



# Association of British Alumni in Nepal

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## ABAN Newsletter

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### 17<sup>th</sup> AGM of ABAN Concludes



The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Association of British Alumni in Nepal (ABAN) was successfully concluded on April 11, 2015 at the British Council hall chaired by president Mr. Shander Prasad Paudel in the presence of the British Council Country Director Mr. Brendon McSharry as the chief guest, ABAN Executives and other members of ABAN and guests.

The chief guest inaugurated the auspicious event by lighting an oil-fed lamp. Vice President of the Association Mr. Tulasi Prasad Uprety welcomed the guests and ABAN members in the event, General Secretary Mr. Mahendra Khanal presented annual activity report and Treasurer Ms. Rupa Basnet presented annual accounts and auditor's report of the Association, which the audience later formally adopted it by clapping.

Chief Guest Mr. Brendon McSharry expressed his pleasure to be present in ABAN's 17<sup>th</sup> annual general meeting, lauded the commendable works done by the Association in the field of education, health, social and other important function in close coordination with the British Council and invited ABANians to be pro-active in celebrating the 200 years of Britain-Nepal Diplomatic relations in 2016. He assured full cooperation for the greater success of ABAN to achieve its objectives.



President of the 8<sup>th</sup> ECM of ABAN Mr. Shanker Prasad Paudel expressed gratitude to ABAN members.

### ABAN AGM ELECTS 9<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee for 2015-2017

The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Association of British Alumni in Nepal (ABAN) held on SApril 11, 2015 elected by consensus the 9<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee and office bearers for 2 years (2015-17):

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| 1. Mr. Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha | President                   |
| 2. Mr. Tulasi Prasad Uprety     | Vice President              |
| 3. Mr. Uttam Prasad Panta       | General Secretary           |
| 4. Mr. Hariom Dhoj Joshi        | Treasurer                   |
| 5. Ms. Preeti Karki             | Assistant General Secretary |
| 6. Ms. Shiva Devi Kafle         | Assistant Treasurer         |
| 7. Mr. Madhav Prasad Bhatta     | Member                      |
| 8. Mr. Narayan Prasad Sharma    | Member                      |
| 9. Mr. Umesh B. Malla           | Member                      |
| 10. Mr. Mahendra Khanal         | Member                      |
| 11. Mrs. Rupa Basnet            | Member                      |
| 12. Mr. Punya Prasad Paudel     | Member                      |
| 13. Mr. Shanker Prasad Sharma   | Immediate Past President    |

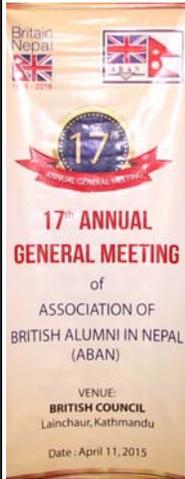
In his acceptance speech, the newly elected president of ABAN Mr. Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha expressed his gratitude to all ABAN members for showing their trust and confidence for leading the Association as its president for two years.

After joining ABAN in 2001, he served in its Executive Committee for six years as Member, General Secretary and Vice President until 2008 and then after got engaged Rotary Nepal assignments as Assistant Governor and Chair of different Committees so far.

In the pursuit of achieving the lofty objectives of ABAN, he proposed to form five different standing committees and invited ABAN Life Members to join in one or the other committees to contribute their expertise to uplift the activities and image of ABAN.



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One of ABAN's objectives is to strengthen professional, educational and cultural relationships between its members and the British professionals, educational institutions, British Embassy and the British Council, he said. "We can proudly say that our relationship with the British Embassy and the British Council has been highly encouraging through rapport building, networking and organizing activities jointly. The School heads' workshop, in collaboration with Leeds University, was a milestone

to partner with the international institution.

Publication of ABAN magazine released today, are other achievements of our tenure", he said.

Now ABAN has very good working relation with Nepal Britain Society, Chevening alumni association and Australian alumni association Nepal, which are positive steps in networking. Education Worldwide based its in Denmark has nominated us as its vice president and coordinator of Nepal chapter. ABAN is organizing programmes in joint collaboration with Education worldwide.

"To be sincere enough, we are not claiming that the 8<sup>th</sup> executive committee has performed the best but we can assure you whatever we have done is done with good motive and sincere efforts. It was our collective effort, and so I wish to thank all members of the 8<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee members".

He thanked Maheswor Shrestha, advisor and editor of the magazine for timely and qualitative output, British Council and Ms. Suchita Shrestha for their constant support. Mr. Shanker Sharma also recognized and awarded for the support of SOS Children's Village, the British Council and others in ABAN activities.

The 17<sup>th</sup> AGM also passed a resolution to collect Rs.5,000/- as contribution from each new life member over the existing membership fee.



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President Maheswor also suggested to form two separate funds for Educational and Health services, and pledged to contribute Rs.10,000/- each to the fund as seed money and inspired others to join in. Newly elected Treasurer Mr. Hariom Dhoj Joshi announced that he will also contribute Rs.5,000 each to the Funds from his side. Likewise, life member Mr. Upendra B. Shrestha contributed cash Rs.2,000/- to the Education Fund and pledged to contribute Rs.2,000/- for health service fund as well.

Mr. Shrestha expressed his happiness on the formation of the 9<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee of ABAN comprising of very experienced and energetic members to help him achieve the objectives of ABAN. He also proposed to activate Advisory Council involving all the Past Presidents of ABAN to suggest the right directions and strategies to achieve the objectives effectively. He also invited other life members to become members of standing committees of their choice and work for the greater success of ABAN.

Mr. Shrestha called upon all ABAN members to help enlist qualified new life members, honorary members and to help raise funds needed to organize many different activities of the Association. Members are the great source of the Association for intellectual deliberations, fund raising and other social/ cultural, educational and health service activities that the Association plans to continue working on.

Past President Mr. Rabi Jung Pandey conducted the election proceedings very efficiently. Life member Ms. Preeti Karki expertly volunteered as MC of the AGM and the British Council hosted high tea that the ABAN members and guests enjoyed after the program. ABAN Magazine March 2015 released on the occasion was distributed to ABAN members present there. Lastly, the support of advertisers in the magazine that helped raise some surplus fund for the Association was lauded and thanked.