



# Shree Pashupatinath Foundation, USA

MEETING OF THE MANAGING BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
NORWALK, CALIFORNIA  
10: 00 A.M. PST

## Minutes

The eighteenth meeting of the Managing Board of Directors of Shree Pashupatinath Foundation, USA was held on Sunday, September 25, 2022, at 10: 00 AM PST at the office of the Foundation in Norwalk, California.

### 1. Attendance

S. N	Name	Position	Roll Call (Note)
1	Mukunda Dhungana	President	Present
2	Bimal Shrestha	First Vice President	Present (on the phone)
3	Neera Aryal Pandey	Second Vice President	Present
4	Dilli Thapa	Third Vice President	Present
5	Netra Mainaly	Fourth Vice President	Present
6	Rajesh Pandey	Fifth Vice President	Present
7	Rameshor Bhandari	Secretary	Present
8	Eka Dev Sharma	Joint Secretary	Present
9	Bhim P Dhakal	Treasurer	Present
10	Kosh Raj Thapaliya	Joint Treasurer	<b>Absent (informed)</b>
11	Chandra Siwakoti	Director	Present
12	Keshar Bhandari	Director	<b>Absent (informed)</b>
13	Lalmati (Sona) Basnet	Director	Present
14	Nabin K Pokharel	Director	<b>Absent (didn't inform)</b>
15	Ram Babu Pandey	Director	<b>Absent (informed)</b>
16	Sushil Chaugai	Director	Present
17	Dilli (Siddhartha) Silwal	Director	Present
18	Amit Luitel	Youth Member	<b>Absent (didn't inform)</b>
19	Shusma Pant	Youth Member	<b>Absent (didn't inform)</b>
20	Subin Bhattarai	Youth Member	<b>Absent (informed)</b>
21	Suraj Shrestha	Youth Member	<b>Absent (didn't inform)</b>



## **Also present, if any**

BOT Chairman Veda Bhakta Joshi, BOT Treasurer Akaraj Pandey, Advisors Rishi Dhakal and Bhakta Thapa, Surya Prasain, Shyam Joshi, Suman Dhakal, and Laxman Gadtaula

## **2. Roll Call**

Secretary Bhandari called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. PST. Following a call of the roll, it was noted that a quorum was present. He requested President Dhungana to chair the meeting and start formal proceedings.

## **3. Approval of the previous minutes**

Secretary Bhandari moved the motion to approve the minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Managing Board of Directors of Shree Pashupatinath Foundation, USA held on Sunday, July 17, 2022.

## **4. Adoption of the Agenda**

The Managing Board of Directors present at the meeting unanimously approved the agenda items previously sent to them via email and added some agenda. The following agenda items were tabled.

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- (1) Update on current financial situation
- (2) Renovation quotes: Should we accept proposal A or B?
- (3) Daily operation of temple errands in the absence of Office Manager
- (4) Priest's contract revocation or renewal (?) notice
- (5) Buying an adjacent house; we need to make an offer to a property that is not in the market yet.
- (6) Planning for the upcoming Dashain and Tihar festivals
- (7) Additional agenda: Formation of Bylaws Committee

## **5. Welcome and Update**



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President Dhungana welcomed BOT chairman Veda Bhakta Joshi, advisors Bhakta Thapa and Rishi Dhakal, BOT treasurer Akaraj Pandey, and board members, and he asked Secretary Bhandari to table the agenda items.

## 6. Discussion/Decision(s)

**Agenda 1:** The meeting approved the minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> board meeting held on July 17, 2022.

**Agenda 2:** No renovation quotes were tabled in the meeting.

**Agenda 3:** President Dhungana asked Secretary Bhandari to table the third agenda. Rameshor said we need to divide responsibilities among team members in the absence of office manager. Joint Secretary Eka Dev Sharma and Director Siddhartha Silwal will jointly assist Rameshor Bhandari on flyer design and publicity.

**Agenda 4:** President Dhungana said the fourth agenda item be discussed. He said the priest is planning to buy a house in Colorado and ultimately move there. We need to look for a good priest. The meeting decided not to renew priest's contract.

**Agenda 5:** President Dhungana said agenda item 5 be discussed. Rameshor said an adjacent property is for sale, and we need to make an offer if we want to buy the property.

President Dhungana said this is an opportunity to expand our property.

Bhakta Thapa: This is an investment.

Rishi Dhakal: We cannot buy all homes around here because it is very expensive, and our community cannot afford here. We need to buy cheap land to expand it.

Decided to sponsor \$1200 gift for Sunday School students.

**Decision(s):** The meeting unanimously decided to start the process to make an offer to the property adjacent to the temple. Advisor Bhakta Thapa and Joint Secretary Eka Dev Sharma will carry out some research and offer appropriate amount to the owner.

**Agenda 6:** President Dhungana said agenda item 6 be discussed. Rameshor said Dashain starts tomorrow, September 26, and we need to prepare Ghatasthapana today. There is a Satsang today, so we need to prepare Jamara trays before Satsang starts. VP Dilli Thapa, VP Netra Mainaly, and Director Siddhartha Silwal will lead other community members in preparing Jamara trays.

**Decision(s):** The meeting decided to buy *sel roti* (Nepali donuts) for every morning from Ghatasthapana until Mahanawami Puja. Prasad will be served every morning until Mahanawami, October 4. Prasad will be served in the evening on Kanya Puja that falls on October 4. The meeting also decided to request BOT members and Life Members to sponsor Durga Puja and Prasad.

**Agenda 7:** President Dhungana said agenda item 7 be discussed. He asked Secretary Bhandari to table the agenda. Rameshor said the current bylaws has many inconsistent and redundant



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provisions that should be fixed. He gave an example of Articles 3 and 4 that can be merged into one.

President Dhungana proposed a five-member bylaws committee to study and recommend a new draft by November 30. He proposed that Trustee Chair Veda Bhakta should lead the committee comprising Advisors Dr. Jeet Joshi, Rishi Dhakal, and Bhakta Thapa. Rameshor Bhandari will represent Managing Board of Directors.

**Decision(s):** The meeting unanimously formed the following Bylaws Committee 2022.

- (i) Mr. Veda Bhakta Joshi (Chair)
- (ii) Dr. Jeet Joshi (Member Secretary)
- (iii) Mr. Rishi P. Dhakal
- (iv) Mr. Bhakta Thapa
- (v) Mr. Rameshor Bhandari

## 7. New Business

There was no new business.

## 8. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM PST.

Signed and submitted:

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*Rameshor Bhandari*

*Secretary*