



# 7th Annual General Meeting (AGM) Report

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# 1. Executive Summary

The [Nepal-U.S. Alumni Network \(NUSAN\)](#) successfully convened its [7th Annual General Meeting \(AGM\)](#) on Saturday, 20 December 2025, at the Himalayan Hotel, Lalitpur. The AGM brought together over 180 NUSAN members, along with a representative from the U.S. Embassy in Nepal, reflecting a strong institutional partnership and sustained support for USG Exchange Alumni and U.S. Graduate Alumni engagement in Nepal.

During the meeting, the Executive Committee highlighted two major institutional achievements from its tenure aimed at expanding and strengthening NUSAN's presence across Nepal's seven provinces. These included the establishment of Provincial Coordination Committees (PCCs) and the appointment of Provincial Focal Persons, reinforcing NUSAN's decentralized and inclusive organizational structure. Additionally, the successful onboarding of U.S. Graduate Alumni further diversified the network and enhanced engagement across academic and professional backgrounds.

The AGM also served as an important platform for newly joined U.S. Graduate Alumni to gain deeper insight into NUSAN's mission, programs, and ongoing initiatives. Members actively participated in discussions, shared constructive feedback, and contributed to strategic reflections supporting the organization's continued growth and impact.

As the Third Executive Committee completed its two-year tenure, the AGM facilitated a formal leadership transition through the election of the **Fourth Executive Committee**. Active member participation in the electoral process reaffirmed NUSAN's commitment to democratic governance, transparency, and accountability.

Overall, the 7th AGM reaffirmed NUSAN's dedication to building a vibrant, connected alumni community while strengthening people-to-people ties between Nepal and the United States through sustained alumni engagement, professional development, and collaborative initiatives.

# 2. Overview of the 7th AGM

## 2.1 Inaugural Session

### 2.1.1 Opening Remarks

The AGM formally commenced with opening remarks delivered by **Mr. Nikesh Balami, Secretary** of NUSAN. He warmly welcomed all participants, expressed sincere appreciation for their presence, and acknowledged their continued dedication and active involvement in the organization.

In his remarks, Mr. Balami emphasized the critical role of NUSAN members in sustaining and strengthening the organization. He highlighted how the inclusion of U.S. graduate alumni further enriches NUSAN's collective efforts by creating additional opportunities for engagement, collaboration, and mutual support across the alumni network.

## 2.1.2 Lifetime Members Certification

A special segment of the AGM was dedicated to recognizing new Life Members who joined NUSAN following the Sixth Annual General Meeting. These members were formally acknowledged for their long-term commitment and support, and each was presented with a Life Membership Certificate.

The recognition ceremony was facilitated by **Ms. Erica Alexander, Cultural & Public Engagement Officer** at the U.S. Embassy, and **Ms. Pravina Amatya, President** of NUSAN. They congratulated the new Life Members and emphasized the importance of Life Membership in ensuring the organization's sustainability, institutional continuity, and long-term impact.

The presentation of certificates served not only as a token of appreciation but also as encouragement for all members to remain actively engaged in NUSAN's initiatives and leadership.

A total of **13 alumni** joined NUSAN as Life Members, including **11 USG Exchange Alumni and 2 U.S. Graduate Alumni**:

- Dr. Santosh Agrawal – E-Teachers Scholarship (2011)
- Bidhata KC – IVLP (2022)
- Nirmala Bhandari – Global Sports Mentoring Program (2023)
- Pravina Amatya – IVLP (2012)
- Radhika Shakya – U.S.-Nepal Leadership Exchange Camp (2016)
- Pashupati Shrestha – Teaching Excellence and Achievement (TEA) Program (2025)
- Sushil Aryal – IVLP (2010)
- Dr. Ngang Dorchi Lama – The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (2016/2025)
- Pawan Poudel – IVLP (2025)
- Anish Rauniyar – Wabash College (2015/2019)
- Subash Dharlan – IVLP (2025)
- Anil Shah – George Washington University (1983/1987)
- Kolin Bikram Rana – IVLP (2025)

## 2.1.3 Provincial Coordination Committee (PCC) Focal Persons

**Mr. Baman Kumar Ghimire**, Vice President of NUSAN, introduced the **Provincial Coordination Committee (PCC) Focal Persons** and outlined their roles in strengthening NUSAN's engagement across Nepal's provinces.

He explained that this initiative aims to expand membership across all seven provinces, promote inclusive participation, and decentralize organizational activities. By establishing active provincial representation, NUSAN seeks to make its programs, opportunities, and initiatives more accessible to alumni nationwide.

Mr. Ghimire emphasized that strong provincial networks are essential for increasing local engagement, encouraging participation of both USG Exchange and U.S. Graduate Alumni, and building a vibrant, collaborative, and sustainable alumni community aligned with NUSAN's long-term vision.



## 2.1.4 Embassy Remarks

**Ms. Erica Alexander, Cultural & Public Engagement Officer** at the U.S. Embassy in Nepal, shared her reflections on NUSAN's growing impact. She noted that the organization has significantly strengthened alumni engagement, particularly through the onboarding of U.S. Graduate Alumni, and expressed confidence that NUSAN is on track to become one of the largest and most active U.S. alumni networks in Nepal.

## 2.2 Annual Report and Financial Overview

The Annual Progress Report was presented by **Ms. Swarna Tamrakar, General Secretary** of NUSAN, who provided a comprehensive overview of the organization's achievements and initiatives over the past two years. She highlighted key programs and strategic efforts implemented by the Third Executive Committee to strengthen institutional systems, enhance alumni engagement, and expand community outreach.



Following this, **Ms. Kushma K.C., Treasurer** of NUSAN, presented a detailed financial overview covering income and expenditure for **Fiscal Years 2080/81 and 2081/82**. The presentation emphasized transparency, accountability, and responsible financial management. She also announced the appointment of a new auditor for the upcoming fiscal year, reaffirming NUSAN's commitment to strong financial governance and compliance.

## 2.3 Q&A Session

The AGM provided an open and inclusive platform for members to engage directly with the leadership through a Q&A session. Members shared feedback, raised questions, and offered suggestions regarding organizational performance and future direction.

Participants acknowledged the Executive Committee's achievements in designing and implementing alumni engagement activities despite limited funding. Members also recognized efforts to promote women's leadership within the organization. At the same time, some members expressed differing views regarding the development of membership voting guidelines. These perspectives were openly received and acknowledged, reflecting NUSAN's commitment to transparency, inclusivity, and continuous improvement.

## 2.4 Closing Session

### 2.4.1 Past President's Remarks

**Mr. Saroj Bista, Past President and Advisor** of NUSAN, commended the Third Executive Committee for its leadership, dedication, and significant contributions in strengthening alumni engagement and expanding NUSAN's national presence.

### 2.4.2 President's Remarks

The AGM concluded with closing remarks by **Ms. Pravina Amatya, President** of NUSAN, who expressed sincere gratitude to NUSAN members, the U.S. Embassy, partners, sponsors, Executive Committee members, and staff for their continued support and collaboration throughout her two-year tenure.

## 3. U.S. Graduate and U.S. Embassy Networking Session

Following the formal AGM proceedings, a dedicated networking session was held between U.S. Graduate Alumni and the U.S. Embassy representative. The session provided a constructive space for dialogue, idea exchange, and reflection on alumni engagement.

U.S. Graduate Alumni expressed strong appreciation for the NUSAN network and emphasized its value in fostering professional growth, collaboration, and community connection. They shared that their participation in the AGM was motivated by a desire to better understand NUSAN's structure, activities, and future plans, as well as to explore meaningful ways to contribute to the organization.

Participants welcomed the recent involvement of Mr. Anil Shah in NUSAN and recommended considering his appointment in an advisory capacity, noting that his experience and leadership could further strengthen NUSAN's initiatives and outreach. Overall, the discussion reflected growing interest among U.S. Graduate Alumni in active engagement with NUSAN and highlighted opportunities for deeper collaboration between alumni, U.S. exchange programs, and the U.S. Embassy.

## 4. Fourth Executive Committee Election

The AGM also hosted the **Fourth Executive Committee Election**. The election was conducted by the Election Committee comprising **Mr. Bhola Dhungana, Mr. Bikal Shrestha, and Mr. Rajkumar Shrestha**.

Mr. Dhungana presented the nominated candidates and outlined the election procedures, including voting rules and regulations, to ensure a fair and transparent process. Following the completion of voting, the results were formally announced on the same day, confirming the formation of the new Executive Committee for the 2025/2027 term.



This transparent and efficient election process reinforced NUSAN's principles of democratic governance, accountability, and active member participation.

#### **Elected Executive Committee (2025/2027):**

- Swarna Tamrakar – President (IVLP, 2014)
- Agni Raj Upadhayay (Anil) – Vice President (PFP, 2023)
- Nikesh Balami – General Secretary (TechCamp 2019; CACN 2023/2024)
- Pratigya Bashyal – Secretary (PFP, 2024)
- Gargi Nepal – Treasurer (CSP, 2019)
- Kabita Shrestha – Member (PFP, 2018)
- Alish Gurung – Member (OPEN GOC, 2024)
- Pawan Poudel – Member (IVLP, 2025)
- Prakash Lamichhane – Member (IVLP, 2022)
- Astha Kumari Chaudhary – Member (Fulbright TEA, 2019)
- Navina Gyawali – Member (Global UGRAD, 2014/2015)

## **5. AGM Highlights in Photos**





