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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**

Friday May 8, 2015

MINUTES OF MEETING

Present in the Meeting: Upendra Karna, Ramesh Malla, Thakur Dhakal (partially), Rajendra Shrestha, Kanhaiya Kayastha, Jagannath Ghimire (partially), Ananta Baidya and Biswa Baral (partially).

1. Meeting Called to Order by Rajendra K. Shrestha, President at 9:10 PM.
2. All Meeting Attendees introduced themselves.
3. Minutes of meeting for March 8 was approved unanimously.
4. Updates on ASNEng Activities-
R. Shrestha reported that on March 22, there was a picnic held by the engineers group of Houston. It was very successful. He also said that he has applied for the matching grants from his firm. \$1500 deposit money was sent to the conference hotel. U. Karna reported, yes, the deposit was received by the hotel.
5. Update on Annual Conference-
U. Karna reported that many people including the organizing committee members have expressed that due to earthquake, the annual conference date should be postponed. U. Karna reported that the possible date could be on August 29-30. It was decided to postpone the annual conference date for this date. After having reservation confirmation, U. Karna will report to the board about the date change.
6. Plan for 2014-2015 activities-
It was decided that we should collaborate with NEA (Nepal Engineers Association) for the earthquake relief efforts in Nepal. U. Karna proposed a motion to send \$3000 to NEA for the building related inspection work. R. Malla seconded and it was passed unanimously. Ananta Baidya will lead the coordination efforts in Nepal. R. Malla will send Mr. Baidya the contact info of ASCE delegation which is visiting Nepal for the earthquake related studies. ASNEng will help and work with ASCE as much as possible for the earthquake study efforts in Nepal.

It was discussed and decided that ASNEng will work together with ANMF and CAN USA for the future projects in Nepal related with earthquake rehabilitation works. The ASNEng level of efforts will be as per the project demands and the resources available.

7. 2014 Progress Report on Merit Awards:

J. Ghimire reported that award has been disbursed to the candidates.

8. Financial Status Report: No report. Tax is to be filed as soon as possible.

9. Position paper Status: On behalf of ASNEng U. Karna forward a motion for a special “Thank You” and recognition to R. Malla and K. Kayastha for their hard work for the preparation of the position paper. It was seconded by R. Shrestha and approved unanimously by the Board. R. Malla and K. Kayastha accepted this recognition along with other ASNEng members who have helped for the preparation of this paper. R. Malla reported that PDF format on line has been published and he is looking for how and where to get this to be published in a booklet form. It was decided this position paper should be decimated in the Nepal Media and other agencies as much as possible for its effectiveness. ASNEng will continue its collaboration with ANMF and CAN USA in a similar manner and follow up joint initiative and projects.

10. Proposal to change the ASNEng Acronym to ASNE: Postponed. No discussion.

11. Local Chapter Activities:

Members of Houston area engineers group organized a picnic on March 22. To form a Houston chapter was initiated in this picnic. ASNEng board has granted a conditional approval for the Houston chapter subject to the fulfillment of the requirements according to the Guidelines for the Formation of the Local/State/Regional Chapters of ASNEng.

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- No activities to be reported.

Technical- R. Malla reported earlier with position paper.

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

Nepal Liaison- A. Baidya requested to send a note to members to join the Nepal Liaison committee. However, after discussion, it was decided that the president R. Shrestha should send a

general letter requesting all members to join and help in various committees. There are many committees that need help including Nepal Liaison chaired by A. Baidya, as he had requested. A. Baidya was also advised by the board that as chair of the committee, he is free to recruit members at a personal level for his help.

Liaison - No report.

Nomination/Election- TBD and discussed during election only.

13. Old business- Not any discussion.

14. New Business – At this time of earthquake disaster relief work, it was unanimously decided that we must need to show our presence in Nepal.

15. Next Meeting (via tele-conference) – Friday, June 12, 2015 at 9 PM EST

16. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10.40 PM.

Meeting Minutes Prepared and Submitted By:

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

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