

Executive Committee and Board of Directors

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Upendra L. Karna, D. Eng., P.E, F. ASNEng.

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Thakur P. Dhakal, P.E.

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Sanjaya Gajurel, Ph.D.

Joint Secretary:

Rabin Bhattarai, Ph.D.

Information Secretary:

Srijana Khatriwada, MS IT

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Surya Thapa, P.E.

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Jagannath Ghimire, P.E.

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Lalit K. Jha, P.E., D.WRE, CFM

Kanhaiya Kayastha, P.E., S.E. F. ASCE, F.

ASNEng

Mangal D. Maharjan

Ananda M. Paudel, Ph.D.

Board of Directors (BOD):

Upendra L. Karna, D. Eng., P.E, F.

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Ram H. Thapa (TX)

Anju Udas (VA)

Teleconference Meeting of Board of Directors (BOD)/Executive Committee

Date: 10/07/2018

Time: 9:00 PM- 10:00 PM (EST-USA)

Dial in Tel # 563-999-2090

Access Code (Meeting ID): 488737#

Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Check "P" for Presence "A" for Absent, and "AN" for Absent by Notice

Achyut Shrestha - P
Ananda M. Paudel, Ph.D - P
Anju Udas - A
Atma R. Bhandari, Ph.D. - A
Bibhuti Baral, EIT - A
Bishnu Phuyal, Ph.D., F. ASNEng - P
Chhabi Pandey - P
Jagannath Ghimire, P.E. - AN
Jiwan L. Ninglekhu, Ph.D. - P
Kanhaiya L. Kayastha, P.E., S.E., F. ASCE, F. ASNEng - P
Lalit K. Jha, P.E., D.WRE, CFM - P
Madan Baral, P.E., PMP - P
Mangal D. Maharjan - A
Narayan Pokharel, P.Eng. - A
Pradeep Gajurel - P
Prakash Kaini, Ph.D. - A
Rabin Bhattarai, Ph.D. - P
Rajendra K. Shrestha, Ph.D. - P
Rajendra Shrestha, P.E. - A
Ram C. Poudel - P
Ram H. Thapa - A
Ramesh B. Malla, Ph.D., F. ASCE, F. ASNEng - P
Sanjaya Gajurel, Ph.D. - P
Shyam Sharma, Ph.D., P.E. - AN
Srijana Khatriwada, MS IT - P
Sukh Gurung, Ph.D. -P
Surya Thapa, P.E. - AN
Thakur P. Dhakal, P.E. - P
Upendra L. Karna, D.Eng., P.E., F. ASNEng (Chair) - P
Yogendra B. Jonchhe - A

Total: 16

Specials:

1. Condolence letter to Mr. Rajendra Shrestha (Past President of HOU Chapter) for loss of his daughter Riya Shrestha (daughter of Shree Rajendra Shrestha) at the age of 5 years, and Shree Kumar Shrestha (elder brother of Shree Rajendra Shrestha) in Kathmandu, Nepal on July 7th, 2018.

2. Condolence letter to Mr. Upendra Karna (incumbent president of ASNEngr) for the loss of his elder sister Binda Devi Karna on August 08, 2018 in Nepal

The motion was moved by Ramesh Malla for providing condolence letters to both Rajendra Shrestha and Upendra Karna, Rajendra Shrestha seconded it. The board was sympathetic, and decision was unanimous.

Agenda:

3. Meeting called to order by President Upendra L. Karna at 9:11 PM.
4. All meeting attendees self-introduced (roll call initiated by General Secretary)
5. Approve BOD Meeting Minutes dated July 19, 2018 and March 25, 2018
 - a. Society Activity Updates including summary of future plans- U. Karna

Increasing BOD participation; evaluate effectiveness of various committee; increase ASNEngr membership; attract disciplines other than Civil, create concrete procedures for ASNEngr activities; more engagement from members-at-large; need to amend ASNEngr bylaws; fundraising needs to be made effective engaging various sponsors; increase collaboration in Nepal and outside; identify the subject matter experts within the organization for the technical projects, prepare special technical publication and help Nepal in technical matters; extend relationship with other Nepali organizations(in US and Nepal and other countries; state position of ASNEngr providing personal funded scholarships; share the technical and logistic knowledge with academia and industries in Nepal.

6. Updates from 11th Annual Conference and action items-

Book of Abstract-T.Dhakal/R.Bhattarai (discussion)

- a. Thakur Dhakal has started working on it; draft will be ready soon. Still, waiting for the word copy; T. Dhakal is sending reminder; updates in 2 weeks

7. Conference Finance- A. Paudel (Discussion)

Pledged Donations for 2018 Conference: We receive the sponsorship money AECOM paid \$300.00 online, Mt Everest (check \$500.00) deposited

ASNEngr collected all money from the 11th conference. The final expense report is due.

8. Financial Updates-

- a. Status Report: Updated by U. Karna in absence of S. Thapa
 1. Right now we have \$19,000 in BoA; 6,565 in paypal which needs to be transferred to BoA. Bibhuti will be working with Surya Thapa for transfer mechanism.
- b. Support Flood Victims of Deaf school -U. Karna
ASNEngr received the undelivered money to Deaf School. MOU will be created with the school and \$2000.00 will be sent to them
- c. Payment to NSET (U Karna): We received invoice and report. Expense (\$3450) has been sent to NSET by bank transfer. Publication is awaited to be shared with ASNEngr members.
- d. Merit Award and GSRF distribution (by Surya Thapa): Merit Award and GSRF distribution (by Surya Thapa)
Surya Thapa organized award ceremony in Nepal at NEA office which was in the news. NEA president Mr. Hare Ram Shrestha suggested to do Merit Award Program during Engineering Day (Shrawan 01).

- a. Dr. Karna explained that how this project (to prepare a position paper on flood) was conceived. It was requested by the Province #2 Chief Minister and Province Chief during his interaction meeting with him in Janakpur on August 19, 2018. This was discussed in the executive committee(EC) and decided to work on it and now this needs to be ratified by the board. Dr. Karna presented that the document submitted is preliminary and it will be finalized once committee of experts is formed for this or by the technical committee as appropriate. All board members agreed that we should do this project. Considering the importance (ie. sooner the better) and to expedite the process, Dr. Karna explored to create a special committee comprising of subject matter experts to accomplish this project in a timely manner. Dr. Karna expressed to lead the project (if approved) as he has extensive experience on this related subject. Members participated in the discussion and expressed their views how this position paper work should be accomplished (either by creating a special committee or by the technical committee). Dr. Rajendra K Shrestha (Past President, Fellow Life member) placed a motion "to create a special committee comprising subject matter experts to accomplish the flood position paper task" on the BOD floor for consideration. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bishnu Phuyal (Board director, Fellow Life member). Members participated in the discussion. During discussion, few members asked for the additional info regarding the process how this project would be accomplished and the reasons for the need of a special committee. Considering the lengthy discussion and also to provide additional info, the chair postponed the voting with motion still in place mentioning that voting would be done by email after providing the additional info asked by few members during the discussion. Dr. Karna (the current lead on the project) will prepare the documents that will be provided to the voting BOD members with voting email. It was also discussed in Technical committee meeting held on Sept 26, 2018.

Follow up Actions: Dr. Karna prepared the additional documents as asked by some members and sent to all voting eligible BOD members on October 9 for email voting. The voting closed on October 16 and email was sent to all BOD members on October 19 for the majority decision of the passing of the motion.

10. International Conference in Nepal in 2019/2020- U. Karna (Discussion):

- a. A preliminary outline draft enclosed for general understanding and scope.

Dr. Karna explained that during his recent Nepal visits, an interaction program was held on August 23, 2018 at NEA office with NEA, NSET, SCAEF, and NEC and all decided to have an international conference. Technical and financial modality will be shared by all. More interested associations will also be welcomed. BOD is asked to review this preliminary document and include their suggestions and comments. Dr. Karna informed that he is talking with these agencies and update will be shared later how this could be possible to accomplish.

- b. Dr. Karna also explained that he had interaction meeting with Nepal Army Chief Engineer (Gen. Khand) for the future collaboration for the joint International Conference. Gen Khand was positive and he expressed that it could be possible in the future. At the present it may not be possible. Dr. Karna will be in touch and explore with him.

11. Advisor Committee member selection- U. Karna (Discussion/Action)

- a. Looking for advisory members for another term. U. Karna will be sending email to executive board and members about it.

12. Filling the position of new Chair and Vice chair of all committees (U karna), present committees term finishing on December 2018. U. Karna will be sending the email soon.

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13. Requirement of establishing other committees to streamline the various activities effectively. (Ukarna)

- a. Special committee: Create a procedure to create a special committee having subject matter experts for technical projects

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