

The NAPSIPAG General Assembly meeting was held on 13th Dec 2009, 11 pm at UUM, Alor Setar, Kedah, Malaysia.

1. The meeting opened with a vote of thanks by Dr. Ahmad Martadha Mohammad to the participants for their participation at the annual NAPSIPAG conference. Dr. Martadha also thanked the local organizing team for making the conference a grand success.
2. Prof. Amita Singh thanked Dr. Ahmad Martadha Mohammad for his immense contribution in organizing the NAPSIPAG conference in a very meticulous and meaningful manner. She further requested that any form of divisive strategy of any kind such as that related to gender, religion, faiths and nationalities should melt at the alter of NAPSIPAG which is a forum above all these narrow boundaries to facilitate human interaction.
3. The NAPSIPAG Chair Dr. Sharif As-Saber recognized and offered a vote of thanks to the conference organizer Dr. Ahmad Martadha Mohammad. Dr Sharif also thanked the keynote speakers Prof. Chris Nyland and Prof. Ian Marsh for their time and effort in attending the conference despite several difficulties which they had to face.
4. The Chair also informed the house that a separate column titled as PATRONS has been added to get the support and guidance of those people of calibre and academic brilliance that would bring value to NAPSIPAG through their presence and inclusion in the forum would be placed under patrons. Second change which was informed to the house was the one made in the Constitutional By-laws. Article Six, titled EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR has been replaced by SECRETARY GENERAL, to be elected by the Steering Committee in its first meeting from amongst the newly elected Steering Committee members. An Executive Research Coordinator will be appointed to coordinate all administrative and research matters within the Secretariat. The salary of the Executive Research Coordinator would be funded by the NAPSIPAG funds. This stands approved with retrospective effect of the last Steering Committee Meeting held in JNU 6th December 2008 and the Executive Meeting held at Kuala Lumpur 22nd January 2009 at INTAN. However due to a transition of Secretariat business notes the minutes could not be received for approval and ratification.
5. Dr. Sharif announced that regarding the 2009 conference there would be two publications- an international publication and a UUM publication. All paper presenters are requested to send their papers by the end of January 2010.
6. To help consolidate NAPSIPAG, the members are requested to send information regarding any other such governance related institutions that might be interested in joining NAPSIPAG.
7. The Chair announced that the forthcoming 2010 NAPSIPAG conference will be held at Kathmandu.
8. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the members, participants, the Secretariat and the local host for making the 2009 NAPSIPAG conference a memorable experience.