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Teleconference Meeting of Board of Directors (BOD), Chairs and Vice Chairs of Standing Committees

Saturday, March 15, 2014
9:00 PM - 10:30 PM (EST, U.S.A.)
Dial in Tel# (605) 475-3200
Participant Access Code: 911483#

Minutes

Attendees: Rajendra Shrestha, Jagannath Ghimire, Binod Tiwari, Janak Thapa, Ramesh Malla, Kul Mani Acharya, Sagun Amatya, Santosh Dhakal, Kanhaiya Kayastha, Yagna Pant, Ankur Sharma, Achyut Shrestha, Upendra Karna, Lok Darshan Shrestha, Thakur Dhakal.

1. Meeting Call to Order: Rajendra K. Shrestha, Ph.D., President
 - Meeting started at 9:06 pm.
2. Self Introduction of Meeting Attendees:
 - Attendees introduced themselves.
3. Approval of November 2013 and January 2014 BOD Meeting Minutes
 - November meeting minutes was passed with correction in item 11.
 - January meeting minutes was approved with a correction in the name of Baikuntha Adhikari.
4. Updates on ASNEng Activities
 - Preparation on the 2014 ASNEng/ CAN USA conference, Arizona is under way.
 - Executive committee will meet on March 22 to form the steering and technical committee for the upcoming annual conference.
 - Technical theme of the conference has been finalized.
 - Notification of grant award has been sent out and acceptance has been received from one recipient.
 - NRN Skill, Knowledge and Innovation Transfer (SKI) Committee is looking for participation from ASNEng. Please contact Raju Adhikari, chair of the committee.
 - ASNEng press release for the grant award has been prepared and edited.
 - Documents for 2014 Tax for South Carolina and Federal Tax needs to be prepared and submitted.

- Notice for membership renewal has been sent out.
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 - Jagannath Ghimire mentioned that a check of \$1000 was received from Conoco Phillips. Additional amount of \$414 was received from membership renewal. The total balance in the account is \$9,100.
5. ASNEngr Election/Nomination Committee
- Lok Darshan Shrestha will chair the Nomination and Election committee. He will be joined by Sanjay Acharya, Santosh Poudel, Pradeep Gautam and Mohan Bastakoti.
 - All nomination committee members should be in good standing for membership.
 - Rajendra Shrestha proposed the names of the committee members and Ramesh Malla seconded.
 - Call for nomination will go out to members immediately.
 - Nominee should be a member of ASNEngr in good standing.
 - A ballot needs to be prepared 15 days in advance.
 - Lok Darshan Shrestha and Jagannath Ghimire will coordinate it.
6. Joint ASNEngr/CAN-USA Conference 2014
- Theme of the conference has been finalized.
 - Conference brochure and abstract submission document should be prepared soon.
 - Steering committee meeting will be organized soon.
 - Achyut Shrestha informed that engineers in Arizona had a discussion last week about the conference.
 - A local organizing committee has been established.
 - Nalini Chhetri, through her department, booked the conference hall for 2 days. Hall rent is around \$600 a day.
 - Organizing committee will discuss the online registration system with Pujan Joshi.
 - The committee will contact Pradeep Khanal, Thakur Dhakal, Jagannath Ghimire, and Shashi Dahal for information on past conferences.
7. Progress Report on Merit Awards
- Emails have been sent to the recipients.
 - Only one candidate (Sakar Bhattarai) has accepted so far.
 - Follow up email will be sent out and if we don't hear by the end of March, discussion on further processing will take place.
 - Format of certificate will be prepared soon and sent to the BOD.
 - Press release is almost ready and will be released next week. The press release will also be sent out to DC Chapter, DCNepal.com, ekantipur.com for publication.
8. Status on the preparation of the position paper on the joint initiative "Earthquake Preparedness

and Disaster Relief in Nepal"

- The proof reading documents will be sent out in a couple of days.
- Needs to resolve some editorial issues.
- Final version may be released as soon as Mark Hauswald completes the edits/review.

9. Local Chapters

- DC Chapter:
 - A talk program was conducted. Ramesh Malla attended the talk program. The program was successful.
 - An election committee was formed under the chairmanship of Kul Mani Acharya. Election will be completed by June 1st. Results will be announced before the Annual Conference.
 - One more talk program is under preparation for June 2014.
 - Some professional training programs will be scheduled.
 - Articles on the past activities has already been sent to Rabin Bhattarai.
 - The chapter has been actively looking for making it a self-sustaining chapter.

10. Various Committee leaderships:

- *Newsletter/Publication Committee: Chair – Rabin Bhattarai, Ph.D.*
 - *Newsletter publication is underway.*
- *Technical Committee: Chair – Ramesh B. Malla, Ph.D.*
 - *Annual Conference is underway.*
- *Nomination/Election Committee: Chair – Lok Darshan Shrestha.*

11. Old business

- None

12. New Business

- None

13. Next Meeting

- May 17, 2014, 9 pm (EST)

Meeting adjourned at 10: 37 pm EST.

Prepared by:

Binod Tiwari, PhD, PE

General Secretary