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Nepalese, and their friends, in  
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and the larger society's common  
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promoting engineering and  
technological advancement in  
-----Nepal.-----*

**Teleconference Meeting of Board of Directors (BOD), Chairs and Vice  
Chairs of Standing Committees**  
**Friday July 10, 2015**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**

Present in the Meeting: Upendra Karna, Ramesh Malla, Thakur Dhakal, Rajendra Shrestha, Kanhaiya Kayastha, Ananta Baidya, Surya Lamsal, Deependra Pokharel, Rabin Bhattarai, Rajendra Shrestha (Houston), Jagannath Ghimire, Rajendra Shrestha (Florida, absent by email) and Santosh Dhakal (absent by notice).

1. Meeting Called to Order by Rajendra K. Shrestha, President at 9:06 PM.
2. All Meeting Attendees introduced themselves.
3. Motion to approve the June 10 BOD meeting minutes was forwarded by T. Dhakal and was seconded by R. Bhattarai and it was approved unanimously.
4. Updates on ASNEng Activities:

R. Shrestha reported the following updates-

-Hacking of our bank account happened recently. Bank of America has put money back in our account. Samana Ghimire and Jagannath Ghimire should check why it is happening again and again.

- Formal approval of letter was given to Houston Chapter on June 13, after fulfilling all outstanding requirements.

-A program organized by GWDC chapter on Nepal Earthquake on June 20 was very successful. NSET could not be able to participate in this program.

-Our primary email account is almost full. Alternative arrangements have to be made.

5. Update on Annual Conference:  
A 3<sup>rd</sup> call for submitting the abstract of papers have been sent out. U. Karna reported the preparation for various committees and requirements for other logistics and mentioned that the preparation is in progress. U. Karna also mentioned about the difficulties for the sponsors and asked helped from other chapters and individuals.
6. Nepal Earthquake Relief:  
About \$17k donation was collected for the earthquake relief. About \$11.5k is still available. We need to find out how and where we should use this donation.
7. Post Earthquake Relief Activities:  
Ananta Baidya had sent his detail post earthquake activities in Nepal. He briefly

explained again. His post earthquake work in Nepal on behalf of ASNEngr was appreciated by the board.

8. Email Account: P. Joshi reported that our primary email account is almost full. He is looking for other arrangements and it would be fixed shortly.
9. Newsletter: R. Bhattarai reported that within few days, draft newsletter would be ready. It was suggested to include all earthquake related activities in the newsletter. Ananta Baidya's work in Nepal should also be included.
10. Required Meeting Participation: U. Karna (as general secretary) brought to the board's attention that many directors have attended only few meetings and some directors have not even attended a single meeting in spite of having a certain number of meetings required to be attended by all directors by by-laws. Many executive members are not attending our scheduled meetings. It was discussed what we should do for this. It was decided that the President R. Shrestha write letters to all BOD members citing the by-laws requirements and requesting for the participation in the meeting. R. Shrestha will send out an email.
11. Financial Status: No report.
12. Position Paper printing report: R. Malla reported that 1000 copies are being printed. It will be printed in few days. We need to talk to CAN-USA and ANMF for their contribution for the printing. R. Malla should sent out the request letter for their share for printing and publication. It was also discussed that we should explore how to collect some revenue from this position paper.
13. Local Chapter Activities:  
GWDC Chapter- T. Dhakal/D. Pokharel reported that on June 20, 2015, GWDC chapter organized a talk program on "Nepal Earthquake Recovery and Reconstruction". This program was very successful. A representative of National Society of Earthquake Technology (NSET), Nepal, could not be able to participate for this program.  
Houston Chapter: R. Shrestha (Houston) 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. R. Shrestha reported that he will attend this meeting.
14. Various Committee leadership:  
Award, Grants and scholarship- Criteria for the scholarship award to be reviewed.

Membership Recruitment – New application of 5 members has been received and is being reviewed. It was discussed and decided that Mr. Awal should be considered for a senior member rather than a fellow member.

Program - No discussion.

Newsletter- Reported earlier.

By Laws- No discussion.

Website/Database- Reported earlier by P. Joshi.

Technical- R. Malla as reported before.

Membership Review- New applications are being reviewed and will be sent for approval.

Nepal Liaison- A. Baidya reported that he had sent 3 proposals related with earthquake relief work in Nepal to J. Jagannath. J. Ghimire is to send these proposals to executive members for their review and inputs before it is placed in the BOD for voting for approval.

U. Karna forwarded a motion lauding the efforts (a thank you note) of A. Baidya in Nepal for the post earthquake relief work. Seconded by T. Dhakal. The motion was passed unanimously.

Liaison - No report.

Nomination/Election- TBD and discussed during election only.

15. Old business- To submit the abstract for the conference, the dead line is extended to June 24.

16. New Business – No discussion

17. Next BOD Meeting (via tele-conference) – August 7, 2015 at 9 PM EST.

Executive body meeting- July 23, 2015 at 9 PM EST.

18. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10.18 PM.

Meeting Minutes Prepared and Submitted By:

Dr. Upendra L. Karna, P.E.  
General Secretary  
American Society of Nepalese Engineers (ASNEng)  
Date: September 20, 2015

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