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501(c)(3) tax exempt status – aims at providing a platform for Nepalese, and their friends, in engineering and closely related scientific and technical areas to come together, exchange ideas, and support each other for their and the larger society's common good. The Society also strives at promoting engineering and technological advancement in Nepal.

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

**Saturday, May 17, 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, Pujan Joshi, Samana Ghimire, Ramesh Malla, Pradeep Khanal, Achyut Shrestha, Kul Mani Acharya, Baikuntha Adhikari, Santosh Dhakal, Kanhaiya Kayastha, Sagar Onta, Thakur Dhakal

1. Meeting Call to Order: Rajendra K. Shrestha, Ph.D., President
 - Meeting started at 9:05 EST.
2. Self Introduction of Meeting Attendees: All
 - Attendees introduced themselves.
3. Approval of March 2014 BOD Meeting Minutes.
 - Postponed for next meeting.
4. Updates on ASNEng Activities
 - Merit award checks will be sent out to 3 recipients.
 - Membership renewal notice was sent out.
 - Conference preparation is going on.
 - Technical Seminar planning in DC chapter is underway.
 - Notice was sent to BOD members regarding USAID's funding for disaster management activities. Role of ASNEng need to be discussed.
5. ASNEng Nomination/Election
 - Nomination will be completed by May 20th.
 - Almost all Excom positions are filled out.
 - More nominations are required for BOD positions.
 - Samana Ghimire will provide membership status update.
 - An announcement will be sent out through Nepalese media such as enepal.com. Lok Darshan Shrestha will follow up.
 - Members served in the BOD for one term only will be identified and contacted. Rajendra Shrestha will look into it.
6. Potential reason for passive interest on BOD was discussed. could be lack of outreach of our activities in our communities.

- The society currently has 890 members in linkedin and similar number in facebook.
 - ASNEng needs to effectively present its activities to the Nepalese community.
6. Joint ASNEng/ CAN USA Conference 2014
- Ramesh Malla will work as the Technical co-chair.
 - The announcement for Second Call for Abstracts should be prepared soon and sent out to the media. Thakur Dhalak will help publish it in www.enepalese.com.
 - Organizing Committee meeting is planned for May 31st, 2014 8 pm EST.
 - Jagannath Ghimire will send a check of \$350 to for paument of the venue for the conference.
 - Achyut Shrestha mentioned that the hall is booked for June 21st only. Booking for June 22nd has been cancelled.
 - There will be a field trip to Grand Canyon on June 22nd. It takes 4 hours for one-way trip to the site. Return flight tickets should be arranged keeping this in mind.
 - A teleconference will be organized by the Local Committee on May 18th.
 - Organizing committee is looking for a key-note speaker from ASU.
 - There will be an evening networking mixture.
 - Rajendra Shrestha will send a letter of sponsorship.
 - Past conference organizers will be contacted for a list of sponsors.
 - Need more abstracts.
 - CAN USA and other organizations will be contacted for support.
 - Bharat Pahari, dean of IOE Nepal shown interest to provide the key-note speech. The board unanimously thought that it will be a great opportunity for us. He will be invited for the key-note address without financial obligations to the ASNEng for his travel expenses..
7. Progress Report on Merit Awards
- Checks have been issued and will be sent out soon,
 - We need to prepare for the announcement for 2014 merit award.
8. Membership Issues (New and Renewal)
- Membership renewal system needs improvement.
 - DC chapter help its members for renewal process by offering on-site renewal.
9. Status on the preparation of the position paper on the joint initiative "Earthquake Preparedness and disaster relief in Nepal"
- Still in progress. Needs more time.
 - BOD members will be contacted for help if required.
10. Local Chapters
- DC Chapter

- Technical seminar for the development of Nepal will be organized in DC on May 31st.
 - Two reputed speakers closely related to Nepal will address the seminar. There is a possibility to have the third one.
 - DC chapter will organize a presentation during ANA conference to showcase the ASNEng to the large Nepalese community.
11. Various Committee leaderships:
- *Technical Committee: Chair – Ramesh B. Malla, Ph.D.*
 - *Spent time for conference preparation.*
 - *Position paper is underway.*
 - *Nomination/Election Committee: TBD during election*
 - *Lok Darshan Shrestha will contact enepal.com and send out the for BOD nomination announcement.*
 - *Thahur Dhakal will also help out to disseminate information.*
12. Old business
- None
13. New Business
- Name of Vice Chair will also be included in the meeting agenda.
 - A separate project/committee will be developed for Nepal Development Project that will coordinate with the current USAID funding to Nepal for disaster mitigation.
14. Next Meeting
- June 21st in Arizona, which will also be the General Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:47 pm EST.

Prepared by:

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General Secretary