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American Society of Nepalese Engineers (ASNEng)

Minutes of Teleconference Meeting of Board of Directors (BOD)

Sunday, February 20, 2011

Meeting attendees: Dabit Acharya, Sanjaya Gajurel, Jagannath Ghimire (General Secretary), Samana Ghimire, Pujan Joshi (Information Secretary), Uendra Karna, Kanhaiya Kayastha , Pradeep Khanal (Joint Secretary), Ramesh B. Malla, (President), Bishnu Phuyal, Ankur Sharma, Shyam Sharma, Rajendra Shrestha, TX (Vice President), Rajendra Shrestha (FL)

Absent by notice: Kulmani Acharya, Naresh Koirala, Manish Shakya, Prakash Shrestha

The Board of Directors (BOD) & Chairs of various Committees of American Society of Nepalese Engineers (ASNEng) held the teleconference meeting on Sunday, February 20, 2011. .

Item#1: Meeting Call to Order

Ramesh Malla, Ph.D., President of the Society, called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM (EST).

Item#2: Self Introduction of Meeting Attendees

The attendees (Board of Directors and the Executive Board) gave brief introduction including their state of residence.

Item#3: Review and Approval of the December 12, 2010 BOD Meeting Minutes

Mr. Kanhaiya Kayasthasubmitted the motion and Dr. Uendra Karna seconded it. The attendees thereby approved the December 12, 2010 BOD Meeting Minutes unanimously with minor corrections.

Item#4: Summary Updates on ASNEng activities– Dr. Malla

Dr. Malla provided updates on various activities of the Society, including the following:

- Publication of an article about ASNEng in CAN USA newsletter, Dr. Malla also indicated that he met a few key people including State Minister of Ministry of Science and Technology (Mr. Indra Dhungel), Dean (Dr. Bharat Pahari) in Institute of Engineering/Pulchowk Campus, Secretary (Dr. praksh C. Adhikari), National Academy of Science and Technology in Nepal in December with whom he talked about ASNEng and its activities.
- Awards, Grants and Scholarship Committee's 4th Draft completed.
- Activities of theJoint ANMF/ASNEng/CAN-USA Initiative on Earthquake Preparedness in Nepal;
- Executive Committee Meeting held on January 29, 2011

Item#5. Officers' reports (Vice President: Rajendra Shrestha, Ph.D.; General Secretary:

Jagannath Ghimire, P.E., Joint Secretary: Pradeep Khanal, Information Secretary: Pujan Joshi; and Treasurer: Smarika Paudel Sitaula)

- Dr. Rajendra Shrestha to prepare guidelines for formation of Local Chapters

- J. Ghimire notified about the enthusiasm in Washington D.C. area for Local Chapter
- Mr. Pradeep Khanal updated that ASNEng had received three (3) new applications
- Mr. Pujan Joshi updated about New hosting of ASNEng website/Email; payment to both Yahoo and GoDaddy for a few weeks and slowly cancel service from Yahoo. Also, Mr. Joshi informed about the ongoing activities related to the Website of the Society.

Item#6. 2011 ASNEng Conference Preparation.

- Dr. Malla sent proposals to two other professional organizations (CAN USA & ANMF) to have the annual conference jointly in the upcoming summer: CAN USA has agreed to join and waiting for a response from ANMF.
- Dr. Rajendra Shrestha tabled the motion for holding Joint Conference and Dr. Upendra Karna seconded it. The motion passed unanimously
- Location and exact date to be determined

Item#7. Request from NRN NCC of USA for delegates from ASNEng, It was decided to table the decision on this issue.

Item#8. Joint ANMF/ASNEng/CAN-USA Initiative on Earthquake Preparedness and Disaster Relief in Nepal updates and activities- R. Malla

Dr. Malla provided updates on the responses received on this issue. The Joint Committee is scheduled to meet on February 27 via teleconference. He has sent the agenda for the meeting and has invited about 60 people to the meeting, including about 28 from Nepal. As the Society has decided to hold the joint conference with other associations, the overall setting of the conference will be discussed in the next meeting.

Item#9. 2010 Tax File (IRS and State of South Carolina)

Mr. Ghimire., General Secretary of the Society to take care of this task.

Item#10: Various Committee Reports & Change/renew leaderships of the committees:

(i) Award, Grants & Scholarships Committee –Chair - Ankur Sharma

(Discussion on Guidelines - R.Malla, A.Sharma, B. Phuyal, P. Shrestha, R. Shrestha).

Mr. Ankur Sharma, Chair of the Committee said that he had sent the edited version of the draft to the Board of Directors (BoD). The meeting also discussed some pledges made from the Society members for the Scholarships.

(ii) Membership Recruitment & Outreach Committee:– Bishnu Phuyal, Ph.D.

Dr. Bishnu Phuyal thanked Mr. Jagannath Ghimire, Dr. Upendra Karna and Mr. Pradeep Khanal for their active role.

(iii) Programs Committee: Chair – Open

To be determined.

(iv) Newsletter/Publication Committee: Chair – Prakash Shrestha, P.E.

Ms. Samana Ghimire informed that she was waiting for the articles/news from the members.

(v) Bylaws Amendment & Membership Standard Committee: Chair – Rajendra Shrestha, Ph.D.

Dr. Rajendra Shrestha to prepare the guidelines for Society's Local Chapter formation; Dr. Upendra Karna and Dr. Malla to assist him.

(vi) Website/Database Committee: Chair – Sanjaya Gajurel, PhD

Dr. Sanjaya Gajurel informed that Mr. Nitesh Manadhar has been selected as the Vice Chair of the Committee. His committee is fully working with the new website. He requested everyone to visit the website and send feedback to the committee.

(vii) Technical Committee: Chair – Open./Vice Chair: Kanhaiya Kayastha, P.E., S.E.

Mr. Kanhaiya Kayastha is working as the Vice Chair of the Committee. Mr. Kayastha updated about the recent earthquake related activities in Nepal. He is also leading the Earthquake Preparedness in Nepal Subcommittee of ASNEng

(viii) Membership Review committee: Officers

Mr. Pradeep Khanal said that the Society had received three new applications for membership.

(ix) Nepal Liaison Committee: Chair – Sagar Onta, P.E.

No report. Chair absent

(x) Liaison Committee: Chair – Upendra Karna, Dr. Eng., P.E.

Dr. Karna discussed about the funding opportunities for Earthquake Preparedness programs through USAID.

(xi) Nomination/Election Committee: Open

Item#12 Checklist for Action Items.

*i) Establish Scholarships and grants-**Ongoing***

*ii) New Website Design and Transition- **Completed***

*iii) International Conference in Nepal in 2011- **Ongoing***

*iv) Earthquake Preparedness and Disaster Relief in Nepal- **Ongoing***

Item#12: Old business

December 20, 2010 meeting had decided to create an "Emergency Funds". This has not been initiated. This will be discussed in the next meeting.

Item#13: New Business

No new business recorded.

Item#14 Next Meeting – The next meeting is scheduled on Sunday, April 24, 2011, 7 PM EDT (tentative)

Item#15: Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 PM EST

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jagannath Ghimire, P.E.

General Secretary

American Society of Nepalese Engineers (ASNEng)

Date: April 19, 2011

Teleconference Meeting of Board of Directors (BOD)
Sunday, February 20, 2011, 7:00 PM (EST)
(Dial in Tel #213-342-3000 Participant Access Code:278699)

Agenda

- 1: Meeting Call to Order: Ramesh Malla, PhD., President
- 2: Self Introduction of Meeting Attendees: All
3. Review and Approval of December 12, 2010 BOD Meeting minutes.
4. Summary Updates on ASNEngr activities– Dr. Malla
5. Officers' reports (Vice President: Rajendra Shrestha, Ph.D.; General Secretary: Jagannath Ghimire, P.E., Joint Secretary: Pradeep Khanal, Information Secretary: Pujan Joshi; and Treasurer: Smarika Paudel Sitaula)
6. 2011 ASNEngr Conference Preparation.
7. Request from NRN NCC for delegates from ASNEngr
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- 15: Adjournment