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### The Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies

The Nepal Studies Association has changed its name to the Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies. The organization made this change to bring its name into conformity with its mission and with the interests and identities of its members. The change was submitted to all members for a vote on the unanimous endorsement of those attending the 1999 Annual Membership Meeting. It passed by an 11 to 1 ratio in a mail vote of the members which followed discussion in *Himalayan Research Bulletin* (XIX:2) and concluded in September, 2000.

Since its inception almost 30 years ago the Nepal Studies Association has had members whose interests lie beyond Nepal's borders, and this diversity is reflected in the title and contents of the organization's flagship journal, the *Himalayan Research Bulletin*. Thirty years ago Nepal was a small, isolated country, economically, politically, and intellectually overshadowed by larger neighbors. The tiny band of Himalayan scholars who founded the NSA as a subsidiary of the Association for Asian Studies sought to recognize the country's unique characteristics and problems by calling the organization the Nepal Studies Association. By 2000, however, the global economy has integrated Nepal into the contemporary world. The challenges and opportunities that face Nepal are similar to those facing other Himalayan states. By changing our name, we hope to reflect these new realities.

John Metz, President

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