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Annual Member Meeting

Sunday, August 30, 2015

New Brunswick, New Jersey

MINUTE OF MEETING

Present in the Meeting: Upendra Karna, Ramesh Malla, Thakur Dhakal, Rajendra Shrestha (via skype), Ananta Baidya, Surya Lamsal, Biswa Baral, Pradeep Gajurel, Deependra Pokharel, Mangal Maharjan, Bipin Pathak, Rajendra Bhattarai, Sunita Amatya, Gopi Uprety, Pujan Joshi.

1. Meeting Called in Order by Rajendra K. Shrestha, President (via skype), at 9:30 AM. He welcomed everybody for attending the annual membership meeting. He thanked everybody for completing a very successful annual conference.
2. All Meeting Attendees introduced themselves.
3. U. Karna updated the conclusion of annual conference including the remaining works to be completed (including financial) regarding the annual conference. He thanked members of all committees for the conference for their hard work and dedication. He specifically thanked to members of GWDC who helped in organizing and performing for a wonderful cultural evening. He also thanked to all sponsors and technical presenters. He also gave his experience of how we could organize better future conference.
4. R. Malla presented his experience and view regarding the quality, number and overall time of technical paper presentation. He expressed that there were enough quality technical papers this time. It was realized that there were a lot of technical papers squeezed in 4-5 hours of presentation. He thanked all who chaired various sessions for technical presentations and also to all who presented their technical papers. T. Dhakal (Technical co-chair) expressed his thanks to all who helped for the logistics of the technical presentation.
5. D. Thapa (NEA President) thanked ASNEng for inviting him as a guest speaker for the conference. He expressed his desire to work together (NEA and ASNEng) in the future for the betterment of Nepal by advancing the engineering knowledge sharing and other cooperations.
6. Biswa Baral Expressed that in order to establish a cooperation between NEA and ASNEng, a Memorandum of Understanding should be signed. ASNEng and NEA both appeared positive about this. ASNEng members expressed that we should work on it ASAP and A. Baidya was requested to prepare a draft. A. Baidya will work on it.

7. It was decided to appoint Sunita Amatya as Membership Chair since this position was vacant. S. Amatya accepted this position and expressed that she will contact her contacts in Chicago area for the membership drive and subsequently for the next year's annual conference. It was widely believed that it would be a great idea to have our next annual conference in Chicago.
8. General Discussion: It was a general discussion for the concern of lack of participation in the meetings by the BOD members and members for the annual meeting. Some members expressed that why even the executive officers members/BOD members are not able to make time for the annual and BOD membership meetings. This is a serious issue and the ASNEngr leadership should explore and find out the solution for it. On behalf of ASNEngr U. Karna said the present executive body has realized the shortcomings and would do their best considering the circumstances. Since ASNEngr is a volunteer organization, it is very difficult to force an individual for participation. It was also discussed (D. Pokharel, B. Pathak and M. Maharjan initiated and participated) that we should explored the various programs and benefits to attract the general members. D. Pokharel expressed the financial constraints faced by a local chapter to conduct programs. He desired and requested for a better financial help from the national. It was a general sentiment that the national should and would help as much as possible. However, it is the responsibility of local chapter to conduct a program without a financial constraints.
9. It was decided that Chicago area will be explored for the next annual conference. S. Amatya will work on it.
10. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Meeting Minutes Prepared and Submitted By:

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General Secretary
American Society of Nepalese Engineers (ASNEngr)
Date: February 10, 2016

Note: This minute of meeting is the best recollection of discussion during the meeting by U. Karna.