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Engineers (ASNEng)** - a non-  
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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, January 31, 2015**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**

Present in the Meeting: Upendra Karna, Surya Lamsal, Ramesh Malla, Thakur Dhakal, Rajendra Shrestha, Kanhiya Kayastha, Pujan Joshi, Jagannath Ghimire, Robin Bhattarai, Surya Thapa, Purna Dahal, Santosh Dhakal, Sanjaya Gajurel, Jitendra Pokharel, Yagna Pant, Ananta Baidya and Prakash Malla absent by notice.

1. Meeting Called to Order by Dr. Rajendra K. Shrestha, President at 9:05 PM.
2. All Meeting Attendees introduced themselves.
3. Minutes of meeting for November 1 was approved unanimously with correction ('a' missing in 'again' in #5). R. Shrestha moved the motion for approval and was seconded by A. Baidya.
4. Updates on ASNEng Activities-  
J. Ghimire reported that applications for the merit scholarship have been received and recommendation has been sent for approval. A. Baidya reported that somehow he was not able to renew his membership. P. Joshi said that he will look into and would fix it. R. Shrestha mentioned that commended the efforts of (T. Dhakal/U.Karna) about the approval of new membership. T. Dhakal reported that at present there are no applications pending that meet our requirements for approval. There are some old applications that due to various reasons are not eligible for approval. However, it would be looked into.
5. Update on Annual Conference-  
ASNEng is to organize the 2015 annual conference this year. It was discussed since CAN-USA is not able to organize, we should have stand alone conference this year. R. Shrestha reported that he reached out to some active members in Chicago area. However so far, there was not an assurance. It was discussed and requested that our 2<sup>nd</sup> choice of NY metro area should take a lead and organize this year's conference. U. Karna (along with S. Lamsal/P.Dahal) reported that he had discussed this briefly with the BOD of three tri states(NY, NJ, PA) and it could be a possibility. He also mentioned

that after further discussion , he will report to the board in few weeks.

6. Plan for 2014-2015 activities-

A. Baidya's activities in Nepal – Unanimously it was highly appreciated the liaison efforts of A. Baidya in Nepal as he had sent earlier his detailed reports to all BOD members. A. Baidya reported that there are many projects that could be initiated. However, after discussion, A. Baidya was requested to send the 3 most promising and feasible projects to the board that could be initiated. A. Baidya would do this in few weeks.

For October 2015 NRN conference – ASNEng should have representation and presentation in the main NRN conference activities. Upendra Karna should and will talk to NRN-NCC-USA president Khagendra Chhetry.

7. Processing of pending New Membership Applications:

T. Dhakal reported that there are no eligible applications left for approval.

8. 2014 Progress Report on Merit Awards:

J. Ghimire reported that the recommendation for award have been sent to the board for approval voting. The list of award was approved unanimously as was submitted by J. Ghimire for approval.

9. Financial Status Report: No report. However, Mr. Ghimire reported that as per his knowledge about \$14,752 is the balance in the account.

10. Position paper Status: Dr. Malla reported that final editing by Dave Klodz for the publication is still in progress. It should be finished in a month. Bar code would be available soon. It was decided that the support letter as was sent by interim ambassador would be used. There is no need for U. Karna to contact again for revised letter. R. Malla reported that by mid of March, 2015 we should have everything ready for publication.

11. Proposal to change the ASNEng Acronym to ASNE: Postponed to be discussed in the future meeting.

12. Local Chapter Activities:

D. Pokharel reported that GWDC is going to have an engineer's night on February 14, 2015 and everybody was requested to attend. The invitation to attend request would be placed on the web site as well. Later, the report is to be included in the newsletter. J. Ghimire reported that members of Houston area will organize a picnic on March 22.

Pledged donation to NRN: U. Karna mentioned that the pledged donation of \$1000 have not been sent to NRN. J. Ghimire requested U. Karna to send the address again where it supposed to be sent. U. Karna will send the address email again.

13. Various Committee leadership:

Award, Grants and scholarship- One award to each University (highest topper) and one girl candidate (highest merit) will be given. All together 4 awards have been recommended this year as reported by J. Ghimire.

Membership Recruitment - No report.

Program - No discussion.

Newsletter- R. Bhattarai reported that he will be working on it.

By Laws- No discussion

Website/Database- Mr. Joshi reported that website has been updated recently with latest information.

Technical- R. Malla reported that major activity in progress is related with position paper.

Membership Review- T. Dhakal reported that there are no pending applications.

Nepal Liaison- A. Baidya reported about his reports earlier. He had already sent his detailed reports to all BOD members.

Liaison - No report.

Nomination/Election- TBD and discussed during election only.

14. Old business- Not any discussion.

15. New Business - Collaboration with organizations in Nepal (as per A. Baidya's recommendations and subject to the approval by the board) and also with more organizations in Nepal and USA.

New chapters should be initiated.

16. Next Meeting (via tele-conference) – Friday, March 13, 2015 at 9 PM EST

17. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11.02 PM.

Meeting Minutes Prepared and Submitted By:

Dr. Upendra L. Karna, P.E.  
General Secretary  
American Society of Nepalese Engineers (ASNEng)  
Date: March 7, 2015

Note: This minutes of meeting is the best recollection of discussion during the meeting.