

## BACKGROUND

Nepal comprises various types of climate from tropical to tundra within north south span of 160 km on average. Nepal is also a land of abundant water resources consisting more than 6000 rivers and tributaries originated from the Himalayas. These natural resources can be utilized only with the proper scientific understating in the field of Hydrology and Meteorology.

Nepal is fourth vulnerable country in the word in terms of adverse effects of climate change but its contribution in GHS is insignificant. Himalayan glaciers are melting at a very fast rate that has potential impact on water resources. Weather/climate induce disasters such as floods, extreme rainfall, drought, glacier lake outburst flood (GLOF) etc are more frequent. This has added ultimate threat to sustainable economic development of the county.

Thus, a professional organization of Hydrologists and Meteorologists was felt to gear the expertise, ideas and effort towards the mainstream of the development and also to address relevant issues related with Hydrology and Meteorology. Initially, the idea was first floated during the World Meteorological Day celebration program held on March 23, 2001 (2059 BS, Chaitra 10) and the professional organization was formed. The first assembly was held on July 21,2002 (2059 BS, Shrawan 5).

## THE SOCIETY

SOHAM-Nepal is a non profitable professional organization registered at the District Administration Office, Kathmandu on January 16, 2002 (2059 BS, Magha 3).

The General Assembly is the highest body of the society which prepares/amends the rules and regulations of the society and guides it. The annual general assembly can be called only after 15-day public notice and will need a presence of 51% the total number of members.

According to SOHAM-Nepal rules and regulations (SOHAM BIDHAN 2058), the executive committee will form three members election committee to conduct the election for new executive committee. The tenure of the executive committee is of three years. The elected executive committee will be sworn in the general assembly.

The executive committee comprises Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, General Secretary, Treasurer and eight members. Among the eight members, two members are nominated by the first meeting of newly elected executive committee to make the committee more inclusive and representative. Beside the Annual General Assembly, a special assembly may be called if necessary.

SOHAM-Nepal publishes "Journal of Hydrology and Meteorology", an international standard peer review journal which is also an open access journal. Newsletters are issued twice in a year. With grand success of two international conferences in 2008 and 2013, SOHAM-Nepal has embarked to convene a national symposium on Hydrology and Meteorology-2015 in Katmandu.

## OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the society are:

- Promote studies and researches in the field of hydrology and meteorology in Nepal.

- Help academic and professional upliftment of Nepalese hydrologists and meteorologists and protect their rights.
- Establish contacts with concerned national and international organizations towards development of mutual benefit.
- Develop involvement of national professionals related to hydrology and meteorology towards overall development of the country.
- Promote contacts, solidarity and professional ethics among hydrologists and meteorologists.
- Conduct research independently or in collaboration with national and international institutions, publish materials related to this, as well as conduct consultancy services.

## THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The present seventh executive committee was formed by the election held on August 8, 2014 (Shrawan 23, 2071) and also got the responsibility on August 31, 2014 (Bhadra 15, 2071) for the period of next three years (2014-2017)

Mr. Jagat Kumar Bhusal (Free lancer)	Chairman
Dr. Rijan Bhakta Kayastha (KU)	Vice Chairman
Mr. Suman Kumar Regmi (DHM)	General Secretary
Mr. Barun Poudel (DHM)	Secretary
Mr. Rameshwor Rimal (NARC)	Treasurer
Mr. Binod Parajuli (DHM)	Member
Dr. Dibas Shrestha (NAST)	Member
Dr. Hemu Kafle (NAST)	Member
Mr. Narayan Prasad Gautam (TU)	Member
Mr. Ramchandra Karki (DHM)	Member
Mr. Sujan Subedi (DHM)	Member
Dr. Khada Nanda Dulal (HEC)	Member
Mr. Pradeep Man Dongol (ICIMOD)	Member

## MEMBER AND MEMBERSHIP

SOHAM-Nepal has the provision of different types of memberships such as General, Life, Honorary, Institutional and Associate Member. The membership criteria are as follows:

- Anyone having a Master's Degree (or above) in Hydrology or Meteorology or Water Resources
- Anyone having a Master's Degree in the disciplines closely related to Hydrology and Meteorology (e.g., Physical Sciences, Geography, Geology etc as approved by General Assembly) and having at least 3 years work experience in the field of Hydrology or Meteorology
- Anyone having a Bachelor's Degree in Hydrology or Meteorology or Water Resources and having at least 3 years work experience in the field of Hydrology and Meteorology.
- Anyone having Bachelor's Degree in Engineering and having work experience at least 3 years in the field of Hydrology or Meteorology
- Anyone having work experience at least 5 years in the field of Hydrology or Meteorology as a officer level in Nepal Government service or University

Anyone having the criteria as defined can be a general member of the society upon payment of the general membership fee. General membership is valid for one year and it has to be renewed every year. A life membership can be given if a person has at least one year general membership or three year associate membership. The society may grant honorary membership to national or international personalities with outstanding achievement or dedication to the development of Hydrology and Meteorology. The society may grant institutional membership to national and international non-governmental organizations in order to enhance contacts and work areas. Persons

having Bachelor's Degree in Hydrology and Meteorology but not eligible for general membership may get associate membership. Only general and life members are eligible for voting, candidacy or propose a candidate for elections. The executive committee has established following membership fee structure:

	Nepali (NPR)	SAARC (US\$ or equiv NPR)	Non-SAARC (US\$ or equiv NPR)
General	1000	10	20
Life	4000	120	240
Institutional	5000	300	600
Associate	350	5	10

The Executive Committee may revise the membership fees as and when necessary.

## FUTURE

Many great strides await the path of SOHAM-Nepal. The future of the society may be analogous to that of the nation itself, which has spent so many years dreaming of prosperous life based on the exploitation of the vast water resources and yet marginally materialized. It is the members who decide how the society is to be driven. And if wise hands drive this society it might become the very reason that the ultimate dream of the nation comes true. The society pledges your active participation, support and contribution.

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