Nominee Statement: Sailesh Kumar Mishra

# Position: IAPB Group C Trustee

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| **Nominee Job Title** | | | | |
|  | | | Executive Director | |
| **Nominee Organisation** | | | | |
|  | | | Nepal Netra Jyoti Sangh | |
| **Nominating IAPB member organisation** | | | | |
|  | Nepal Netra Jyoti Sangh | | | |
| **Represented by:** | | | | |
|  | | | | Chet Raj Pant |
| **Seconded by:** | | | | |
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| **Seconding IAPB member organisation:** | | | | |
|  | | Eye Care Foundation | | |
| **Seconding Statement** | | | | |
|  | | <https://www.iapb.org/index.php?gf-download=2021%2F03%2FECF-seconding.pdf&form-id=36&field-id=22&hash=61123b86d0f086b3634e1291d04cef3085efd32f0358c0d6cbb02e1860a4658a> | | |
| **Nominee Statement** | | | | |
|  | I am Sailesh Kumar Mishra, compassionate social development professional, member of WHO GET alliance with extensive experience in eye healthcare, currently working as an Executive Director of Nepal Netra Jyoti Sangh, national NGO and active member of IAPB in Nepal running 20 eye hospitals and 126 eye care centres. I achieved a good professional record of implementing strategic eye healthcare plans and policies supporting blindness prevention programs, expansion of eye care facilities and strategic alliances with donors. I have had also the privilege serving as a Country Chair IAPB for Nepal for 4 years. During these years, I played an important advocacy role for the implementation of IAPB strategy in Nepal. Development of regional strategies and priorities for IAPB work in the region was carried out with my active participation. IAPB regional and council of member meeting were successfully organized in Nepal. Close relationship with IAPB members and WHO offices was established for promotion of best practice, learning and collaborative work.  I can state with an acute awareness that we have the highest amount of blindness and the highest amount of disparity in the service delivery in South East Asia. There are many unmet needs in the region and COVID 19 pandemic has added additional backlog. The current preparedness in SEA region is inadequate and needs a greater thrust to achieve the WHO stated goal. I believe that I can facilitate partnership building in the region to tackle the barriers for delivering eye care for all and creating knowledge platform of cross learning and create models of eye care planning.  My professional experience with IAPB during these years combined with my dedication and enthusiasm would allow me to step into the regional role quickly and enable me to make a valuable impact to IAPB goal in SEA. I believe that I can work closely with stakeholders across region and can coordinate with IAPB and WHO to advocate for Universal Eye Health strengthening regional and national activities for the prevention of blindness and visual impairment.  I believe in hard work, dedication, commitment, and transparency.  In this endeavor I wish to present myself as a nominee for IAPB Regional Chair for SEA. I would like to assure you that I can deliver my time and commitment to fulfill this role. I need your endorsement, support, and participation. | | | |