



Delaware Nepali Society

Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes

Meeting	Executive Committee Meeting		
Date	09/10/2025	Location: Virtual	
Attendees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rabi Khanal (President) <input type="checkbox"/> Pramila Subedi (Vice-President) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bal Nepal (Secretary) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gokarna Chalise (Joint-Secretary) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Santosh Kadel (Treasurer) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aagya Adhikari (DVNP) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ram Khanal (DVNP) <input type="checkbox"/> Jonish Khanal (Sports and Recreation) <input type="checkbox"/> Aurash Tiwari (Sports and Recreation) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dinesh Neupane (Events and Culture) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hum Lal Bhandari (Events and Culture) <input type="checkbox"/> Sanjay Gupta Sagar (Professional Development and Communication) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prerana Khatiwada (Professional Development and Communication)		
Topic	Discussion and Conclusions	Actions & Follow-Up	Pending/Resolved
Tax File (2024)	As informed by Rabi Khanal, the tax filing for 2024 was completed and sent to IRS in July 2025.		
DNS Re-filing	<p>Regarding re-filing DNS as a public nonprofit under the name <i>Delaware Nepalese Society</i>, the Board of Directors (BOD) has decided not to pursue a new filing at this time.</p> <p>Instead, we plan to submit a Request for Reclassification (IRS Form 8940) as recommended by the IRS. This form allows us to request a change in our classification from a private nonprofit organization to a public non-profit organization. The associated IRS filing fee is approximately \$600.</p> <p>As part of this submission, we are required to include a formal letter explaining that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DNS is a nonprofit organization, and • Our funding is derived from various individual donors, not a single source. <p>We will also provide the following supporting documentation:</p>	Action required	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial records demonstrating public support • A statement of activities and fundraising practices • Recent tax filings <p>Action: Rabi Khanal will take the lead in drafting the formal letter required for the IRS submission. Once the draft is ready, it will be shared with all BOD members for review and feedback. Any suggestions or revisions can be incorporated as needed before the final version is submitted.</p> <p>In addition, Mr. Khanal has already begun completing IRS Form 8940 (Request for Reclassification) as part of the process to change our status from a private non-profit organization to a public non-profit organization.</p>		
<p>Teej/Picnic Celebration – Feedback</p>	<p>Following our recent event combining Teej celebration and the picnic, we received some thoughtful feedback from attendees:</p> <p><u>Event Combination – Teej and Picnic:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several community members expressed that holding Teej and the picnic together may have reduced overall attendance. Some individuals could have assumed that the event was primarily focused on Teej and therefore intended mainly for women, which may have discouraged broader participation. <p><u>Venue Consideration – Outdoor Setting:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many women shared that wearing saris in an outdoor environment was uncomfortable, especially with the weather and seating conditions. They suggested that future Teej celebration be held indoor. 		



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<p>Sports Week Feedback</p>	<p>We've also received some important feedback regarding the logistics and communication of the recent community event:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Late Announcement: The event details were shared with the community quite late. As a result, many people were either unaware of the full agenda or unable to make necessary plans to attend/participate. 2. Unorganized Sports Activities: While several sports activities—including the ladies' sack race—were scheduled, there was no clear communication about cancellations or delays. A few participants were present and ready, but due to lack of coordination, the race did not take place, and some attendees left disappointed. 3. Insufficient Drinking Water: There was a noticeable shortage of drinking water during the event. This caused inconvenience for attendees, especially given the outdoor setting and weather. 4. Lack of Onsite Coordination: There appeared to be no designated individuals managing specific responsibilities during the event. This led to confusion and a sense of disorganization among participants and volunteers. 		
<p>Dashian Volleyball Cup</p>	<p>As in previous years, the Dashain Volleyball Cup is scheduled to take place in the third week of September. The event committee has held its planning meetings and finalized the</p>		



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	<p>schedule. A request was then came to DNS for support.</p> <p>Although the request came after many details had already been finalized, the BOD discussed the matter and agreed to provide moral support. DNS is also willing to help share event information and the tournament schedule on DNS platforms, including Facebook page and website, to help promote community engagement.</p> <p>This decision was communicated to Narayan Khanal by Bal Nepal and Hum Lal Bhandari. However, as of now, no response has been received.</p> <p>Due to the last-minute nature of the request, DNS was not in a position to offer financial or administrative support for this year’s event. We hope to be considered earlier in the planning process in the future, which would allow for more meaningful collaboration.</p>		
<p>Event Feedback Form</p>	<p>Lokesh Bhatta and Prerana Khatiwada have developed an event feedback form intended to gather input from community members regarding recent events and overall engagement. While the form is ready, it has not yet been distributed.</p> <p>Once shared and responses are collected, the feedback will be analyzed to help streamline and improve future event planning and organizational activities. This effort reflects our ongoing commitment to making events more inclusive, efficient, and aligned with community expectations.</p>		
<p>DNS Membership Promotion and Member Benefits</p>	<p>The BOD has agreed to actively encourage members of the Nepali community to become official members of DNS if they have not already done so.</p> <p>To promote membership growth and engagement, the BOD discussed implementing the following initiatives:</p>	<p>Action required</p>	



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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discounted entry fees for DNS-organized events. 2. Free movie. <p>The BOD has proposed organizing a free movie at a local cinema hall during the winter season as a special benefit for members. This would not only serve as a token of appreciation but also strengthen community engagement and attract new members.</p> <p>Action: Gokarna Chalise will brainstorm and develop several framework options related to member and non-member fees. Once finalized, these proposals will be shared with the Board for review and further discussion.</p>		
<p>Dashain/Tihar Party</p>	<p>The BOD has decided to organize the annual Dashain/Tihar celebration in early November. The event will be held on either November 1/2 or 8/9, with the final date contingent upon rental hall availability.</p> <p>Event Format Options:</p> <p>The BOD is considering two main program formats, depending on budget feasibility:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Invite a Nepali Singer/Artist <p>If financially feasible, a Nepali artist, who is already in the USA, will be invited to perform at the event. One name that has come up during discussion is Prabisha Adhikari, who is currently in the U.S. and has performed recently in cities such as Baltimore and Chicago.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ram Khanal mentioed that she performed in Chicago, and the audience 	<p>Action required</p>	



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	<p style="text-align: center;">response was positive.</p> <p>Action: Aagya Adhikari and Ram Khanal will gather some futher information regarding availability and cost for performance.</p> <p>2. Feature Local Talent If the cost of bringing an external artist is not manageable, the event will instead showcase local talents from within our community, as has been successfully done in the past.</p> <p>Venue exploration:</p> <p>Action: To secure an appropriate venue, the following members will explore event hall availability: Rabi Khanal, Dinesh Neupane, Gokarna Chalise</p> <p>Once the hall is secured and artist availability is confirmed, the BOD will finalize the date and program format.</p>		
<p>Upcoming Deusi Bhailo Program</p>	<p>The Deusi Bhailo program, traditionally organized by DVNP, will continue this year as well. The event typically involves children and their parents visiting Nepali households and singing Bhailo.</p> <p>In the earlier years, the number of participants was small, making it manageable to host the program inside individual homes. However, in recent years, participation has grown significantly, and many parents have expressed concern that their home spaces are too small or congested to accommodate large group.</p> <p>To address this, the BOD has suggested exploring alternative venues to better manage space</p>	<p>Action required</p>	



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	<p>and logistics. Two potential options have been proposed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Host the program in a public park such as Lums Pond to allow for more open space and easier coordination. 2. Request use of the Hockessin Temple hall (pending availability and cost). <p>Action: Santosh Kadel will take the initiative to contact the temple associates to inquire whether the hall can be used at no or minimal cost.</p>		
<p>Upcoming Events/Programs</p>	<p>To manage and prevent overlapping events between DNS and DVNP, Dinesh Neupane and Hum Lal Bhandari will compile a comprehensive list of scheduled programs and events for the remainder of 2025 and for 2026.</p> <p>Action: Dinesh Neupane and Hum Lal Bhandari will coordinate this effort closely with DVNP representatives - Aagya Adhikari and Ram Khanal to ensure effective scheduling and collaboration.</p>	<p>Action required</p>	
<p>DNS Financial Update</p>	<p>As of now, the DNS account balance stands at \$9,158. However, this figure is subject to change, as there are still a few cases where membership fees need to be refunded to individuals.</p> <p>Source of Funds:</p> <p>The current balance primarily comes from membership contributions collected from community members.</p> <p>A final and updated financial report will be shared once all pending refunds are processed</p>		



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Recorded By: Bal Nepal, DNS Secretary