

2008 ASEI-NCC Board Of Directors (BODs) Meeting Minutes

The meeting of the Board of Directors of ASEI-NCC was held on 02/16/2008 at the residence of Mr. Shiva and Manasa Anand in Laurel, MD. The following members were present:

- Mr. G.S. Sridhar (by phone)
- Mr. Anurag Shukla (by phone for part of the meeting)
- Ms. Manasa G. Anand
- Mr. Ravi Laljani
- Mr. Ravi Sharma
- Mr. Sanjeev Khudanpur
- Ms. Shriranga Shailan

The meeting started off with a review of the 2007 ASEI-NCC Financial Report submitted and presented by Mr. Sridhar. Mr. Sridhar explained that the 2007 ASEI National Convention was entirely an event organized by the National organization. Any funds received by ASEI-NCC for this event were passed on to the National organization. NCC incurred a small loss for hosting this event (about \$100), which we do not plan to claim from the National organization.

NOTE: The 2007 Financial Report submitted by Mr. Sridhar is attached.

The NCC board unanimously agreed to request copies of the tax returns filed by the ASEI national organization and suggested that Mr. G.S. Sridhar, being a member of the national board, should take up this task, and Mr. Sridhar agreed to do so

The board finalized on the following executive committee members to serve in 2008:

- Ms. Manasa Anand as President
- Mr. Ravi Laljani as Vice President
- Mr. Anurag Shukla as Secretary
- Ms. Rosemary Fernandes as Treasurer

Mr. Shukla stated that he will be busy for the next couple of months, but that after that he intended to take a more active role in the organization. Since one of the responsibilities of the secretary is to record and keep minutes of board meetings, it was agreed that Mr. Sanjeev Khudanpur will temporarily take on Mr. Shukla's duties in the interim period.

Ms. Manasa briefed the board about her attendance at the India Forum Inc. organization general body meeting held on 02/10/2008 at Days Inn, Cokeysville MD, the gist of which is as follows:

India Forum is a 35 years old organization well established and recognized community based in the Baltimore, Maryland area. It is an organization aimed at keeping alive Indian

Heritage and Culture and also making it visible to the non-Indian communities. In the past, it has been having the following events every year:

- Holi Dance Competition
- Indo American Dinner
- India Day celebration
- General Body meeting

India forum awarded \$1001, to a Johns Hopkins University (JHU) Program that helps elementary/middle school students of Baltimore by providing them with one-to-one tutoring service in Math and Science. It also awarded \$101 to a program called *Eliminate Hunger in the World – Feed the Poor* that feeds the poor on Gandhi Jayanthi Day an event headed by one of the Board of Trustees of the *Greater Baltimore Temple*.

Their strategic plan for year 2008 is, in addition to the above events also to have an event in which the plan is to invite a celebrity from India (ex: a Bollywood star) as this is today's trend that will draw better crowd thereby making India Forum Inc. more visible. For the Indo American Dinner, they invite political leaders and get to network and grow. Just like ASEI-NCC, they also have the intention of working together with other Indian communities in the area.

In the interest of both the organizations working together for mutual benefit, it has been agreed upon by the board that the members of India Forum may be allowed to attend ASEI-NCC activities with member privileges. Mr. Ravi Sharma pointed out that if any member of India Forum is interested in attending/participating in events of other ASEI chapters it will be required that they become ASEI members. In that case, it was suggested by Mr. Laljani that they can be offered ASEI-NCC promotional annual membership deal of \$10 that is currently being offered to new members, and the board unanimously agreed with this suggestion.

Mr. Sanjeev Khudanpur suggested that a Google group account should be created which helps us to have all the member contacts in one place and also allows members to post messages and share information which was agreed upon by all.

Mr. Sanjeev Khudanpur suggested that ASEI-NCC should work with universities on programs such as JHU's program *Engineers without Borders* to broaden our knowledge and to make ASEI-NCC more visible. One other suggestion he made was to explore how we can attract students into ASEI-NCC.

For the next member meeting to be scheduled and held in March, it has been decided that we will have 2-3 speakers on different technical as well as non-technical topics. Some of the speakers suggested and considered are as follows:

- Air Pollution Control Technology – By Mr. R.K. Bose
- Clean Water Project in Honduras and Guatemala -- By Mr. Bill Kramer
- Jamuna River Cleanup in India – By Mr. Subijit Roy

Mr. Ravi Sharma agreed to present a talk on a number of topics, e.g., Concepts of Physics and Meta Physics, Satellite Remote Sensing

Mr. Sanjeev Khudanpur informed that JHU has the following events as a part of the *National Engineers' Week* Celebration:

- 4:30PM Monday - Mr. Jim Pitts (**Northrop Grumman Corporate Vice President and President of Electronic Systems Division**) will be speaking. This day there is food, music and fun for families to attend.
- Tuesday and/or Thursday – Women Engineers of Whiting School

Visit <http://engineering.jhu.edu/news-publications-engweek-08/> or contact Mr. Sanjeev Khudanpur for more details.

The meeting was adjourned with the following Action Items:

- Mr. Sridhar will request copies of the tax returns filed for the past years by the National ASEI and make it available to ASEI-NCC.
- Mr. Laljani and Ms. Manasa will be meeting/speaking with the president of India Forum Inc., Mr. Govind Sulibhavi to further discuss details as to how both organizations can work together for mutual benefit.
- Ms. Manasa has created a ASEI-NCC Yahoo group account during Jan 2007 which will be updated and then activated and made available for use by all the members.
- Mr. Laljani to contact speakers and arrange for the seminar at the next meeting.
- Mr. Ravi Sharma to check the availability and reserve the picnic shelter at the Black Hill Regional Park for ASEI-NCC annual picnic to be held sometime in July 2008.
- Mr. Salil and Mr. Shailan Mandyam to work together in selecting a convenient and appropriate single venue in Silver Spring for all the future ASEI-NCC meetings. Ms. Manasa will speak with Mr. Salil and Mr. Mandyam about the details.
- Ms. Manasa to co-ordinate for the participation of ASEI-NCC at the *Technology Outreach Event* activity. Ms. Sriranga has volunteered to take care of getting the certificates and awards for the event.
- Mr. Sanjeev Khudanpur to send e-mail and share with members the details of the events at the JHU celebration of *National Engineers' Week*.

Thanks,
Ms. Manasa Anand
Mr. Ravi Laljani