

SEBS NA, Inc. (Formerly SEBS-North America)

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Annual Report 2020-21
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Executive Committee 2019-21

On behalf of everyone at SEBS North America, we would like to thank the Executive Committee 2019-21 for their service to the organization. The following members served in the committee led by President Kamal Ranabhat.

President:	Kamal Ranabhat (287B)
Vice President:	Sanju Mahato (988B)
Treasurer:	Dodamla Ruit (388B)
Joint Secretary:	Anup Nepal (6142C)
Executive Member(s):	Sunil Shrestha (868A) Bijay Bokhim (934A) Kiran Kattel (285B) Deepak Gyawali (291B) Laxman Pandey (328B) Rajan Nepal (418B) Krishna Chettri (503B) Babita Adhikari (8126)



Institutional Remodelling: SEBS NA, Inc.

It gives us great pleasure to inform you that we have officially remodeled SEBS North-America [501(c)(3) nonprofit organization] into a bigger, better, and stronger corporation called SEBS NA, Inc. [another 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization]. This institutional remodeling will help us design impactful programs and expand the scope of our organization to better serve our members, our alma mater, and our family, friends, and partners in North America and beyond.

Mandate and history: On July 18, 2020, during the annual meeting, the members of SEBS-North America approved the resolution to reorganize the entity and give it a formal legal entity status as a not-for-profit corporation. The resolution also provided authorization to the executive committee to execute and deliver the instruments and documents necessary to effectuate the reorganization.

On behalf of both organizations, SEBS NA, Inc. would like to thank all its members, partners, and stakeholders for their support over the last two decades, and looks forward to earning your support moving forward. The executive committee received *pro bono* legal counsel from the law firm of Kelley Drye & Warren LLP, one of the top law firms in the country. Our members, Roshan Shrestha and Raxat Mahat helped lead this reorganization. SEBS NA, Inc. would like to thank them for their support.

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A group of about seven people are gathered in a meeting room. They are seated around a table with several laptops open. One person is standing and looking at a device. A large projector screen on the right wall displays a website or application. The room has a patterned carpet, a window with blinds, and posters on the wall. The overall lighting is dim, with a blue tint.

Member Engagement & Support

Member Engagement and Support

Medical Support

In 2020-21, SEBS North America continued its efforts of supporting members during **medical emergencies**. SEBS NA was able to raise \$4,000 and \$1,500 for medical emergency funds for Late Saroj Joshi (507 A) and Govinda Rai (163 A) respectively. The ex-com deeply grieves the demise of Saroj Joshi, may the departed soul rest in peace.

COVID Contingency

Considering the effects of the pandemic on our members, SEBS North America developed a **microloan** program for SEBSers facing economic hardships. A total of \$3,000 was loaned to members living in the United States and Canada.

Talk Program

SEBS North America organized two virtual **knowledge sharing events** in 2020-21, whereby our members interacted with sectoral experts to understand about COVID in the early stages of the pandemic and the immigration laws in the United States as they were changing. We plan to continue organizing similar programs in the future with the objective of reducing information asymmetry, democratizing knowledge and providing networking opportunities to our members.



Member Engagement and Support

Social Justice Fund

SEBS North America is matching dollar to dollar contribution received for the **Social Justice Fund** established by SEBS Anti-Harassment and Anti-Discrimination (SAHAD) Committee. The fund aims to support student- and staff-led initiatives that promote social justice, diversity, equity, and inclusion, and fight against harassment and discrimination at **Budhanilkantha School**. SAHAD is a standing committee at SEBS that collaborates with relevant stakeholders to develop programs and projects for social justice in and around our communities.

SEBS NA Education Fund

Conceptualized in 2021, SEBS NA is establishing **"SEBS NA Education Fund"** to provide financial assistance to needy Budhanilkantha School students and SEBSers for education-related endeavors. From assisting current eligible students to continue their education past grade 10 to supporting alums who need financial support to take their standardized exams, the fund will support and govern all such requests. SEBS NA, Inc. will work with the BNKS alumni community and other well-wishers to raise funds for this project.

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Supporting Budhanilkantha School

Supporting Our Alma-Mater: Budhanilkantha School

Volunteer Teachers

Since 2019, SEBS North America has been supporting Budhanilkantha School by sponsoring and coordinating the placement of **native English speakers as volunteers to support English teachers**. The executive committee continued the program by placing eight volunteers - Savanna Aryal, Nikita Adhikari, Nikunj Pradhan, Kritika Adhikari, Lumina Dahal, Smarika Nepal, Lokshree Gautam and Aruna Shrestha. We plan to continue the program in the future.

Laptop Donation

During COVID, when online learning was enforced all over Nepal, Budhanilkantha school (BNKS) requested Society of Ex-Budhanilkantha Students (SEBS) to provide a laptop to each teacher to lead the online classes effectively and efficiently. SEBSers around the world contributed in producing and donating a total of **35 laptops** to the school. We would like to thank all SEBSers who contributed to the campaign directly or indirectly. With all your support, we were able to support the learnings of our future SEBSers, our *bahinis* and *bhais* of Budhanilkantha School.

Online Learning

During the pandemic, SEBS North America supported Budhanilkantha School in its technological transition to remote and hybrid learning environment. Microsoft Outlook, Office 360 and Zoom were implemented as BNKS teachers and students continued to seek excellence in education despite the pandemic. SEBS NA invested \$977.28 in the project.





Community-Driven Programs

Community-Driven Program(s)



2,000 books, 2000 children in 30 days

COVID-19 brought uncertainty everywhere around the world: among many affected people, children were the most vulnerable in terms of learning. Especially in the rural part of Nepal, online learning was not smooth due to a lack of infrastructure, teacher training, community, and government support. Keeping all these in mind and thinking right to learn should not be restrained at any time, SEBSers Bharat Kandel (819B), Laxman Udas Pandey (328 B), and Uttam Sharma (849B) launched a campaign of **"2000 books to 2000 children in 1 month"**. Donations of books started from 2/14/2021 and the campaign has been successfully organized in 22 schools of various districts of Nepal. SEBS-NA also actively supported this noble cause by granting \$2500 for this campaign. We hope this book donations campaign will reach every district of Nepal.

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Collaborations: Bloom Nepal Foundation



SEBS NA is a fiscal partner for Bloom Nepal Foundation (a nonprofit) and Bloom Nepal School. They raised \$31,293.75 using our platform in FY 2021.

About Bloom Nepal: Ram K. Rijal (708C) was inspired by his highly talented peers while doing his undergraduate at MIT. Soon he noticed a trend among his friends, which was that they all had the opportunity to explore their area of interest from a small age. With the aim of establishing learning institutions in his home country, Nepal, of similar culture, Mr. Rijal returned home soon after finishing his finals (not even waiting for the graduation ceremony) to materialize his idea. The result, today, is Bloom Nepal School. Started with just 17 students in 2012, the school now has more than 700 students in two schools across the country. They aim to make quality education available to everyone, everywhere in Nepal. **Website:**

<https://bloom.edu.np/about>

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Collaborations: Sahayeta & Sano Paila



SEBS NA supported nonprofits in Nepal during the pandemic. \$35,723 transferred to support COVID19 relief.

SEBS NA collaborated with Sahayeta Nepal (a bay area based to raise funds and transfer them to Sano Paila (a nonprofit organization in Nepal) as they constructed **four isolation centers**, provided **supplies at the prison**, setup **ventilators**, and provided COVID-19 **telemedicine** to the most vulnerable groups. A total of \$35,723.08 was transferred to the organization. The goal of this campaign was to fund local non-profits already on the ground and serve the most vulnerable groups, migrant workers, women, and children on the Nepal-India border.

Website: Sano Paila: <https://sanopaila.org/> Sahayeta Nepal: <https://www.sahayeta.org/>



Collaborations: Namlo Europa



SEBS NA supported Namlo Europa to enhance the educational infrastructure and develop programs at three public schools in Nepal.

The collaboration supported three schools in Tanahun District - *Tribhuvan Secondary School (Bhanu Municipality)*, *Kyamin Secondary School (Vyas Municipality)* and *Kamdhenu Secondary School (Ghiring Rural Municipality)*. There were a total of 16 programs ranging from enabling teachers with montessori education to building water and sanitation infrastructure to equipping classrooms with better tools and furnishing. Namlo Europa's program supported a total of 1,156 students in Nepal. SEBS North America supported the programs as the fiscal partner raising and transferring funds.

Website: Namlo Europa - <https://namloeuropa.org/en/>



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Executive Committee 2021-23

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President:	Bharat Kandel (819 B) (Missouri)
Vice President:	Babita Adhikari (8126 D) (Georgia)
Treasurer:	Ankit Bhattarai (8007 D) (Washington)
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General Secretary:	Kaushal Sapkota (041 C) (Oregon)
Immediate Past President:	Kamal Ranabhat (287 B) (Maryland)
IT Officer:	Rajan Nepal (418 B) (Missouri)
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Advisory Board:	Shyam Aryal (178B) (North Carolina) Kiran Kattel (285B) (California) Dipak Gyawali (291B) (California) Krishna Chettri (503B) (California)
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Thank you, please continue to support us!

Join, volunteer, fundraise, donate, develop programs and participate. Email: sebsna@sebsna.org

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