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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 June 12, 2015
MINUTES OF MEETING

Present in the Meeting: Upendra Karna, Ramesh Malla, Thakur Dhakal, Rajendra Shrestha, Kanhaiya Kayastha, Sanjaya Gajurel, Yagna Panta, Achyut Shrestha, Santosh Dhakal (partially).

1. Meeting Called to Order by Rajendra K. Shrestha, President at 9:09 PM.
2. All Meeting Attendees introduced themselves.
3. Minutes of May 8, 2015 meeting was approved unanimously. Motion forwarded by T. Dhakal and seconded by S. Gajurel. R. Shrestha would review the minutes of meeting again, will send to U. Karna for correction and final filing.
4. Updates on ASNEng Activities:

R. Shrestha reported the following updates-

Recently membership application for 6 new members were processed and approved.

State and federal taxes were filed on (May 15) the last due date of filing.

Requested to expedite this filing process next year.

Second modified call of Abstract for the 8th annual conference was sent.

5. Update on Annual Conference:
U. Karna reported that the revised conference date for August 29-30, 2015, have been confirmed. Preparation for various committees and requirements for other logistics has been discussed and is in progress. CANUSA has sent the names to be included in the conference organizing committees. It was discussed and unanimously approved that this year's conference should focus on the recent earthquake related topics. A revised call of Abstract for the conference would be sent to reflect this modification.
6. Nepal Earthquake Relief- The following were discussed.
R. Shrestha will send the updates to all members of earth quake relief activities done so far by the ASNEng. \$2,000 was sent to the University of Michigan for the Nepal earthquake relief works. About \$3,500 was sent to the Nepal Engineers' Association to support post earth quake rapid damage assessment activities for infrastructures.

Ananta Baidya will be granted travel expense to go to Nepal for the coordination of earthquake related activities on behalf of ASNEng. Our relief efforts reached effectively to the designated locations as intended.

7. Financial Status Report: No financial report. Tax was filed on time.
8. Printing of Position Paper: R. Malla reported that he received quotes for the publication from Nepal as well as from USA. It will cost about \$600-\$700 to get it published in Nepal, whereas it will cost more than \$5K in the USA. It was decided to get it published without any delay from Nepal. R. Malla requested a fund of \$1,000 for this that would cover the cost of publication as well as the registration related expenses for ISBN etc.. U. Karna forwarded a motion to pay \$1,000 to R. Malla from the ASNEng general fund at this time, subject to get reimbursed equally from the ANMF and CANUSA. T. Dhakal seconded it and the motion was passed unanimously.
9. Proposal to change the ASNEng Acronym to ASNE: Postponed. No discussion.

10. Local Chapter Activities:

GWDC Chapter- T. Dhakal reported that on June 20, 2015, GWDC chapter has organized a talk program on “Nepal Earthquake Recovery and Reconstruction” in a library in Vienna, VA. Structural Engineers of Virginia Transfer-1 “Fire and Rescue Team” who visited Nepal recently by the USA government for the earthquake relief work would also speak. A representative of National Society of Earthquake Technology (NSET), Nepal, is also expected to talk.

Houston Chapter: R. Shrestha reported that as it is known to all members that all requirements for the chapter formation have been met. The Houston chapter now is formally approved by the board. R. Shrestha reported that Nepalese Association of Houston had collected substantial amount of money for the earthquake relief in Nepal and they were planning to have a town hall meeting to collect ideas how to allocate the funds for relief works. It was decided that ASNEng should participate in this town hall meeting. R. Shrestha will write a letter to the chapter president for this participation.

11. Various Committee leadership:

Award, Grants and scholarship- Criteria for the scholarship award to be reviewed.

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- No pending application.

Nepal Liaison- No Report

Liaison - No report.

Nomination/Election- TBD and discussed during election only.

12. Old business- Not any discussion.

13. New Business – Achyut Shrestha requested to review the proposal that he had sent for the funding from earthquake fund for the EOBOA. Board recognized his request and documented a note for the future consideration if enough funding is available.

14. Next Meeting (via tele-conference) – Friday, July 10, 2015 at 9 PM EST

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10.16 PM.

Meeting Minutes Prepared and Submitted By:

Dr. Upendra L. Karna, P.E.

General Secretary

American Society of Nepalese Engineers (ASNEngr)

Date: July 6, 2015

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