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Teleconference Meeting of Board of Directors (BOD) and Standing Committees**Sunday, July 23, 2017****9:00 PM – 10:30 PM (EST, U.S.A.)****Dial in Tel# (563) 999-2090****Access Code (meeting ID): 488737#****Meeting Minutes**

Attendees: Ananta Baidya, Jagannath Ghimire, Thakur Dhakal, Rajendra Shrestha, Ramesh Malla, Rabin Bhattarai, Bishnu Phuyal, Kanhaiya Kayastha, Yogendra Jonchhe, Uendra Karna, Ram Poudel,

Absent by Notice: Samana Ghimire, Mohan Bastakoti, Sanjaya Gajurel, Mangal Maharjan, Purna Dahal

- Meeting Call to Order by J. Ghimire at 9:05
- All meeting attendees self-introduced
- Approval of meeting minutes from May 7-2017 (Action): U. Karna moved the minutes of meeting for approval, R. Shrestha seconded. The minutes approved with correction on numbering.
- Updates
 - 10th Annual Conference: Huge success, well planned and well attended. All Chairs and Co-Chairs were thanked.
 - Press Release: Press Release for Merit Awards Posted, Press release for Conference has been published.
 - Feedbacks received: Try to publish press release within a day or two.
 - Book of Abstracts: The technical committee will prepare the Book of Abstracts
 - Financial Report: DC Chapter and R. Baral will work on the financial report
- GRSF Guidelines- S. Sharma/M.Bastakoti (Action)

T. Dhakal moved to approve the GRSF Application Guidelines and Criteria. U. Karna seconded. The motion was approved unanimously with a note on the due date for the application.
- International Conference Planning for 2018 in Kathmandu (Discussion)
 - Survey is being conducted within ASNEng database to find out the interests whether to hold International Conference in Nepal in 2018 or not. A survey email has been sent via survey monkey.
 - Preliminary contacts with Nepal Engineering Association, Nepal Engineering Council, IOE Tribhuvan University have been made. Received positive feedbacks.
 - Preliminary Quotes for Conference Budget is approx. \$50,000.
 - Based on the Budget and Schedule, the Society should decide by end of November this year whether to go for the International Conference or not.

7. Financial Status Report- (Discussion)
 - a. Annual Financial Report: B. Baral, Treasurer
 - b. Annual Financial Report to State of South Carolina: Still working on it.
 - c. Financial Management Policies and Procedure: U. Karna will work on it and send out to BOD for review and comments.
 - d. Financial Audit for the year 2016
 - e. Tax File: IRS tax file completed, Registration with South Carolina completed, Annual Financial Report filing with South Carolina is pending but extension requested.
 - f. Merit Awards: Disbursed for 2016.

8. ASNEngr co-sponsoring international conference organized by SOPHEN on April 10-12, 2018 (Information)

9. Collaboration With Nepal Engineering Council (Discussion)
 - Received a letter from Satya Narayan Shah, the Chair of Nepal Engineering Council for collaboration. One of the items we discussed was to support them finalizing the NEC's PEng (Nepal) licensure guidelines.
 - Need to figure out other areas of collaborations that can be done with NEC
 - Form a Support Team: The following individuals are proposed: Kanhaiya Kayastha, Yogendra Jonchhe, Ananta Baidya, Thakur Dhakal, Upendra Karna. J. Ghimire will send an email asking if anybody else be interested.

10. Local Chapter activities: (Discussion)
 - GWDC chapter/Houston Chapter.
 - Arizona- Achyut Shrestha, baikuntha Adhikari and Pardeep Karna are leading
 - North Carolina - Manoj Karki is leading the efforts.
 - Dallas - Ram hari Thapa is leading the efforts.
 - NY/NJ - T. Dhakal is working to connect people
 - Chicago –B. Phuyal will work to connect more people
 - California Chapter: Kanhaiya Kayastha, Pradip Khanal will work on it.

11. Membership Updates-S. Thapa (Discussion)

None

12. Various Committee leaderships (Chair/Vice Chair) Reports (Discussion):
 - *Award, Grants & Scholarships Committee: Chair/V.C. – S. Sharma/M. Bastakoti: GRSF Guidelines.*

None
 - *Bylaws Amend.& Membership Standard Comm.: Chair – L. Shrestha,*

None
 - *Liaison Committee: Chair/V.C. – K. Acharya/B. Adhikari*

None

- *Membership Review committee: Chair/V.C. –D. Pokharel/I.B. Poudel,*
None
- *Nepal Liaison Committee: Chair/V.C. –Ananta R. Baidya, P.E./Y. Jonchhe*
The fund of \$501 was disbursed.
- *Newsletter/Publication Committee: Chair/V.C. –R. Bhattarai./P. Dahal*
Working on the newsletter. Collecting materials. Will update soon.
- *Nomination/Election Committee: Chair- L. Shrestha, update of Election activities.*
None
- *Student Committee Chair/V.C.: I. Sharma/S. Karki*
None
- *Technical Committee: Chair/V.C. –R. Malla/K. Kayastha*
Mentioned in the conference related agenda. Nothing else.
- *Website/Database Committee: Chair/V.C. – P. Joshi/U. Sedai*
New website under development. Will be shared once it gets its shape.

13. Old business:

MOU signed with Institute of Engineering, Tribhuvan University.

Society Leadership Awards were awarded during 10th Annual Conference to Dr. Ramesh B. Malla and Dr. Rajendra K. Shrestha for their leadership during their presidencies. Outstanding Performance Award was presented to Mr. Pujan Joshi for his outstanding contribution to the Society for website and database management.

Advisory Council: All BOD members are asked to see if there are any other members who want to serve for Advisory Council.

14. New Business: NEA's Request to open an NEA Chapter in the US: The Society will work as per the MOU between ASNEngr and NEA. We may mention NEA in our website in some way.

15. Next Meeting: Sunday, September 17, 2017 at 9:00 pm (tentative)

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 pm

Meeting Minutes were prepared by
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General Secretary,
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