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**Teleconference Meeting of Board of Directors (BOD), Chairs and Vice Chairs of Standing Committees**  
**Friday March 13, 2015**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**

Present in the Meeting: Upendra Karna, Ramesh Malla, Thakur Dhakal, Rajendra Shrestha, Kanhaiya Kayastha, Pujan Joshi, Jagannath Ghimire (partially), Samana Ghimire, Pradeep Khanal, Bishnu Pandey, Ananta Baidya and Santosh Dhakal/Rabin Bhattarai absent by notice.

1. Meeting Called to Order by Rajendra K. Shrestha, President at 9:06 PM.
2. All Meeting Attendees introduced themselves.
3. Minutes of meeting for January 31 was approved unanimously with a correction ('n' missing in 'Ananta'). R. Shrestha moved the motion for approval and was seconded by A. Baidya.
4. Updates on ASNEng Activities-  
J. Ghimire reported that 2014 scholarship awards have been informed and published by a press release. Money still to be sent. T. Dhakal reported that at present there are no applications pending that meet our requirements for approval.  
New criteria for the scholarship award should be reviewed by the award committee and recommendation if needed to be modified. It should be forward to the board for discussion and approval.
5. Update on Annual Conference-  
U. Karna reported that the date and place for 2015 annual conference have been fixed and preliminary local organizing committee have been set up. The conference will be held at Hotel Clarion Inn, North Brunswick, New Jersey on July 11-12, 2015 (this is revised date, the original date as discussed was June 27-28, 2015). R. Shrestha is to confirm with CAN-USA if they would be participating with the conference or not. It was decided that the immediate task would be to select the conference theme and call for paper.
6. Plan for 2014-2015 activities-  
A. Baidya's activities in Nepal - A. Baidya is to draft a letter for Memorandum of Understanding with Nepal Engineer's Association (NEA) to carry out the future activities as he had proposed. For this, he may need to get

the inputs from NEA. The final MOU will be submitted to the board for approval. 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 or others.

7. 2014 Progress Report on Merit Awards:

Same as reported by J. Ghimire in item 4.

8. Financial Status Report: No report. However, S. Ghimire reported that as per her knowledge about \$14,750 is the balance in the account. S. Ghimire is to send \$1000 to the NRN-NCC-USA as was pledged earlier for the NRN building in Nepal.

9. Position paper Status: Dr. Malla reported that final editing for the publication is almost finished. It in a PDF format should be ready to be released by end of March. The formal publication in a booklet format may take more time.

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

11. Local Chapter Activities:

T. Dhakal reported that an engineer's night on February 14, 2015 organized by GWDC chapter was very successful. About 100 person including family members attended. This needs to be placed on the web site. 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.

12. Various Committee leadership:

Award, Grants and scholarship- To review the criteria for the scholarship award.

Membership Recruitment - No report.

Program - No discussion.

Newsletter- No report

By Laws- No discussion

Website/Database- P. Joshi reported that website has been updated recently with latest information. Members data needs to be updated. P. Joshi will work on it.

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 2 final activities that could be done in Nepal. A. Baidya is draft a MOU as discussed in item 6.

Liaison - No report.

Nomination/Election- TBD and discussed during election only.

13. Old business- Not any discussion.

14. New Business - Collaboration with NEA in Nepal (as per A. Baidya's MOU with NEA) and also with more organizations in Nepal and USA. New chapters should be initiated at other locations.

15. Next Meeting (via tele-conference) – Friday, May 8, 2015 at 9 PM EST

16. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10.42 PM.

Meeting Minutes Prepared and Submitted By:

Dr. Upendra L. Karna, P.E.

General Secretary

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Date: April 30, 2015

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