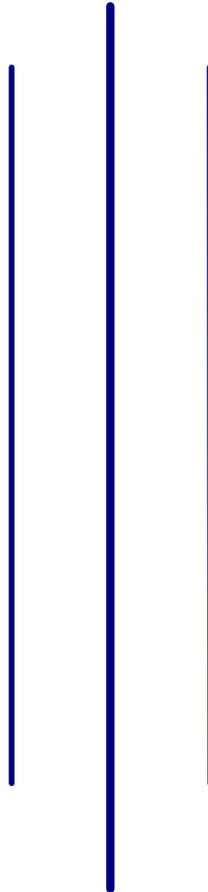




**AMERICA-NEPAL FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY, INC.**  
(ANFS)

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ANFS Policy Agenda: *Approved at the ANFS General Membership meeting on August 28, 2004  
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## INTRODUCTION

*America-Nepal Friendship Society, Inc. is an association of individuals engaged in bringing the people of the United States and Nepal closer together in understanding, appreciation and cooperation.*

*It is a private, nonprofit, nonpolitical organization devoted to cultural, educational and public affairs and to discussions, exchanges and studies in areas of vital interest to both people.*

*Its aim is to provide a medium through which each nation may learn from the experiences and accomplishments of the other.*

## OBJECTIVES

The general objectives of the America-Nepal Friendship Society are:

- To promote understanding, friendship, and goodwill between the people of the United States of America and the Kingdom of Nepal by encouraging and facilitating visits, exchanges of ideas, discussions and dissemination of information.
- To generate and mobilize resources to support specific charitable programs and projects that benefits our people locally and in Nepal.
- To work with the local Nepali community members, groups, organizations and friends of Nepal for the establishment and development of a Nepali Cultural Center that will function as the principal contact point for all Nepalis and friends of Nepal and offer social, cultural, educational and information services.
- To organize Nepali cultural events promoting traditions of the Nepali people.
- To make itself available as much as it can as an information resource to newcomers of Nepali origin.

## **POLICY AGENDA**

America-Nepal Friendship Society, an organization established in 1983 to promote understanding, friendship and mutual co-operation between the people of the United States and Nepal, in consultation, cooperation and collaboration with all stake holders may develop and execute concrete policies and programs within its established scope and limitations. Such policies and programs may include but are not limited to the following:

### **A. PROGRAM AGENDA**

#### **1. Outreach and Constituency Building/Networking**

America-Nepal Friendship Society shall...

- make efforts to develop meaningful relationships among local Nepali individuals, groups and community organizations in order to create a unified and supportive environment to issues that are of mutual interest and importance.
- identify prominent Nepali and non-Nepali organizations and jointly or in collaboration conduct forums, workshops, seminars and discussions in areas of mutual interests.
- make public officials as well as friends of Nepal aware of Nepali community issues and generate their support to help us accomplish our mission.

#### **2. Local Nepali Community Building and Support**

America-Nepal Friendship Society shall...

- identify issues and foster local community building.
- work with Nepali community groups/members and friends of Nepal to mobilize and generate support for individuals and groups to address specific issues of non-political nature.

#### **3. Generation and Mobilization of Resources for Projects and Programs in Nepal**

America-Nepal Friendship Society shall...

- identify resources and explore opportunities to support specific social, cultural, health, disaster relief, educational policies and programs in Nepal.
- support non-political efforts to bring lasting peace, stability and development to Nepal.

## **B. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEPALI EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL CENTER (THE ACTUAL NAME WILL BE DECIDED BY THE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES IN FUTURE)**

The Nepali community in the United States, particularly in the Tri-state areas of New Jersey, New York and Connecticut is growing fast and includes people of all different professions who have varied needs and aspirations. Nepalis and friends of Nepal need an organized institution devoted to cultural, educational and public affairs. The “Center” could function as an independent “central resource/contact point” for all. The “Center” may develop and implement programs and policies to promote Nepali values and traditions through educational, social and cultural programming, which may include but is not limited to: (a) development of an “Information Clearinghouse on Nepal” that offers its services to both the Nepali community and friends of Nepal-this may include: creation of Nepal specific databases and the establishment of a library; (b) establishment of a venue and opportunities for all Nepalis and friends of Nepal to come together and share ideas, knowledge, and experiences through community meetings, forums, discussions and conferences that are beneficial to our communities in the New York area and in Nepal; (c) provision of summer educational services to Nepali children and youths; and (d) provision of Nepali language services and cultural orientation to friends of Nepal; and so on.

### **Options:**

- ANFS will support and work with larger Nepali and friends of Nepal community members, groups and organizations to create a Nepali Community Center.

## **C. ORGANIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

The ANFS Executive Committee along with the active participation of the Board of Advisors will make aggressive efforts to increase the organization’s membership and improve its financial health. Particular efforts will be made to reach out to all Nepali individuals, community groups and friends of Nepal so that ANFS becomes an organization of “all people” who support the stated mission and goals of the organization.

In order to achieve its Mission, ANFS:

- will develop informational materials and disseminate them to Nepali community groups, individuals and friends of Nepal in order to educate them about ANFS’s work and generate their support.
- will identify friends of Nepal who have lived and/or worked in Nepal as well as those who have an interest in Nepali community affairs-- both here in the US and in Nepal--and seek their active support and involvement in all aspects of the organization.
- will encourage the Board of Advisors to take a principal role in the development of the organization--especially to improve the financial health of the organization through continuously identifying resources and generating funds for various projects and programs.
- will create a database and publish a directory of Nepali community members and friends of Nepal.

- will explore with other community members and groups the feasibility of bringing out a periodical publication that includes stories, views, analysis and other materials that are of interest to the community.

## **CONCLUSION**

As ANFS attempts to be more effective and relevant to the Nepali community and friends of Nepal, it will seek support and commitment from all Nepali community members, groups and friends of Nepal to advance its cause.

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