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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



I would like to start by paying my condolences to three of our members who lost their loved one. Ashraf Patel's mother passed away on December 18, 2010 and Shabbir & Aminul Hassan's mother on January 9, 2011. May Allah grant them Jannat-ul-Firdous and give patience to their family members (Ameen).

February 20 to 26, 2011, is the National Engineers week and we should be proud of it. Engineers' Week was founded in 1951 by the National Society of Professional Engineers and is observed by more than 70 engineering, education, and cultural societies, and more than 50 corporations and government agencies. The purpose of National Engineers' Week is to raise the public's awareness of engineers' positive contributions to the quality of life. During this week, one of the main events is DuPage Engineers Week Expo at Illinois Institute of Technology (Rice Campus), Wheaton, scheduled on February 26, 2011, from 11:00 am to 3:30 pm. This program is very popular among school students. I will be there with my daughter and hope to see some of our members.

All the new Board members are busy working in their areas of responsibility. Anees is in the process of putting together an RFP for our web developer. Shahid has been finalizing the professional seminar topics and potential speakers for this year. Naeem has been investigating different locations for family picnic and other social programs. Bilal is overseeing the NEDEA account and also following up on membership dues. I appreciate the Board members for their time and commitments.

I urge our members to please send us information that you would like to share with our membership. This is your organization and we would like to hear from you.

Best wishes
Rashid Ahmed

NED UNIVERSITY NEWS

NED UNIVERSITY PARTICIPATED IN INTERNATIONAL SPORTS

NEDUET Races at F-1 Racing Circuit, Sepang, Malaysia, July 2010



SEVEN brilliant teams from NEDUET represented their nation and institution at the F-1 racing circuit in Sepang, Malaysia in a 25 year old global event "Shell Eco Marathon". Shell Eco-marathon is an annual contest to drive the longest possible distance on the least amount of fuel in a self-fabricated car. Participants can design vehicles for the 'Prototype' or the 'Urban Concept' category. The Seven teams (comprising students from different departments) that represented NED were: WINMARK, TEAM PAK, GHAZI, THRILL SEEKERS, PARAGON, ALLIANCE and AUTO



ROCKERS. The four day event comprised series of activities including Registration, briefing on the event rules, preparation of cars, safety test and finally the on-track drive. Every team was allowed to make 5 attempts consisting of 4 laps each. The teams were assisted by their chaperons Mr. Shahrukh, Mr. Majeed and Ms. Amber Afshan. The cars and their owners were well received and appreciated by the organizers as well as others present during the event. The efforts of the students, while developing their prototypes and managing the needed resources to reach to this event, will surely be a beacon of light to many of their present colleagues and future students of NEDUET.

NED University participated in the International Cricket Event at Kuala Lumpur

A 12-member cricket team of the NED University of Engineering and Technology, accompanied by three officials, competed in the International Inter-varsity Cricket Tournament held from July 26 to August 5, 2010. Eight teams belonging to Singapore, India, Bangladesh,



Sri Lanka, Australia, Pakistan, South Africa and hosts Malaysia vied for the top honors in the 10-day event which was organized by the National University of Malaysia. "This is for the first time that a team of NED University traveled abroad," a spokesman for NED University said. He said vice chancellor of the University Engr. Abul Kalam had taken personal interest to materialize the trip. The University of Western Australia cricket team emerged as the champion, whereas Malaysian team was the runners up. It was a great experience for NED and hope they will win the tournament in the future.

SHARE WITH US

Anis Paya visited Morocco with his family and friends. Thanks to Anis for sharing his trip experience with us.

ANIS PAYA IN MOROCCO WITH HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS - a 10 day trip to Morocco



A group of friends planned a vacation to Morocco back in October 2010. Morocco, also known as Al-Maghreb or Kingdom of Morocco is the far western Muslim country in North Africa with a population of 33 million and also control the disputed area of Western Sahara. Morocco gained independence from France in 1956. Capital is Rabat and largest city is Casablanca with other major cities such as Fes, Marrakech, Tangier, Agadir and Meknes. Population is a mix of Arabs and Berbers. The country is rich in culture and Muslim civilization, now a blend of modern and Islamic culture, while Arabic and French are official languages. People are very friendly and language is not a major issue in larger cities. We visited Casablanca, Marrakech, Fes, Volubilis, Meknes and Rabat. Some of the largest film studios after Hollywood are in southern Morocco. We landed at Casablanca International Airport around mid-night (after roaming for 12 hrs in Frankfurt). Custom and immigration staff was

very friendly and tourist visa is granted upon arrival on US passport. Our tour guide and a comfortable 12 seater Mercedes van with driver was waiting to welcome us. We drove straight to our hotel after the long journey. The breakfast is always included in every hotel with fresh squeezed orange juice. Tejine (beef, chicken, lamb) is the Moroccan specialty. A six to eight course appetizers and unlimited sweet mint tea is very common along with desserts. The food is very healthy and vegetables are used in each meal. Except in Casablanca, we stayed at "Riads" in all other cities. These are very old (restored) palatial Moroccan homes, typically square or rectangle shape with a huge verandah

in the middle and open to sky for sun light and fresh air. Beautifully decorated mosaic and tile work is eye catching and each room is decorated uniquely with traditional art work.

Casablanca: The famous movie Casablanca was made here in 1942. The famous attractions are medina (old walled city), central market, Mohammed V palace, and the park of Arab League, The Hasan II Mosque on Atlantic (3rd largest in world), the noble quarters and the beautiful seaside towards the Atalantic Ocean. Feels like you are in Karachi in terms of traffic and congestion, but very clean. It is the business hub of the country.

Marrakech: Also known as Red City and it is one of former imperial city. Major attractions are Saadian tombs, the souks (bazaars like maze and streets small enough for two people to pass by), Dgema el Fna (jima Fina) (the largest plaza in Africa, which has its own charm during the day with story tellers, water sellers, snake charmers, acrobats, etc and then converted into a huge open-air food court with mouth watering food stalls), Menara Gardens, Koutobia Mosque, old city walls, Tanner district(largest tannery in Africa), Gueliz district, Bab Agnaou, Agdal Gardens, Ben Yusef Madrasa and Dar Said Museum are worth seeing. The leather and carpet markets are great and most of all; Chez Ali was a fantastic folk show with dinner and Arabian horse show.

Fes or Fez: One of the most historic and imperial city of Morocco and second largest after Casablanca with a population of one million. This is the spiritual city which produced great scholars of Islam. The University of Al-Karaouine, founded in AD 859 by Fatima Al-Fihiri is the oldest continuously functioning university in the world. It has been called the "Mecca of the West" and the "Athens of Africa". Bou Inania madrasa, founded in 1351 is an example of great Islamic architecture. The souks (bazaars) in Fes are amazing with hundreds of shops and all you need is your best bargaining ability.

Volubilis: Volubilis features the best preserved Roman ruins in this part of northern Africa. On our way to Meknes from Fes, we made a few hours stop at this great UNESCO world heritage. The fertile lands of the province produced many commodities such as grain and olive oil, which were exported to Rome, contributing to the province's wealth and prosperity.

Meknes: Another imperial city of Morocco with great architecture. Bab el Khamees, Dar al Makhzan Royal Palace and Bab AlMansour are famous attractions along with olives market, Moulay Ismail mausoleum, great basin souani and the granary.

Rabat: This was our last stop, the current imperial city and the capital of Morocco, located on the Atlantic Ocean at the mouth of River Bou Regreg with a population of 1.8 million and residence of King Hasan V. The royal palace, The Parliament, the mausoleum of Mohammed V, Chellah (the white n blue city by Atlantic established in 3BC) and the Qasbah of Oudayas are tourist attractions. It's a mix of modern and old cultures, lush green parks, beautiful fountains, and French architecture, old medina with bazaars and riads and modern shopping malls.

The End: We drove back from Rabat to Casablanca for our return flight to home sweet home, with nice memories of Islamic Architecture, heritage and very friendly people with great hospitality. Every shop owner will offer you mint tea or soft drink, whether you buy anything or not. Our entire tour was organized by a local tour agency in Rabat except air travel. We did not have one single problem in any city. It is best to tour Morocco by car or van as distances between cities are usually 2- 4 hrs and the landscape through mid and high Atlas Mountains is amazing. Some of the most famous and Oscar winning movies were made in Morocco such as: Jesus of Nazareth, Kundun, Lawrence of Arabia, Othello, Tea in the Sahara, The Gladiator, The Man Who Knew Too Much, The Man Who Would be King, The Last Temptation of Christ, and The Sheltering Sky.



Marrakech – Jema Fina



Rabat
Atlantic Ocean

Volubilis
Roman city

Rabat
Royal Palace

Casablanca
Hasan II Mosque

Fes
City view

Meknes
Granery

5 MINUTES WITH TANWEER ALAM MALLICK



Q. Tell us about yourself and your family.

A. Son of doctors grew up in Dhaka; attended Residential Model School – moved to Karachi amid the turmoil of East Pakistan / Bangladesh. Studied in DJ before joining NED. Married Samina in 1982. Moved to US in 1988. Have three wonderful children Ameer (married to Brooke), Saleha and Rabeya.

Q. Why Engineering?

A. My mother wanted me to be an Engineer

Q. Which year did you graduate and what was your major?

A. 1979 – Civil Engineering

Q. Tell us about your professional life?

A. Started in Construction Management with NESPAK on Pakistan Steel Mills, Port Qasim, KESC and Airports. In USA worked on Institutional Buildings. Worked for corporate America for twelve years; self-employed as a Project / Construction Management Consultant for the last eight years.

Q. If you had to choose another occupation, what would it be?

A. Advertising & Public Relations

Q. Who was your favorite teacher at NED?

A. Prof. Ansar (Mathematics)

Q. Please recount some of your unforgettable memories while at NED?

- The years of English, Urdu and Panjabi debates – especially the ones in Petaro Cadet College and Air Force Academy, Risalpur.
- The procession on Sept 20, 1976 – the move to the new campus; union victory processions.
- But most of all: when NED was upgraded to University, it was named Univ. of Engg. & Tech., Karachi. We wanted to retain the name NED. We took a delegation to the Sind Education Minister, without result. So we boarded buses and went to CM house. A delegation went in; the rest of us waited; an hour and a half later the delegation emerged with the good news and the sounds of NED, NED filled the air of Karachi – that was priceless.

Q. What are some of your proudest achievements in life?

A. Being selected to represent East Pakistan at the International Scout Jamboree in Russia, 1971
Winning the Rotary Foundation International Ambassador of Goodwill Scholarship to study at the University of Michigan, 1988
Being instrumental in Sunday School at Islamic Foundation 1989 to 2010
Being instrumental in the formation of NED International Alumni Network (NEDIAN – NA), 2010 and above all
Having raised three fabulous children, 1984 to date

Q. What do you like best about NEDEA?

A. The camaraderie

Q. What do you like to do in your spare time?

A. Play scrabble, cards; socialize; watch football and think.

Q. Describe your perfect day?

A. Sleep in; wake up and have a good breakfast with the family – watch Michigan beat OSU in football; change and go spend the evening with friends.

Q. What is something about you that might surprise most people?

A. I almost went to Dawood College to study Architecture

Q. Favorite food

A. A good steak

Q. What is your favorite word?

A. The Arabic word “Mowaddah”

Q. What is your least favorite word?

A. No

Q. What advice can you give to our readers?

A. Apnay leeyayjeeay toe kya jeeay
Hai dil jeeay zo zamanay kay leeyay

NEDEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES #2

DATE OF MEETING: December 19, 2010
DATE OF ISSUANCE: January 5, 2010
LOCATION OF MEETING: Islamic Foundation, Villa Park

MINUTES BY: Rashid Ahmed

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1. Call to order

- a. The meeting was called to order at 10:40 am by Rashid Ahmed.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes #1

- a. Minutes of the meeting #1 reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Shahid, seconded by Naeem and the motion passed.

3. Membership Fee

- a. Board reached to a consensus on membership fee as follow:
 - Annual Membership Fee = \$35
 - Life Membership Fee = \$150

Board also agreed to provide an option to our members, who already paid their 2011 dues, that they can convert their annual membership to life membership by paying the difference (\$115) by the 2011 summer picnic.

4. Rekindle Members Interest in NEDEA

- a. Board members will call NEDEA members as follow:
 - Member # 1 to 22: Shahid Ali
 - Member # 23 to 44: Bilal Ahmad
 - Member #45 to 66: Anees Ahmad
 - Member # 67 to 88: Syed Naeemuddin
 - Member # 89 to 115: Rashid Ahmed

We will discuss the following items with our members:

1. Introduce our self
2. Verify members' street and email addresses
3. Kid's age, gender, and their interest
4. Invite to participate in our program

5. Professional Development

- a. Shahid will put together the topics, venues, and potential presenters' list and will present to Board in the next meeting. It was agreed that seminar that offers PDH (professional development hours) attracts more people. Also, we will explore offering a seminar geared towards our middle school and high school kids. The seminar will help them to understand different areas of professional studies and information on financial assistance to study at a College.

6. Information and Communication

- a. NEDEA Newsletter
 - Rashid distributed a draft copy of the newsletter.
 - Board members to forward their brief bio and a picture to Rashid so it can be published in the first newsletter.
- b. Web-site Issues

- Anees will lead the effort to put together an RFP and evaluate at least three web developers with the criteria that they are dependable and economical. Our web-site will have feature to pay online for our events and dues.
- Rashid forwarded to Anees the information that he has received from Khairul Bashir regarding Associated Consulting, a web developer company.

7. Social Affairs

- a. Naeem will lead the effort to put together the following programs: Summer Picnic, Ramadan Iftar, Cricket Match, and Annual Dinner.
- b. Board narrowed down the picnic location to either at Herrick Lake Forest Preserve, Wheaton, or York Woods Forest Preserve, near York Road, Oak Brook. Naeem will explore what they offer and will present to the Board in the next meeting.
- c. Also, the programs may modify based on our survey with NEDEA members.

8. Other Items:

- a. Naeem mentioned that there is an issue with NED transcript evaluation by NCEES or similar organization. They are not giving the proper credit hours and their evaluation shows that the graduate from NED is deficient in few areas, such as Humanities etc. Rashid will bring this issue to NEDIAN-NA so they can discuss with the credit evaluation agencies.

9. Next Meeting

- a. The tentative date for the next meeting is Sunday, January 30, 2010. This will be a combined meeting of past and present NEDEA Board members.

10. Meeting Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm.

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NEDEA - CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2011

Tentative Date	Description	Location	Time
Sunday 3/20/2011	Professional Seminar	Holiday Inn 17W350 22nd Street Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181	10:30 am to 1:30 pm
Saturday 7/23/2011	Annual Picnic	Herrick Lake Forest Preserve Wheaton	1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Saturday 8/13/2011	Iftar	TBD	7:00 pm – 9:30 pm
Saturday 9/10/2011	Cricket Game	TBD	11:00 am to 2:00 pm
Sunday 10/9/2011	Professional Seminar	TBD	10:30 am – 1:30 pm
Friday 11/11/2011	Annual Dinner	TBD	7:00 pm – 12:00 am