

Nepalese Engineers of Greater Houston Meet in Houston, Texas, U.S.A.

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Nepalese engineers of the Greater Houston Area had a successful and productive meeting on April 30, 2011 in Kendall Neighborhood Library, 609 North Eldridge Parkway, Houston, Texas. The meeting was organized by Mr. Janak Thapa and Mr. Sanjay S. Basnet. Dr. Rajendra K. Shrestha, Vice President of American Society of Nepalese Engineers (ASNEng), participated in the meeting and served as the guest speaker.

The meeting started with the welcome speech by Mr. Janak Thapa by giving a brief introduction of ASNEng, following which he introduced Dr. Rajendra Shrestha and invited him to the podium. Dr. Shrestha gave a slide presentation with a succinct introduction of ASNEng, its purposes and objectives, activities, and accomplishments since its inception in September 2007. He also updated the participants about the American Society of Nepalese Engineers and Computer Association of Nepal-USA Joint Annual Conference scheduled in Houston on July 9 – 10, 2011, for which he had already laid the groundwork by reserving the conference hall and meeting room at University of Houston Clear Lake in coordination with the Nepalese Students Association of UHCL Clear Lake, blocking 50 rooms in Candlewood Suites Hotel at a walking distance from the venue, and making arrangement with Mr. Shesh Raj Sharma (part owner) of the Cuisine of India Restaurant for lunch, dinner and snacks. He also brought out other issues related to the conference such as airport pick-up, cultural program, and sponsorship, etc., which needed to be managed locally.

A lively question/answer session and open floor discussion related to the issues of the annual conference, forming the Greater Houston Chapter of ASNEng, and the ASNEng membership drive followed the presentation. A 15-member Steering Committee was set up to initiate the process of the local chapter establishment. All the participants and their friends were invited to the ASNEng membership drive and were appealed to become its members by May 6, 2011. A 15-member Program Committee to volunteer and manage the upcoming annual conference was also formed. It was also decided to request ASNEng for a general letter for distribution to the potential sponsors and expedite the communication for the call of abstracts for the conference. The participants also thought it would be more convenient from the management viewpoint to schedule all the meetings and technical conferences on day-one, i.e., July 9, and free up the next day for rest and recreation / sight seeing, etc. All the participants very enthusiastically engaged in the floor discussion, overwhelmingly supported the annual conference in Houston, and made commitments to contribute to its success by all means possible.

Finally, the participants extended appreciations to Dr. Rajendra Shrestha for participating and updating, Mr. Janak Thapa and Mr. Sanjay S. Basnet for coordinating the meeting, setting up the Nepalese Engineers Houston listserve, thanked Mr. Thapa for providing soft drinks, and adjourned the meeting in a cheerful mood.



Dr. Rajendra Shrestha addressing Houston Nepalese Engineers in the meeting.



Group picture of Houston Nepalese Engineers in the meeting on April 30, 2011.