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## *- CQN 2019-2020 Board of Directors*



During the Annual General Meeting held on June 2, 2019, elections for the administrators of the Board of Directors were held. The 2019-2020 Board of Directors includes (left to right):

Uttam Shrestha, Administrator

Anna Van Ermengen, Treasurer

Lyse Ferland, Vice-president

Michèle Legault, President

Caroline Boucher, Administrator

Achut Parajuli, administrator

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Renée Champagne, Administrator

Doris Fréchette, Secretary

You can find the 2018 Annual Report on our website.

## *- Nepal in the XXI<sup>st</sup> Century*

It has been almost twenty years since CQN began working in Nepal. Our annual visits and the work accomplished over the years have enabled us to see how the country has evolved and the changes that have come about in a very short period of time.

Villages that could only be reached on foot using narrow, dangerous paths can now be accessed by bus. Mobile phones send messages in minutes, whereas before, it took two days walking to speak with a family member in a village located in another valley.

The royal palace has become a museum. This small kingdom has chosen to govern itself by means of a constitution and political parties and its development is now accompanied by local, regional and national elections.

With its mountains, glaciers and big rivers, the country is affected by climate change. Climate change is visible and significant in Nepal and has already had an impact on the population.

Terraced agriculture is still practiced in parts of the country and continues to be very demanding. During harvest, rice, maize and buckwheat are still transported manually in heavy dokos. Grass must be gathered to feed the animals and wood must be collected to burn for cooking stoves. Some activities are carried out in the same way as they were 300 years ago, but the villagers are becoming familiar with the lifestyle of wealthier people. Today, those without are demanding toilets, safe drinking water, smokeless stoves and most parents want to send their children to school.

To illustrate how Nepal has evolved over the past twenty years, I have asked several people to write on a variety of topics in order to draw a brief portrait of this country in transition. We will present their points of view in our next three newsletters.

Don't miss it!

*Wishing you a wonderful summer!*



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