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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 October 2, 2015

MINUTE OF MEETING

Present in the Meeting: Upendra Karna, Ramesh Malla, Thakur Dhakal, Rajendra Shrestha, Ananta Baidya, Jagannath Ghimire, Purna Dahal, Santosh Dhakal, Sagun Amatya, Sunita Anmatya, (Yagna Pant, Kanhaiya Kayastha and Pradeep Khanal, absent by email).

1. Meeting Called in Order by Rajendra K. Shrestha, President, at 9:08 PM.
2. All Meeting Attendees introduced themselves.
3. July 10 BOD meeting minutes was approved with the correction for section 14 (Technical Committee- By Ramesh Malla; as mentioned above). Motion was moved by T. Dhakal and was seconded by J. Ghimire and it was approved unanimously. August 7 minutes of meeting will be presented in the next BOD meeting by T. Dhakal for approval.

4. Annual Conference:

Review of 2015 Conference Program:

-R. Malla reported that the technical presentations and the contents of the technical presentations went very well. The conference was very successful.

-U. Karna reported the overall activities of the whole conference. The conference was very successful in all terms. The conference activities were well covered in the local and in Nepal media. He reported that the most sponsorship amount is still to be collected. Once all collected (by U Karna and S. Lamsal), the net saving from the conference could be expected more than \$2500.

2016 Annual Conference Venue:

- It was discussed that it would be better, if next year's conference could be held in Chicago. S. Amatya will be exploring this possibility with her friends in Chicago area. 2nd option would be in Houston.

Financial Report of the Conference:

-U. Karna reported above. U Karna and S. Lamsal are to pursue to collect the outstanding sponsorship money.

5. Involvement of ASNEng for NEA Global Engineers/NRN meet in Kathmandu: R. Shrestha will attend. R. Shrestha expressed that NEA has not been responsive as we have been with them for better communication. Our other BOD members such as K. Kayastha, S. Lamsal and B. Baral will also be attending.

6. Merger of ASNEng with CAN-USA

A general discussion was held whether ASNEng should consider to merge with CAN-USA as there was initial discussion by CAN-USA. However, considering various factors, it was decided that it should be put on hold until concrete proposal is viable in the future.

7. Earthquake Relief Activities:

J. Ghimire reported a total of \$15,700 was collected for the earthquake. After providing for the various relief works in Nepal so far, an amount of \$8,299 is remaining in this account. BOD needs to decide how and where the remaining funds should be provided. It was discussed that it would be better, if the remaining fund could be utilized for the training and seminar purposes in Nepal.

8. 2015 Merit Award- No discussion by J. Ghimire.

9. Email Account: No report and discussion

10. Newsletter: R. Bhattarai reported that he is working on it.

11. Financial Status Report/ Bank Account Problem: J Ghimire reported that in the ASNEng general bank account, the balance is \$23,257.

12. Position Paper printing report: R. Malla reported that 1000 copies were printed. Some hve been distributed in the conference. R. Malla will send copies to CAN-USA and ANMF and he will also talk to CAN-USA and ANMF for their contribution for the printing expense. It was also discussed that we should explore how to collect some revenue from this position paper.

13. Local Chapter Activities:

GWDC Chapter- by T Dhakal, no activities in the recent past.

Houston Chapter: J. Ghimire reported that Houston Chapter has already elected the permanent executive body for the chapter is now functioning as a full-fledged chapter. He also reported that Houston would hold the annual 2016 conference if Chicago is not able to hold.

NY chapter needs to be explored.

14. Various Committee leadership:

Award, Grants and scholarship- No discussion.

Membership Recruitment – S. Amatya will discuss with friends in Chicago for the new membership drive.

Program - No discussion.

Newsletter- R. Bhattarai reported that he is working on it.

By Laws- No discussion.

Website/Database- No discussion.

Technical- R. Malla reported that AECOM with Japan is organizing a conference on earthquake in Nepal. He expressed if K. Kayastha could attend this since he is in Nepal.

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

Nepal Liaison- A. Baidya reported that he is working on for the preparation of MOU that would be made with the NEA for our joint initiative and activities in Nepal.

Liaison - No report.

Nomination/Election- TBD and discussed during election only.

15. Old business- No discussion.

16. New Business – R. Shrestha reported that he got an email from R. Shrestha (Florida) regarding his inability to serve on the board of directors due to unknown personal reason.

17. Next BOD Meeting (via tele-conference) – December 11, 2015 at 9 PM EST.

18. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 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 minute of meeting is the best recollection of discussion during the meeting by U. Karna.