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**Teleconference Meeting of Board of Directors (BOD), Chairs and Vice
Chairs of Standing Committees**
Saturday, September 6, 2014
MINUTES OF MEETING

Present in the Meeting: Rabin Bhattarai, Thakur Dhakal, Biswa Baral, Kanhaiya Kayastha, Purna Dahal, Deependra Pokharel, Ramesh Malla, Rajendra Shrestha, Jagannath Ghimire, Upendra Karna

1. Meeting Called to Order by Rajendra K. Shrestha, Ph.D., President at 9:10 PM.
2. All Meeting Attendees introduced themselves.
3. Minutes of meeting for March 15 and May 17, 2014 was approved unanimously.
4. Updates on ASNEng Activities-
By Rajendra Shrestha- New executive members are effective from July 21. 7th annual Conference held on June 22-23 in Arizona was very successful, about 70 participant attended, a net saving of \$1,744 was realized, thanked to local organizers. GWDC chapter election just finished. Press release for election results (ASNEng central) to be published on media as suggested by Ramesh Malla. Thakur Dhakal to follow.
5. Plan for 2014-2015 activities:
R. Shrestha asked for ideas for the new activities. R. Malla suggested to think, plan and decide early for the next annual conference in the next BOD meeting. The technical committee should have enough time to prepare. K. Kayastha suggested that teaching of the building code course could be provided by ASNEng. He along with A. Baidya could be involved for this. He also suggested that ASNEng could be a lead knowledge transfer organization in Nepal thru Open University.
6. Approval of Members- at- Large for the 2014-2015 term:
R. Shrestha presented that following BOD members have been nominated for the member at large to the executive committee- Ananta Baidya, Rabin Bhattarai, Bishnu Pandey, Surya Thapa, Yagna Pant. The BOD approved these names unanimously. R. Shrestha will send emails to these members for their confirmation as member at large for the executive committee.

7. Processing of pending New Membership Applications:
8 new members have been approved. T. Dhakal reported that applications for other members are being reviewed and would be sent to U.Karna soon for sign and approval process.
8. 2014 Progress Report on Merit Awards:
R. Shrestha is to find out if S. Amatya is interested in to take lead for the merit awards. Jagannath Ghimire reported that he did not receive any response from Purbanchal University. However, it was decided not to drop Purbanchal University at this time. Efforts is to be made by alternate channel to include students from Purbanchal University also.
9. Review of Annual Conference: R. Shrestha Reported this conference as great success. R. Malla suggested to plan early for the next conference.
10. Financial Status Report: S. Ghimire was not available for the financial report. However, J. Ghimire reported that about \$8,897 is in the account, paypal should still have about \$3,000 that may have been counted for. Accurate update could be presented by S. Ghimire in the next BOD meeting.
11. Position paper Status: This is still in progress. Expected to be published by the end of this year. R. Malla reported that he is looking for someone who could organize the document in the final publishing format as per the USA standard publishing format. B. Baral volunteered to help for the front/back page graphic. K. Kayastha, R. Malla will provide necessary info and inputs to Mr. Baral for this work. U. Karna will help Mr. Baral as required.
12. Name Change: This discussion was postponed for the next meeting.
13. Interaction Meeting with NSET: NSET has asked for an interaction meeting with ASNEngr and other organizations in October 10-11, 2014. It was tentatively envisioned that a meeting could be organized in Washington DC metro and one in NY metro area. Detail will be confirmed once NSET program is confirmed.
14. Local Chapter Activity: D. Pokharel reported that on August 16, GWDC chapter organized a summer picnic. About 50 persons (including engineers and their families) attended. This was a great success get together program. An economist from Nepal presented his economic view. GWDC chapter also participated in local NRN program that was help for the fund raising for the NRN building in Nepal. GWDC chapter pledged a donation of maximum of \$750 to NRN for this cause. This pledge was given based on the understanding the local members would contribute for this cause. Mr. Pokharel requested that the chapter should receive membership fee contribution as per the by-laws of the organization. It was requested that the GWDC chapter should prepare a list of its members and request for the contribution. National ASNEngr should send money to the chapter ASAP.
U. Karna proposed that the NRN-NCC-USA President has approached for the donation for the building to be constructed in Nepal. BOD decided to contribute \$1,000 to NRN-NCC-USA from ASNEngr including the donation collected by the GWDC chapter. U. Karna would inform NRN-NCC-USA about ASNEngr pledge donation. B. Baral mentioned that he recently attended meeting with irrigation dept. chief engineer and water resources ministry secretary of Nepal in NY. They desired to have a data base of engineers/experts residing in USA and those could help

for the knowledge transfer to Nepal. B. Baral was asked to find out more exactly what would be desired by them then we will act accordingly.

15. ASNEng Donation Receipt- The receipts are to be kept for the record.
16. Various Committee Reports & Change/renew leaderships of the committees-
 - (i) Award, Grants & Scholarships Committee (Chair – Sagun Amatya) No report
 - (ii) Membership Recruitment & Outreach Committee: (Chair: Open.) No report
 - (iii) Programs Committee: (Chair- Open) No report
 - (iv) Newsletter/Publication Committee: (Chair – Dr. Rabin Bhattarai/Sanjeev Adhikari.) R. Bhattarai reported that newsletter was published in June. D. Pokharel is to send chapter activities to R. Bhattarai for the inclusion of next newsletter.
 - (v) Bylaws Amendment & Membership Standard Committee: Chair – Lok D. Shrestha, P.E., No report.
 - (vi) Website/Database Committee: (Chair – Pujan Joshi/Surya Thapa, P.E.), No report.
 - (vii) Technical Committee: (Chair/Vice Chair: Dr. Ramesh Malla/ Kanhaiya Kayastha, P.E., S.E.) It was realized that ASNEng should prepare a data base of technical experts with various subjects. B. Baral was asked to find out from Nepal executives what specific technical info they would be looking for. We could send them the email and other pertinent info. We could be able to provide seminar and joint knowledge transfer training activities.
 - (viii) Membership Review committee: Officers , No report
 - (ix) Nepal Liaison Committee: (Chair – Ananta Baidya P.E.), No report
 - (x) Liaison Committee: (Chair – Sagar Onta, P.E.), No report
 - (xi) Nomination/Election Committee: TBD during election, No report.
17. Old business- Not any discussion.
18. New Business- R. Malla suggested that we should have chapters in other cities ASAP. The local members should make efforts. U. Karna mentioned that he is trying to have NY metro chapter and 2 BOD members (B. Baral of NJ and S. Lamichhane of NY) will take lead on this.
19. Next Meeting (via tele-conference) – Saturday, November 1, 2014 at 9 PM EST
13. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 11.28 PM

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Meeting Minutes Prepared and Submitted By:

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