM PST

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3. Withdrawal of Nominations deadline: 01:30 PM PST

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4. Final Candidates' List Publication: 01:45 PM PST

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5. Selection and Election Process: 2:00 PM PST

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6. Formation of Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees: 4:00 PM PST

3. Details of the session:

Community members started to arrive to attend the meeting at 10:00 AM. BOT Selection and Election Committee Started distribution and collection of the Nomination Form at the Dining Hall.

By 10:40 AM Secretary Dilli (Siddhartha) Silwal called to order the meeting and requested the Chairperson of Executive committee of Board of Trustees Bhakta Thapa to Chair the Annual General Meeting. Upon acknowledgement by the Chairperson, Secretary Silwal moved forward with the meeting. For the official Opening Ceremony, secretary Silwal requested Temple Priest Acharya Choodamani Pathak to do Mangala Charan and President Bhandari, Chairperson Thapa, Platinum Patron Veda Bhakta



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Joshi, Platinum Patron Akaraj pandey, Patron and Honorary Consul of Nepal Rishi Dhakal to do Deep Prajwalan.

After the Opening Ceremony, Secretary Silwal formally started the meeting by recognizing Past Presidents, Patrons, advisors, Trustees, Board of Directors, Members of the Executive Committee of Board of Trustees, Life Members, General Members, Community Members, and Representatives of other Nepali organizations present at the Meeting.

Moving further, Secretary Silwal presented some historical facts of the Foundation below.

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1. Facts about The Shree Pashupatinath Foundation, USA

- a. The First pledge received for the foundation \$ 53014 from Akaraj Pandey, Manita Basnet, Netra Mainali, Deepak Pathak, Prem Guragain, Bhakta Thapa, Punnakhar Dhakal “Rishi”, Madan Pathak, Mukunda Dhungana, Basudev Ghimire, Rajendra Siwakoti, Shiva Adhikari, Dil B Shrestha, Gokul Poudyal, and \$500 cash donation was received from the cultural performance by Nepali artist Om Bikram Bist.
- b. February 03, 2010, The Foundation was incorporated as Shree Pashupatinath foundation, USA and received tax exempt status on May 10, 2010.
- c. The Satsang movement inspired by Dr. Chintamani Nath Yogi and Shrimad Bhagwat Mahapuran orated by Bachan Praveen Deen Bandhu Pokhrel on July 04-11, 2011, was a major milestone to raise funds of the foundation.
- d. November 16, 2012, Temple property was purchased at \$ 1,050,000 with down payment and closing cost of \$ 559, 416.63 and rest in loan guaranteed by Bhakta Thapa, Ram Lama, Rishi Dhakal and Akaraj Pandey.
- e. The foundation received a Conditional Use Permit on April 9, 2014, and major construction of the temple was complete at the end of 2017.
- f. A Grand Pran Pratistha Ceremony was held February 11, 12, 13, 2018 and Grand opening ceremony was held on March3, 2019.



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- g. Bhakta Thapa was a longest serving President who served two terms 2009-14 and 2014-2014 totaling of 9 years and longest serving secretary Rameshor Bhandari 2014-18, and 2021-22 for total of 6 years.
- h. A total of 1,432 donors have contributed amounts ranging from just 1 penny to as much as \$286,000.
- i. July 31, 2019, Mortgage loan was paid off.
- j. Shree Pashupatinath Foundation runs active Nepali Pathshala for kids and Sanskrit Pathshala for adults.

2. Current Membership Status of the Foundation (Total 1432)

- a. Currently the numbers of Board of Trustees are 86 (which includes 2 Platinum Patron, 9 Patrons and 75 Trustees)
- b. Currently Numbers of life Members are 240 (which includes 2 Platinum Patron, 9 Patrons, 75 Trustees and 154 life members)
- c. Currently There are 1192 General Members and Temple citizen Members combined.
- d. There are 7 Affiliate Members

Welcome and Report of the President:

President Rameshor Bhandari welcomed the attendees and presented the activity report and future planning as below.

Respected Members of the General Assembly,

Namaste and welcome to the 2024 Annual General Meeting! I would like to extend my profound gratitude to my fellow board colleagues for their outstanding teamwork and dedication throughout my two-year term as the president of our prestigious Foundation. I hope this spirit of collaboration will continue in the years to come.

I am deeply grateful to our advisors, Board of Trustees, life members, donors, and members of the Nepali diaspora for your unwavering support. It is truly a privilege to serve as the President of this esteemed Foundation and to lead it to the next level.

This AGM presents an opportunity for us to reflect on the past year's activities and



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the successes we have achieved. I will take a few minutes to highlight some of our key accomplishments and share my suggestions for the future.

This year, we focused our efforts on collecting the donations pledged by our community members during Los Angeles Spiritual Festival and Shiva Mahapuram in July 2023. This event proved to be a turning point, not only strengthening our financial position but also attracting new and emerging donors to our Foundation's network.

Our commitment to building a community center remains unwavering, and we understand that achieving this vision requires robust financial support. As many of you know, our team has been diligently working to generate revenue.

This year, we successfully raised approximately \$500,000, and our current bank balance exceeds \$1.2 million. Our team has remained focused on collecting pledged donations and working towards securing the property for the proposed Nepalese Cultural Center (NCC).

This year, we reached out to all our donors at least three to four times, requesting them to fulfill their pledged contributions. As the team leader, I personally contacted most of the donors to express our gratitude for their pledges and ongoing support on behalf of the Foundation. Additionally, we hired a part-time staff member to contact donors. We have made a significant progress in strengthening the Foundation, which now consists of three wings: Shree Pashupatinath and Buddha Mandir, Nepalese Cultural Center, and Nepali Pathashala. Their DBA names have been officially registered with the County of Los Angeles. Our temple is running smoothly, and the Nepali Pathashala is experiencing a significant growth. Currently, **around 90 students** are enrolled in the Nepali language class. In addition, we introduced Sanskrit class last year, which now has **12 students**, some of whom participate online. I am happy to share that all these programs are self-sustaining.

Dear members, the NCC project we launched last year may seem ambitious, but it is essential to meet the growing needs of our community. Our current temple is unable to accommodate devotees during special events, which underscores the necessity of this project. Although we have been actively searching for a suitable property for the NCC, we have yet to find one that meets our needs. The available properties either exceed our budget or are not suitable for our vision. As a result, we have focused our efforts on collecting pledged contributions, and I am pleased to report that we are in a strong financial position. To continue advancing the NCC project, it is crucial that we maintain our efforts in securing these pledged donations.



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We have collected a substantial amount in the past one-and-a-half years. You would agree that securing nearly 40 percent of pledged donations is exemplary for a nonprofit organization like ours. This success would not have been possible without the collective efforts of our community members. I want to express my deepest gratitude to all of you for your generous donations, support, and hard work in making last year's grand fundraising project a reality. I look forward to your continued involvement as we move forward.

Together, we have accomplished a great deal, but there is still much more to be done. Now, I would like to take a moment to highlight some of our most significant achievements.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support. Here are the major events organized at the temple.

2024 HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Attraction of new and emerging donors:** Our organization has seen a significant growth in membership and new donors since we conducted **the Los Angeles Spiritual Festival and Shiva Mahapuram in July 2023**. This event has already proven to be a milestone in laying the groundwork for the Nepalese Cultural Center (NCC) we have envisioned, having raised approximately \$850,000 of the \$2.2 million in pledges.
- Our organization now has 321 Life Members and 115 Board of Trustee Members.
- **Continuation of Nepali Calendar:** We started publishing Nepali Calendar since this board assumed office.
- **Installation of security apparatus:** We secured our temple with a taller fence and installed additional security cameras and motion detecting lights.
- **Sanskrit class an addition to Nepali Pathasala:** We expanded our Nepali Pathasala by adding Sanskrit class in September 2023. Our Nepali and Sanskrit language programs are fully self-sustaining.
- **Sunday Prasad:** We managed to offer prasad (food) every Sunday throughout the past two years.
- **Networking with local elected officials:** We have tried to obtain government support for our Foundation by meeting local elected officials at our temple and interacting with them. This year, we organized presentation meetings with Norwalk Mayor Ana Valencia and California State Assemblywoman (67th District) Sharon Quirk-Silva.



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- **Application for State Grants:** We have applied for a security grant from the State of California.

Suggestions for the future:

I would like to offer the following suggestions to the new board of directors:

1. Purchase property for the Nepalese Cultural Center and collect at least one million pledged donations.
2. Reach out to new donors: Add patrons, trustees, and life members.
3. Increasing enrollment in automatic payment plan: We should reach out to all Trustees and life members to enroll them in the dollar-a-day program. Offer free birthday puja to the family members who enroll in the dollar-a-day-program. This board decided this on March 26, 2023.
4. There is an ongoing controversy regarding the calendar of festivals observed by Nepali diaspora in various countries. Our temple is observing traditional Nepali calendar, and we took this decision at our last year's AGM. The controversy continues. We initiated conversations with other temple's executives and trustees, but this issue remains inconclusive. The new board should continue to work in this direction.
5. Some donors enrolled in the dollar-a-day program have expressed interest in deducting their pledged dues from their monthly contributions. Allowing donors to combine their contributions could help maximize monthly income and expedite pledge collections. I hope this AGM can take a decision in this regard.

It has been a pleasure working together with each one of you to make this foundation great.

Now I would like to present the monthly activities briefly as follows:

January

- On January 01, 2024, we organized a Samuhik Rudrabhishek & Nava Graha Puja on Monday, January 01. Shree Ishwar Krishna Maharaj was the special guest, and he narrated Musical Katha Satsang. There was enthusiastic participation of community members and devotees.



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- On January 25, we organized a community Satsang in the house of Hem and Radha Thakulla in Pomona.
- Every Sunday is a special day for Bhajans and Satsang at our temple.

February

- On February 4, we organized an event titled “Yoga, Vedanta, and Satsang” with Acharya Lakshman Panthi
- On February 11, we organized a Saraswati Puja at our temple. Nepali Pathasala children learned about Saraswati and performed their talents.

March

- On March 8, we observed Maha Shivaratri. We held Maha Rudhravishek in the morning and evening in mass. The temple was open to the public all day, and there was a large gathering in the morning and evening shifts although it fell on a Friday. Puja ingredients were provided for free. A significant amount of donation was collected from Shivaratri event.
- On March 24, we organized Holi Celebration at our temple. This event was especially meant for Nepali Pathasala children although our community members participated enthusiastically. As always, food was served.

April

- On April 13, we organized a special Satyanarayan Puja, Bhajan and Satsang to observe Nepali New Year 2081 Bikram Sambat. It was an excellent event which was sponsored by Veda Bhakta Joshi.
- On April 14, we participated in Nepal Day Parade in San Francisco
- On April 17, we organized a special event to mark Ram Nawami and Basanta Navaratra.
- On April 27, we organized a special Bhajan with Deepak Raman

May

- On May 18, a remarkable meet and greet with Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva was held at our temple. As the President, I gave a presentation on the



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growth and aspirations of the Nepalese Americans in Southern California. We also sought the state's financial support for the Foundation.

- On May 21, 2568th Buddha Jayanti program was organized. We brought together Nepalese Monk Puranjan Maharjan and four Bengali Monks, including Dr. Karunananda Thero, to celebrate this occasion. We also lit lamps for world peace.
- On May 26, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Nepal Mr. Pradeep Kumar Gyawali visited our temple.

June

- On June 5, a special Satsang was organized with Guru Ramesh Nepal and Guru L. P. Bhanu Sharma, Founder of Jeevan Bigyan Nepal. There was enthusiastic participation of devotees.
- On June 21, we organized a Meditation, Yoga, and Kirtan event to mark International Yoga Day.

July

- On July 7, a special Satsang was organized at our temple with Dr. Patri Das. Trustees Kosh Raj Thapaliya and Sapana Sedhain Thapaliya sponsored the event.
- From JULY 9-14, we hosted Nepali Consular Camp at our temple for the Embassy of Nepal in Washington DC. A total of 785 Nepalis received this service locally. We collected significant donations from this event.
- On July 21, a special Satsang was organized to observe Guru Purnima festival with Saadhvi Rammurti Mahatmaji and Saadhvi Gautami Mahatmaji.
- On July 28, we held two events with Dr. Chintamani Nath Yogi.
- One-Day Cultural Camp for children



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- Dr. Chintamani Nath Yogi ran the Spiritual and Cultural Camp through his inspirational talks and songs.
- Satsang with Dr. Chintamani Nath Yogi.
- This event was organized at the temple in the evening.

August

- On August 19, Janai Purnima/Rakshya Bandhan was observed.
- We initiated and added the traditional ritual of this ceremony by performing Shrawani Mahasnan at Seal Beach California. Janai and Rakshya Bandhan were distributed as usual.
- On August 26, Shree Krishna Janmashthami celebrations with special Puja, Bhajan and Satsang was organized
- Praveen Ghimire and Roshani Dhungana sponsored the Prasad. It was a grand celebration.

September

- September 1: Teej Daar
- September 6: Teej Puja --held in four shifts. All four shifts were packed. There was significant enthusiasm and involvement of community members from various regions, especially new donors.
- September 8: Rishi Panchami Puja
- We collected a significant amount of donations from daar sponsorship and puja.
- September 30: Special Bhajan with singer Narendra Pyasi was organized.

October

- On October 5, we participated in Artesia International Street Fair and Diversity Festival.



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- On October 6. Children's Grand Talent Show event was organized for Nepali Pathasala children. Special appreciation certificates were given. Veda Bhakta Joshi and Nepali Pathasala parents contributed for the event.
- From October 3-16, we celebrated Dashain.
 - As usual, there was a significant presence of community members during the 10-day celebration
 - JAMARA was distributed for free, but we encouraged community members to donate
 - About \$7000 was collected from Prasad sponsorship and Jamara distribution.

November

- Deusi-Bhailo: October 30 and November 1
 - This year's Deusi-Bhailo was held in two locations. We managed this year's Deusi-Bhailo a little differently. We brought together 16 Nepalese women entrepreneurs together and performed Deusi at our temple on November 1. Thank you to all women entrepreneurs who hosted Deusi-Bhailo at our temple. We are equally grateful to Yadav and Resu Chimouriya for hosting Deusi-Bhailo at their home in Baldwin Park on October 30. We managed to collect over \$50,000 cash including pledges. We are also grateful to Singer Krishna Devkota and other local artists for their volunteer cultural performance.
- November 16: A Sound Meditation event was organized with the help of Deep Deoja and Archana Deoja from San Diego.
- November 24: Swojagaran Dhyan program was organized. Secretary Dilli Raj Silwal conducted the event. There was enthusiastic participation of community members from across various regions of Southern California.

December

- We organized a special donor appreciation program on Sunday, December 8, to recognize the contributions made to the Nepalese Cultural Center (NCC)



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project. We awarded the donors with plaques. There was an enthusiastic participation of donors, and we raised over \$100,000 in the course of this event.

- On December 21, we held a special event to mark the 1st International Meditation Day. The event was organized in association of Friends of Osho Nirvana San Diego. Veda Bhakta Joshi sponsored the event.

Thank you.

Rameshor Bhandari

President

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December 22, 2024



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Treasurer Laxman Ghimire presented financials as below:



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Annual Treasurer Report 2024

Strengthening Financial Transparency & Stewardship

Presented by: Laxman Ghimire, CPA

12.22.2024

Summary: 2024

Revenue

\$555,339

Expenses:

\$157,899

Net Surplus

\$397,440

Net Assets on

12/2023:

\$2,290,474

Net Assets on

12/2024:

2,687,914

**Cash &
Equivalents:**

\$1,204,975

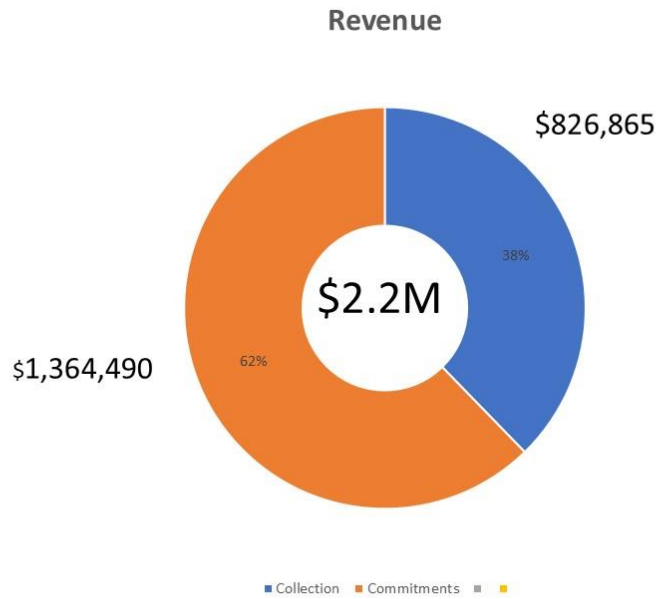


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Nepalese Cultural Center Fund

Join Us to Build a Nepalese Cultural Center – Preserve Our Culture, Heritage, Arts, and Language

Revenue:



Revenue:

NCC Contributions	\$327,953
Donations and Contributions	\$71,310
Event Revenues	\$72,824
Revenue from Services	\$28,474
Investment Income	\$31,395
Other Income	\$23,383
Total Revenue	\$555,339



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Revenue Details:

Event Revenues	
Buddha Jayanti	\$4,145.55
Dashain	\$6,040.00
Deusi Bhailo	\$13,445.22
LA Consular Service Camp Fund	\$11,738.56
Nepali Pathshala	\$10,665.09
Shivaratri Puja	\$15,018.10
Teej	\$4,164.00
Other	\$7,607.47
Event Revenues	\$72,823.99

Donations and Contributions	
Dollar a Day	14,923.00
Donation Box	41,097.50
Other	15,289.24
Donations and Contributions	71,309.74

Expenses:

Expenses:

Program Expenses	\$47,109
Administrative Expenses	\$54,994
Facility Expenses	\$55,796
Total Expenses	\$157,899



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Expenses Details:

<u>Facilities Expenses</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Insurance Liability	\$5,824.00
Janitorial Expenses	\$3,980.00
Gardening	\$3,000.00
Phone & Internet	\$2,219.07
Repairs & Maintenance	\$7,452.31
Security Expense	\$3,195.80
Small Tools and Equipment	\$2,396.35
Supplies Maintenance Facility	\$390.51
Taxes & Licenses	\$5,866.44
Utilities:Electricity	\$8,293.52
Utilities:Gas	\$4,092.67
Utilities:Trash	\$2,950.57
Utilities:Water	\$6,078.10
Total Facilities Expenses	\$55,739.34

<u>Administrative Expenses</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Accounting Fee	\$356.00
Bank Charges & Merchant Fees	\$3,533.88
Contractor Payments	\$2,384.00
Insurance Worker Comp	\$775.50
Membership and Dues	\$149.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$41.00
Payroll Expenses	\$41,520.00
Payroll Taxes	\$4,779.63
Permits and Licenses	\$449.21
Software Subscriptions	\$491.78
Supplies Office	\$582.19
Total Admin Expenses	\$55,062.19

<u>Program Expenses</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Payments for Services	\$7,792.40
Food and Beverages/Prasad	\$21,024.91
Gifts and Prizes	\$500.00
Printing & Publication	\$7,853.19
Program & Events	\$4,700.02
Supplies General	\$5,225.99
Total Program Expenses	47,096.51

A heartfelt thank you to all contributors for their invaluable support, which has been pivotal in advancing the organization's mission

Q&A



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Public Speakers and Public Concerns:

Secretary Silwal opened the floor for questions and concerns from the members.

1. Life member Dilli Prasad Thapaliya applauds the improved presentation of the President's report and annual financial report. He further added that members should know the financials in advance in comparison with previous years' financials, at least for 3 years, and it would be useful to find the trend of income and expenses. He further suggested that we should plan to self-sustain by investing the available funds, budget planning and upgrading the value of the property in redfin, Zillow and other real estate platforms.

Treasurer Ghimire and President Bhandari answered Mr. Thapaliya that all available efforts and improvements will be made in coming years.

2. Trustee Er. Kanhaiya Kayastha proposed that recognizing donations made in memory of late loved ones on the donor wall and website could serve as a meaningful encouragement and similar decisions have been made in the past. He inquired whether donations made under pledged commitments or on specific occasions are being accurately recorded. He praised the foundation for its enhanced overall operations.

President Bhandari answered that most of the information has been recorded accurately categorically per request of the donor but for the donor's wall it's been challenging to put many details. Treasurer Ghimire added that there is still an old pledge due from Mahapuram of 2011.

3. Trustee Ramchandra Lamichhane put some suggestions on behalf of the community.

A. Give some space at the temple for the contribution of Bachan Pravin Din Bandhu Pokhrel.

B. Giving membership on pledged amount.

C. Finding space for after death ritual (kriya putri bhawan) for those who have lack of spaces at their residences.

D. Encourage women to serve in Committees.

E. Hiring an office assistant.

F. Documents such as Bylaws must be also in Nepali



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President Bhandari addressed the concerns raised, expressing gratitude to all individuals who supported and contributed to the construction of the temple. He acknowledged the challenge of finding adequate space for death rituals due to limited availability and restrictions on existing areas, such as garages. He emphasized the need for a significantly larger space to meet the community's requirements.

Regarding the prudent use of funds, he stated that hiring an office assistant must be carefully considered. He also remarked that granting memberships based on pledged donations is not a practical approach.

On the matter of bylaws in Nepali, he recommended adhering to the law of the land, noting that translation is not a significant issue due to the availability of free translation software. Additionally, he encouraged and welcomed women to participate actively in committees.

At the end of questions and concerns, Secretary Silwal suggested that participation is the key to forward and achieving the goal of the foundation. We should add more programs to benefit the community members and be open to collaborating with other organizations if necessary.

Introduction of New Trustee members and new Life Members and distribution of plaques:

After the conclusion of floor discussion of public Questions, concerns and suggestions, Secretary Silwal started the ceremony of distribution of the plaques to New Trustees and Life Members. BOT EC Chairperson and Chair of the AGM Mr. Bhakta Thapa, President Rameshor Bhandari jointly welcomed and presented the Membership Plaques to the following new Trustees and Life Members of the Foundation.

	<u>NEW TRUSTEES:</u>
1	Kiran K Upadhyay & Shradha Upadhyay
2	Shamsher (Subash) Bhandari & Kalpana Bhandari
3	Bhuwan Paudel & Modika Paudel
4	Anju Adhikari & Suraj Sharma



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5	Khemu Regmi & Ram Prasad Sharma
6	Vikrant Giri & Kamala Giri
7	Yadav Chimouriya & Resu Mainali Chimouriya
8	Upendra Neupane & Sabitri Neupane
	<u>NEW LIFE MEMBERS:</u>
1	Acharya Choodamani Pathak
2	Bishnu Hari (Madan) Tripathee & Mandira Dhakal
3	Binod & Elina Thapa
4	Arjun Dhakal & Manju Devkota
5	Kabindra Pant & Ila Pant
6	Nir Kumar Thapa & Sharada Thapa
7	Sitaram Kattel & Chandra Kala Mishra
8	Khemlal Adhikari & Krishna Parajuli
9	Ajit Babu Ghimire & Sushma Aryal Ghimire
10	Sangita Shrestha & Ashok Shrestha
11	Balaram Banstola & Gita Subedi Banstola
12	Nandalal Gautam & Narayani Gautam
13	Mahendra P Kandel & Lalita Kandel
14	Ramji Chaulagain & Dhanisara Chapagain
15	Sushila Marahatta
16	Amrit Mahato
17	Bharat Pokhrel & Srijana Pokhrel
18	Bhuwa N Niure & Anita Niure
19	Ram Dhungel & Aaradhana Lamsal Dhungel
20	Kamal Gautam & Sharada Gautam
21	Radha Krishna Gautam & Ranjita Dhakal Gautam
22	Anita Basnet & Krishna Thapa
23	Anita Gurung
24	Krishna Bhattarai & Ambika Bhattarai

Lunch:

The meeting was on the lunch break on 12:29 PM



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Selection and Election of the New Managing Board of Directors and Board of Trustees, Executive Committee

The following vacancy was announced:

President-Elect (1)

Senior Vice President (1)

Vice President (1)

Secretary (1)

Joint Secretary (1)

Treasurer (1)

Joint Treasurer (1)

Directors (12)

There was an enthusiastic participation for the submission of nomination to serve in the Board of the Foundation. Members submitted the nomination from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Selection and Election Committee led by BOT Chair Bhakta Thapa published the candidate's list on 12:30 PM. All vacancies were unopposed except there were 2 candidates submitted their nomination for the post of Joint-Secretary. The consensus was reached between the two candidates and on 2:15 PM announcement of New Managing Board of Directors was made my Chairperson of the Selection and Election Committee as Follows:

President:	Bimal Shrestha
President-Elect:	Ram Babu Pandey
Immediate Past President:	Rameshor Bhandari
Senior Vice President:	Dilli Siddhartha) Silwal
Vice President:	Upendra Sapkota



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Secretary:	Tulasi Ram Gyawali
Joint Secretary:	Suman Dhakal
Treasurer:	Laxman Ghimire
Joint Treasurer:	Dilli P. Thapaliya
Directors:	1. Ajit Babu Ghimire
	2. Amrit Mahato
	3. Bhawani Pandey
	4. Bhuwa Niure
	5. Chakrapani Mishra
	6. Milan Nyaupane
	7. Muna Pyakuryal
	8. Nanda Lal Gautam
	9. Prabin Ghimire
	10. Ram Sharan Pandey
	11. Sanju Sapkota
	12. Sapana Sedhain Thapaliya

Following the announcement, Patron and Honorary Consul General Rishi Dhakal extended his congratulations to the newly elected board. He also shared a brief history of the Foundation, reflecting on the challenging circumstances under which it was established. Overcome with emotion, he recalled the struggles and hardships endured during the Foundation's early days.

Looking ahead, the temple priest offered heartfelt best wishes and divine blessings. Bhakta Thapa, Chairperson of the Election and Selection Committee, officiated the oath-taking ceremony for the newly elected Board members.



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Following the oath ceremony, the newly elected president, Bimal Shrestha, addressed the meeting. He expressed gratitude to the outgoing president, Rameshor Bhandari, as well as to Bhakta Thapa, Chairperson of the Selection and Election Committee, and the entire Board of Trustees for successfully overseeing the selection and election process. He extended his congratulations to the new Board and all members of the Foundation, pledging to advance its mission with the utmost dedication and commitment.

Formation of Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees

Board of Trustees Executive Committee Chairperson Bhakta Thapa requested Patron Rishi P Dhakal to propose new Chairperson for the Executive Committee. Platinum Patron Veda Bhakta Joshi, and Trustee Kanhaiya Kayastha joined with Mr. Dhakal for the task. Mr. Dhakal thanked Chairperson Bhakta Thapa and entire committee for their selfless service. He proposed Platinum Patron Akaraj Pandey for the new Chairperson and no opposition was made. With the consensus, the Executive Committee Board of Trustees was formed as below:

Chairperson: Akaraj Pandey

Members:

Bhim Dhakal
Bibek Shrestha
Bimala Dhakal
Dilli Thapa
Netra Mainali
Rajan Karki
Ram Raja Pandey
Samsher (Subash) Bhandari
Shyam Joshi
Sushila Pandey Neupane

Thank you and Remarks by the Chair:

Mr. Bhakta Thapa, Chair of the Annual General Meeting, expressed his gratitude to everyone for their participation, which contributed to the success of the meeting. He emphasized the importance of unity in working together to achieve the Foundation's mission.



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4. Adjourn:

There being no further business, the Annual General meeting was adjourned at 03:43 PM PST.

Sign and submitted by:

Dilli (Siddhartha) Silwal
Secretary

Approved by:

1. Trustee Krishna Koirala
2. Life Member Laxman Nepal
3. Trustee Kosh Raj Thapaliya

****End****