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EDITOR'S NOTE

I vividly remember studying about the perpetual motion machines in the NED. These hypothetical machines operate or produce useful work indefinitely and produce more work or energy than they consume, whether they might operate indefinitely or not.

The lesson learnt was that nothing can work indefinitely. There is an end to everything, to the good things as well.

I am in a similar position at this time. This current issue of 'NEDAC News' will be the last issue which the present Editorial Board is publishing. The next issue of 'NEDAC News' will be published by the next Editorial Board which will be appointed by the next NEDAC Board.

The responsibility of 'NEDAC News' was assigned to current Editorial Board by the NEDAC Board in the last quarter of 2009. At that time there were quite a few challenges to face. To name some, continuity in publishing the 'NEDAC News' was one. There was a gap of about six months since the last issue of 'NEDAC News' was published. The non-availability of original articles was another challenge, while volunteers to team up their skills and time for 'NEDAC News' were not easy to find.

I looked at all of these challenges as opportunities for improvement and avenues to achieve success to give a face lift to the 'NEDAC News'.



The present Editorial Board have published five issues of 'NEDAC News', the Summer/Fall issue of 2009 and four quarterly issues of 2010. When I look back at the performance, I feel reasonably satisfied. I have tried to perform to the best of my abilities.

I will take this opportunity to thank all NEDAC members who have extended support and contributed their articles and experiences to 'NEDAC News'. I also wish to thank NEDAC Board for considering me for this assignment. My special thanks to Mr. Syed Imran Ahmad, Information and Publication Secretary, who was the leader of the Editorial Board.

I would hope and request that kindly support the next Editorial Board the way you have done for this Editorial Board.

THANK YOU ALL.

Mahmood Manzoor
Editor

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

NEDAC BOARD

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Vice President:

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Mr. Aslam Mirza

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Mr. Islam Nami Khan

Mr. Osaid Syed

Mr. Sahir Zamir

Mr. Syed Imran Ahmed

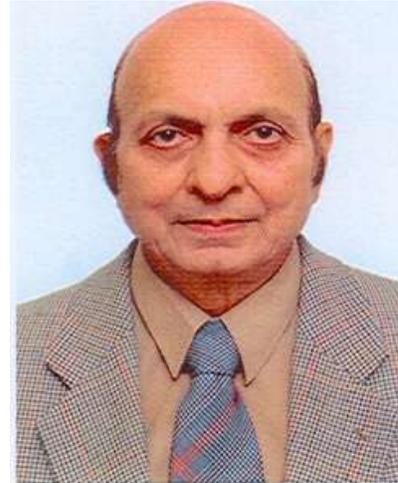
Two year tenure of the present board has passed very quickly and now you are reading the last newsletter. Members have attended high rated technical seminars, seen quality souvenirs and newsletters, enjoyed picnics, sham-e-gazal and memorable annual functions organized by the present board during this period. You will read elsewhere my report of the activities and achievements during 2008-2010.

I would like to mention here that Canada Revenue Agency has assessed and cleared NEDAC Accounts for the last four fiscal years. With this our accounts and returns are up to date and there is nothing outstanding.

This is a big achievement as the other accounting companies were demanding \$ 3000 or more to undertake this task. NEDAC Finance Committee prepared the accounts in house and filed the returns to the satisfaction of Canada Revenue Agency at no cost to NEDAC.

All hats off to NEDAC Finance Committee for this outstanding performance.

NEDAC elections for the term 2010-2012 will be held on Saturday November 13, 2010. An Election Committee headed by Mr. Zaheer Zuberi has been formed.



I would request all members to participate in the elections in large number and cast the votes to their favourite candidates.

The NEDAC Elections will be held in Olympium Lounge, 590 Rathburn Road, Etobicoke, ON. M9C 3T3 between 3:00 to 5:30 pm.

In the end, on behalf of the present board and on my own behalf I would like to express my sincere thanks to all NEDAC members for their cooperation, valuable support and attendance in the various NEDAC events and activities thus making them great success.

Long Live NEDAC.

*Ismat Kamal, P.Eng.
President, NEDAC*

NEDAC GEARS UP FOR ITS THIRD ELECTIONS

The NEDAC Elections to elect the NEDAC Board for the term 2010-2012 are scheduled to be held at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Saturday, the 13th of November 2010.

Mr. Zaheer Zuberi (BE Mechanical & Electrical/1963) has been appointed as Chairperson of the NEDAC Election Committee 2010 by the current NEDAC Board.

The Elections will be held under an independent 'Election Committee' comprising of NEDAC members who are not the candidates for the Election. The members of Election Committee have been selected by the Chairperson and they are as under:

Mr. Abid Asghar
Mr. Islam Nabi Khan
Mr. Fayyaz Siddiqui

The Election Committee announced the following program for the event. The Master of Ceremony will be Mr. Rasool A. Kalimi:

1500-1505: Recitation from the Holy Quran by a NEDAC Member

1505- 1510: Welcome Address by Mr. Zaheer Zuberi, Chairperson of the Election Committee

1510- 1600: Introduction of Candidates by Mr. Fayyaz Siddiqui

1600- 1730: Casting of Votes and Scrutiny of Ballot Papers

1730-1830: Ballot Counting

1830-1850: Announcement of results by Mr. Islam Nabi Khan

1850-1900: Oath Taking Ceremony of Office Bearers by Mr. Zaheer Zuberi, Chair person of the Election Committee

1900- 1905: Vote of thanks by Mr. Abid Asghar

Invitation for Refreshments after Voting

The complete list of the candidates is as follows:

PRESIDENT

Mr. Ismat Kamal
Mr. M. Idrees Khan
Mr. Sadiq A. Pirani

VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Mohammad Mubashir Aslam Quidwai
Mr. Syed Imran Ahmed

GENERAL SECRETARY

Mr. Muhammad Khaleeq Najmi
Mr. Syed Hussain Haider

FINANCE SECRETARY

Mr. Osaid Syed
Mr. Syed Anwar Ali

INFORMATION & PUBLICATION SECRETARY

Mr. Asad Asghar
Mr. Masood Anjum Khan

SOCIAL SECRETARY

Mr. Arif Syed
Mr. Masood Hasan Khan Rao

NED LIAISON SECRETARY

Mr. Latif Anwar Nizamani
Mr. Mohammad Khalid

JOINT SECRETARY

Mr. Irfan Arab
Mr. Tanvir Akhtar

EXECUTIVE MEMBER

Mr. Ahmed Nadeem
Mr. Aman Shabbir Siddiqui
Mr. Asaf Maruf
Mr. Farrukh Karamat
Mr. Ishtiaq Ahmad
Mr. Muhammad Farooq
Mr. Muhammed Adeel Sheikh
Mr. Najam Yaseen
Mr. Nasir Azam
Mr. Nassir F. Muhiuddin
Ms. Nazli Khan

NEDAC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2010 REPORT OF THE NEDAC PRESIDENT FOR 2008-2010

Dear NEDAC Members:

This report of NEDAC activities during the period 2008 - 2010 was originally prepared for presentation in 2010 NEDAC Annual General Meeting to be held on November 13, 2010. However, in view of the NEDAC elections taking place on the same day and to conduct the elections in a fair and impartial atmosphere, it was decided to release the report of the NEDAC President before holding the AGM 2010. Therefore, this report is not being presented on Election Day but is being released through emails to the membership.



2. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINARS

I am pleased to mention that Professional Development Committee of NEDAC has worked very hard to deliver outstanding seminars to the membership. These seminars have had the goal of helping members improve their professional standing and effectiveness in the workplace. We delivered three highly successful seminars on topics that were of great interest to the membership.

Since the present Board took over the affairs of NEDAC in November 2008, we have had two glorious and eventful years. During this period various activities to promote interaction, net working and closer contacts among NEDAC members were undertaken with full support and valuable cooperation of the members.

I am delighted to highlight some of the achievements of the present board during 2008-2010 for your information as under:

1. GROWTH OF NEDAC MEMBERSHIP

I am delighted to report that the membership of NEDAC has crossed the 300 mark and presently stands at 329. This works out to be more than a 50 percent increase in the membership since the current Board took over.

I am glad to report that the Membership Committee chair Mr. Osaid Syed has painstakingly organized the membership database and corrected numerous mistakes in it. He and his committee members have worked very hard and have spent a significant amount of time and energy to achieve this result. I thank Mr. Syed and his team members for their good performance.

The first one was on “Resume Development & Interviewing Skills”, the second on “Project management & PMP Certification” and the third one was on “How to Become a Professional Licensed Engineer in Ontario”. The selection of these topics was based on a formal membership survey and on feedback obtained at the seminars. All the seminars were delivered on a very modest budget and the second was self-financed through sponsorship and participant’s voluntary contributions.

We arranged well regarded professionals in their respective fields as speakers for each of these seminars. These presenters were able to address all the unique and interesting questions posed by the participants on the subject matter. All the seminars were rated as excellent from the feedback we received from the participants. We upgraded the venue of the second seminar to a first class centrally located hotel which was very much appreciated by the participants and for which we received generous monetary contributions from them. However, as a result of a survey of the participants, we were obliged to relocate to the original venue for our third seminar.

I was very happy at the excellent participation from the membership in these seminars. The PDC

worked very hard to encourage participation in these seminars, with yahoo group notifications, personal phone calls and with individual prominent email announcements.

My sincere thanks are due to PDC Committee chair Mr. Shiraz Rehmani and his team, Arshad Azhar, Imran Ahmed and the PDC volunteers.

3. ADVISORY PANEL FOR ASSISTING IN OBTAINING PROFESSIONAL LICENCE

In order to assist and guide the members in obtaining professional engineer's licenses from Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO), Professional Development Committee formed an advisory panel of experts. The purpose was to provide guidance on one-on-one from the beginning of the process to licensing. The following persons volunteered to be the initial members of the advisory panel:

Mr. Shiraz Rehmani, Panel Advisor: Mechanical Engineering.

Mr. Arshad Azhar, Panel Advisor: Civil Engineering.

Mr. Mohammad Khalid, Panel Advisor: Electrical Engineering.

The formation of the advisory panel has proved to be very beneficial for the members. More than 20 NEDAC members were benefitted from the expert advice many of whom have obtained or are in the process of obtaining PEO licenses with the help of these panel advisors.

In addition, NEDAC delegation met with Dr. Santosh Gupta, the Chairperson of Experience Requirement Committee of PEO to discuss the problems encountered by the foreign trained engineers especially the NEDians in getting the PEO license. This was a very fruitful meeting and is expected to yield good results in the future.

4. RESUME REVIEW SERVICE

Immediately following the PDC seminar on Resume Development held on January 24, 2009, an offer was made to the membership for free review of their resumes to help them in procuring professional jobs. A number of members and

seminar participants have been taking advantage of the offer and have had their resumes reviewed. PDC members Mr. Shiraz Rehmani, Mr. Arshad Azhar and others have been very active in reviewing resumes with a quick turnaround in order that resumes can be effectively tailored to the job opportunities identified by the member. To date more than 30 rounds of resume reviews have taken place and some members have reported success in their job search as a result.

5. THIRD & FOURTH ANNUAL DINNERS AND MUSICAL EVENINGS

During 2008-2010 we have organized two highly rated Annual Dinners and Musical Evenings. Each of these highly successful functions were attended by more than 650 members, their families and friends. In the Third Annual Dinner Hon. Peter Kent, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs was the chief guest. The event was a great success particularly because of the kind participation of Engr. Abul Kalam, Vice Chancellor, NED University of Engineering and Technology who came all the way from Pakistan as a special guest at our invitation and at no cost to NEDAC. Mr. Tassaduq Hussain, Consul General of Pakistan was guest of honor. Dr. Munir Hasan, former Vice Chancellor of NEDUET was also in attendance as a special guest.

I congratulate the then Social Committee chair, Mr. Masood Rao, Committee members, all board members and numerous volunteers who worked very hard with great dedication as a team in organizing the third event and making it a great success. My thanks are also due to Mr. Khaleeq Najmi for his effective coordination with NEDUET which resulted in the participation of the Vice Chancellor in this function.

Hon. Jason Kenney, Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism was the chief guest of our fourth annual dinner. Sahibzada A. Khan, Consul General of Pakistan and Her Worship Hazel McCallion, Mayor of Mississauga were the guests of honor in this memorable event. The special guest of the evening was Dr. Nazimuddin Qureshi, Dean Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, NEDUET, who specially came from

Pakistan to attend and honor the evening as a nominee of the Vice Chancellor NEDUET

I wish to acknowledge the enviable efforts of Mr. Islam Nabi Khan, Acting Social Secretary and Sponsorship Committee chair and his team members, board members, numerous volunteers for the great success of this event. Mr. Khan 's persuasive powers helped in motivating sponsors to participate whole heartedly in our events which resulted in record breaking fund collection. I also thank the sponsors for their generous contributions without which it was not possible to organize these colorful events.

It is also heartening to note that on both occasions the Prime Minister of Canada, The Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper extended his warmest greetings to the participants of the annual functions of NEDAC and conveyed his best wishes on behalf of Government of Canada for a memorable evening and for every future success. Local media, TV and press gave NEDAC events excellent coverage. Feedback from the members showed that the members and their families thoroughly enjoyed these evenings and admired the quality of food and music program.

6. AN EVENING WITH VC NEDUET

The participation of the Vice Chancellor of NEDUET, Engr. Abul Kalam in NEDAC 2009 Annual Function provided us with a good opportunity to spend some time with him and listen to his wisdom. Therefore, on behalf of the Social Committee, Mr. Islam Nabi Khan arranged an evening with him at Maple Banquet Hall. NEDAC members showed great interest and enthusiasm in attending this memorable evening along with their spouses.

A very informative question and answer session took place in which the Vice Chancellor enlightened us about the activities at our Alma mater. This was followed by a delicious dinner supervised by the better half of our Finance Secretary, Mr. Aslam Mirza. Details of questions asked and the answers of the Vice Chancellor can be seen in Summer/Fall 2009 Newsletter.

7. LAUNCHING OF UPGRADED NEDAC WEBSITE

During our tenure we have launched an attractive new broad based NEDAC website. This was necessary to move with the times and fulfill the desire of the board and numerous NEDAC members to have a website we could be proud of. We selected "Web 2.0" for development of our website as it is perceived as a second generation of web development and web design. Moreover, the content of the website was dramatically expanded to include RSS feeds for active jobs, valuable links to Professional Engineering bodies, Yahoo group rules, etc.

Mr. Imran Ahmed, our acting Secretary Information and Publication has spent a significant amount of his time and hard work to make this happen. Feedback from our members has indicated that every one has liked and appreciated this excellent high quality NEDAC website. I thank Mr. Imran Ahmed for his dedication and par excellence work in launching a very impressive and dynamic NEDAC website.

8. HIGH QUALITY SOUVENIRS

Two very high quality souvenirs were published and distributed to the members during the annual functions of NEDAC held in May 2009 and June 2010. The souvenirs were much improved from previous ones in terms of contents, presentation and quality of photographs. NEDAC members appreciated the upgraded standard of the souvenirs. My thanks are due to Mr. Mahmood Manzoor for his efforts in bringing out quality souvenirs with in shortest possible time.

9. IMPROVED NEDAC NEWSLETTER

Mr. Mahmood Manzoor was made the editor of NEDAC News. He has worked very hard in putting together impressive newsletters. The quality, content and illustrations of NEDAC News have improved to a greater extent since he took over this responsibility. The issues of NEDAC News have a new look, broader scope and bigger canvas.

He continues working towards the goal of making NEDAC News a prestigious professional top class publication with your support in the form of write ups and contributions of interesting articles. I thank him for his valuable contribution which is recognized by the membership.

10. NEDAC YAHOO GROUP MAIL

In the past very few members gave attention to NEDAC Yahoo group mail. Efforts were made to make it more attractive by providing useful technical inputs and job opening information for the benefit of the members. It has become a very respected and popular mail group amongst NEDAC members thanks to the great efforts of Mr. Arshad Azhar, who is the moderator of this mail group. Rules governing it were posted in the forum section of NEDAC website.

11. NEW NEDAC SOCIAL MAIL GROUP

As per earlier NEDAC policy, we were very strict in the use of NEDAC Yahoo group mail only for technical matters and for furnishing useful information to the members. Many of our members had requested that this mail group should also be used for social benefits, discussions and networking amongst NEDAC members. This will bring them closer and would encourage them to be more active as a group and provide assistance to each other in their day to day affairs.

In deference to the wishes of our members, NEDAC Social group was launched for interaction between the members. Rules for this forum are posted on NEDAC website. Mr. Naushad Ahmad has volunteered to moderate the NEDAC Socials group. The new group is working towards gaining the confidence of the members.

12. NEDAC FAMILY PICNICS

Sports and Recreation Committee organized two very popular family picnics in the prestigious High Park, Toronto. Both of these were attended by a large number of NEDAC members, their families and kids. Cricket and soccer matches were played between the teams selected from the enthusiastic sport lovers. Volley ball games were also played in

addition to many other games and activities for children.

The participants of the picnic were served mouth watering lunches in each picnic. Presents were also given to children. These picnics provided a good networking opportunity to our members in addition to the much needed exercise in open and healthy environment.

I thank Sports and Recreation Committee's chair Mr. Irfan Arab, M/S Islam Nabi, Imran Ahmed, Khaleeq Najmi, Osaid Syed, Shiraz Rehmani, Sahir Zamir and other volunteers for working very diligently for success of both picnics.

13. ORGANIZING A DAZZLING SHAM-E-GAZAL

An absorbing Sham-e-Gazal was organized which was largely attended by music lovers of this form of music. NEDAC members M/S Shah Quarin Ahmed and Shiraz Rehmani entertained the audience who thoroughly enjoyed their renditions till late at night.

14. NEDAC ACCOUNTS

NEDAC accounts were not maintained as per accounting rules. It was disorganized and required to be maintained properly. No financial statements for the previous fiscal years were prepared and no returns submitted to Revenue Canada. The main reason was the lack of accounting expertise in keeping the accounts.

A professional accountant demanded \$ 3000 plus \$ 300 per month for preparing NEDAC accounts and book keeping. This was an expensive proposition which could not be agreed to. The board decided to prepare the accounts in house and submit the returns to Revenue Canada to save NEDAC funds.

Therefore, the Finance Committee painstakingly reconstructed NEDAC accounts on the basis of bank statements and information obtained from the previous board. All the new record was properly maintained under each head of account. I am pleased to inform the members that the financial statements for the last four fiscal years including two years of the previous board were prepared and

returns for these four years were submitted to Revenue Canada.

A brief summary of the accounts is given below:

First Fiscal Year (September 01, 2006 to August 31, 2007)

Total income from membership, sponsors and ticket sales:	\$ 16,356
Total NEDAC expenses:	<u>\$ 12,219</u>
Net surplus/(deficit):	\$ 4,137

Second Fiscal Year (September 01, 2007 to August 31, 2008)

Total income from membership, sponsors and ticket sales:	\$ 18,845
Total NEDAC expenses:	<u>\$ 17,266</u>
Net surplus/(deficit):	\$ 1,579

Third Fiscal Year (September 01, 2008 to August 31, 2009)

Total income from membership, sponsors and ticket sales:	\$ 24,872
Total NEDAC expenses:	<u>\$ 20,463</u>
Net surplus/(deficit):	\$ 4,409

Fourth Fiscal Year (September 01, 2009 to August 31, 2010)

Total income from membership, sponsors and ticket sales:	\$ 22,897
Total NEDAC expenses:	<u>\$ 23,117</u>
Net surplus/(deficit):	(\$ 220)

When the present board took over the affairs of NEDAC in November 2008, a total of \$ 6,181 was in the bank. Out of this amount \$ 525 was to be paid for the expenditure during 2006-2008. Hence the actual funds at our disposal were **\$ 5,656**. The current bank record shows that the total funds in the bank stand at **\$ 9,900** as on August 31, 2010 which is \$ 4,244 (**75 percent**) more than the funds that was available in the bank in November 2008.

I would like to acknowledge with my sincere thanks the hard work of Finance Committee chair Mr. Aslam Mirza and his volunteer team for skillfully organizing the accounts of NEDAC and

preparing the returns for the terms of the previous as well as the current board.

15. AMENDMENTS OF NEDAC BY-LAWS

The present by-laws are silent on many important issues such as by-elections, operational procedures, disciplinary actions, resignations and their acceptance, etc. Amendments to by-laws are normal for any dynamic organization and the need to amend by-laws was also felt by the previous board.

NEDAC by-laws committee decided to take the membership into confidence in the matter and requested members to provide their inputs related to amendments to the existing by-laws.

However, some people misunderstood the spirit behind seeking inputs from members for amendment of by-laws and some requested more time to debate the issue. Therefore, we decided to bring the amendments in the 2010 annual general meeting. For this the By-Laws Committee worked diligently with the inputs from the members and drafted amendments to the various clauses.

The task of drafting amendments to the existing by-laws, based on inputs received from the members, is now complete. The amendments are ready to be put to the AGM for vote for approval or otherwise. But putting the amendments for vote in the AGM was deferred for the time being so that more time could be devoted to the elections. The amendments will be put for vote in the AGM when the next NEDAC Board will consider it appropriate.

16. CONCLUDING REMARKS

In the end I would like to express my sincere thanks to my colleagues in NEDAC board, volunteers and other silent workers for their dedication and selfless service for the cause of NEDAC during the last two years. I am sure they will continue to provide their valuable services to this organization in future as well.

I am also grateful to NEDAC members for their support, cooperation, participation in various events and positive feedback without which we

would not have been so successful in meeting the goals and objectives of NEDAC.

I close with the sense of satisfaction that your elected board was able to serve you as per mandate and confidence reposed on them by the NEDAC membership. We have raised the standard and quality of all activities thereby enhanced the prestige of NED Alumni Association Canada in the eyes of every one.

Once again, I thank you all for your support. I am confident that NEDAC will go to greater heights in coming years with the sincere efforts of all of us.

NEDAC Zindabad.

*Ismat Kamal, P. Eng.
President
October 26, 2010*

(LATE) QAMAR KHAN HONOURED

The City of Mississauga has recently completed the 'Mississauga Cycling Master Plan. This Master Plan is dedicated to Qamar Khan (BE Civil/1992). Qamar Khan was a NEDAC Member and was the project co-lead for this assignment by the City of Mississauga. He passed away unexpectedly in January 2010 after a short illness.

His sudden death saddened every employee of the City of Mississauga. The dedication of this Master Plan to Qamar Khan is the recognition of Qamar's sincerity to his work and his respect for his colleagues and employer. Attached below is a scanned page taken from the 'Mississauga Cycling Master Plan' in this regard.



NEDAC BOARD (2008-2010) – TWELTH MEETING

The 12th meeting of the NEDAC Board was held on 25th September 2010 at 2:00 pm at the Fairview Public Library Toronto. Mr. Ismat Kamal, President NEDAC, chaired the meeting. The meeting was attended by Mr. Mahmood Manzoor, Mr. Khaleeq Najmi, Mr. Islam Nabi Khan, Mr. Syed Imran Ahmed, Mr. Sahir Zameer, Mr. Osaid Syed and Mr. Arshad Azhar. Mr. Irfan Arab was available on telephone.

The meeting started with recitation from Holy Quran by Mr. Sahir Zamir. The Board members approved the minutes of the last Board meeting.

The main item of the agenda was the finalization of the schedule for the 2010 NEDAC Elections. Mr. Ismat Kamal started the discussions with the main agenda item. He proposed that NEDAC Election should be held on Saturday, the 13th of November 2010. For this purpose a tentative booking has already been made at Olympium Centre in Etobicoke. The Board unanimously approved the date. It is also decided that the election will be held under the existing by-laws.

Mr. Ismat Kamal proposed that Mr. Zaheer Zubairi may be appointed as the Chairperson of the Election Committee. Mr. Zubairi had been the Chairperson of the last two NEDAC Elections and he is one of the senior members of NEDAC. It was decided by the Board that Mr. Ismat Kamal will send the announcement to the members by Sunday, the 26th of September 2010. The Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Zaheer Zuberi as the Chairperson of the Election Committee for the 2010 NEDAC Elections.

It was decided by the Board that the NEDAC AGM should be held on the same day (13th of November 2010) because it will be very difficult for the members to assemble for two different occasions within a short period of time. It was decided that AGM will be held before the NEDAC Elections. The Board also decided that the amendments to the NEDAC Bylaws should also be put before the AGM for approval in the AGM. Only the amendments in the NEDAC Bylaws will be read by Mr. Mahmood .Manzoor. Members will be asked to vote for or against the NEDAC Bylaws amendments. It was emphasized that no debate or discussion will be allowed on the proposed Bylaws amendments as the amendments have been circulated to all NEDAC members well in advance and they have been given sufficient time to review the amendments.

The Board decided that Mr. Ismat Kamal will present his speech in the AGM and highlight the performance of the Board in the two year term.

Mr. Osaid Syed emphasized on the need of maintaining the confidentiality of the decisions made by the Board in the Board meetings. The Board unanimously condemned the attitude of those Board members (without pointing to anyone) who have been leaking out the Board decisions and discussion in full or part to various NEDAC members without the permission of the Board.

The meeting concluded with a word of thanks from the President, Mr. Ismat Kamal. He thanked all the Board members for extending cooperation to him during the two year term and volunteering their services towards the cause of NEDAC.

BE AN AUTHOR

NEDAC Newsletter needs your literary contributions. Please send your technical and literary articles for the Newsletter.

If you wish to share any break through engineering news or an engineering 'Great Achievement', send it to Newsletter. Please include all necessary references for such articles.

Mahmood Manzoor / Editor 'NEDAC News'

NEWS FROM NEDAC

NEW NEDAC MEMBERS

It is a great pleasure that FIFTEEN (15) new members have joined NEDAC. With this addition, the total membership has reached the 336 mark.

The fifteen (15) new members (Membership Numbers 322 through 336 in order) are Ms. NISHAT FATIMA NAQVI (BE Civil/1993), Mr. SHAFIQ UR RAHMAN (BE Mechanical/1991), Mr. QAMBER ALI WADIA (BE Civil/1999), Mr. TAYYAB SHAKIL (BE Mechanical/1975), Mr. FARRUKH KARAMAT (BE Electrical/1987), Mr. AMIN JAN MOHAMMAD (BE Mechanical/1978), Mr. IMRAN NADIR JAFFARI (BE Civil/1996), Mr. MOHAMMAD MUBASHIR ASLAM QIDWAI (BE Electrical/1975), Mr. QADEER AHMED KHAN (BE Civil/1978), Mr. WASEEM USMANI (BE Mechanical/1978), Mr. SYED HASHIM RAZA (BE Civil/1988), Mr. NADEEM MALIK (BE Mechanical/1995), Mr. IMTIAZ AHMAD (BE Mechanical/1984), Mr. SYED TARIQUE NIAZ (BE Electrical/1976), Mr. ARSHAD JAMIL (BE Civil/1988).

BRUCE POWER VOLUNTEERS COLLECT FUNDS FOR PAKISTAN FLOOD RELIEF

The Bruce Power volunteers, including many NEDAC members, collected an amount of \$ 35,000 at gate collection for Pakistan Flood in two hours time. Bruce Power and Govt of Canada will match this amount.



PEO YORK CHAPTER'S TECHNICAL TOUR OF YORK REGION TRANSIT TRANSIT OPERATION CENTRE

VIVA - the first Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) System of its kind in the Greater Toronto Area is celebrating its 5th anniversary this year. The rapid transit service was launched in September 2005 through a public private partnership and completely integrates with conventional York Region Transit creating one public transit system for the York Region.



The presenters of the technical tour were Mr. Rajeev Roy, P. Eng., Manager, Transit Management Systems York Region Transit and Mr. Sadiq A. Pirani, P.Eng., Senior Engineer, ITS/Traffic/Transportation.

Mr. Pirani is a NEDAC member and is a Licensed and Registered Professional Engineer with over 15 years of international work experience in Engineering Consultancy Services, Business Development, Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Design, Traffic Engineering and Transportation and Public Transit Infrastructure Planning.

He has served as a General Secretary at PEO York Chapter in 2008-2009 and as an Executive Board Member at NEDAC in 2006-2008.

NEWS FROM NEDUET

SAHIBZADA FAROOQ RAFIQUE IS THE NEW PRO VC OF NEDUET

The Chancellor of NED University of Engineering and Technology has appointed Professor Sahibzada Farooq Rafique, Dean Faculty of Civil and Environmental Architecture Engineering, as the Pro VC of University.

He has taken his charge from 1st September 2010. His appointment is in place of Pro VC Dr. Shams Haque who has opted to retire from his position

SEMESTER SYSTEM AND SOFTWARE ENGINEERING AT NEDUET

The NEDUET has decided to follow the semester system of education from the 2011 academic year.

This decision was taken in a meeting of Academic Council of NEDUET which was chaired by the VC of NEDUET, Engr. Abul Kalam. The Council also decided to introduce the subject of Software Engineering in NEDUET from the academic year 2011. The Software Engineering will ultimately be developed as a complete faculty.

NEDUET ALLOCATES 10 SEATS FOR SONS/DAUGHTERS OF NED ALUMNI NETWORK LIFE MEMBERS

During the review of prospectus of 2010-11 for admissions in NED (available on line at www.neduet.edu.pk), it is observed that from this year NED has introduced 10 seats for the real sons/daughters of NED Alumni Network Life Members on Self Finance Basis.

NEWS FROM NEDUET ALUMNI IN NORTH AMERICA

NEDAA HONORS PROF. DR. SHAMS HAQUE PRO VC NRDUET

On the retirement of Prof. Dr. Shams Haque, the Pro Vice Chancellor NEDUET, from NEDUET, NEDAA gave a dinner in his honour and recognition of his more than forty years (40+ years) of service to our Alma Mater and his tireless support for NED Alumnis.



The dinner was held in Manhattan New York USA on 28th of September 2010 which was attended by NEDAA Board members and friends.

NEDAA ELECTIONS

The 2010 NEDAA Elections were held with Prof. Dr. Shams Haque as the Election Commissioner.

The Election results were announced by the Election Commissioner and are listed below with number of votes in parenthesis:

President	Mr. Moin Ahmed (74)
Vice President	Mr. Javed Riaz (74)
Joint Vice President	Mr. Sharif Ahmed (74)
Joint Vice President	Mr. Ghiasuddin Syed (82)
Treasurer	Mr. Ahmad Siddiqui (74)
Joint Treasurer	Mr. Rashid Yousuf (74)
General Secretary	Mr. Abid Ansari (84)
Joint Secretary	Mr. Fayyaz Mubeen (76)

NEDAC BYLAWS COMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting of the NEDAC Bylaws Committee was held on the 14th of July 2010 at the residence of Mr. Mansoor Kureshy at 56 Bethany Street, Markham, ON L1S T8. The agenda of the meeting was to finalize the amendments to the NEDAC Bylaws based on the input received from NEDAC members.

Mr. Mahmood Manzoor Vice President NEDAC and Chairperson of the NEDAC Bylaws Committee was in chair. The meeting was attended by Bylaws Committee members Mr. Mansoor Kureshy, Mr. Syed Naseeruddin and Mr. Syed Hussain Haider. Mr. Ismat Kamal President NEDAC attended as an observer

The meeting started with name of Allah, *the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful*.

Mr. Mahmood Manzoor thanked Mr. Mansoor Kureshy for hosting the meeting at his residence at such a short notice.

Mr. Mahmood Manzoor also thanked all the members of the Bylaws Committee present at the meeting who had worked extremely hard in reviewing the existing bylaws, compiling inputs from the NEDAC members, consolidating amendments and organizing all the information.

Mr. Mahmood Manzoor conveyed his special thanks to Mr. Syed Naseeruddin who had very devotedly worked for the cause of NEDAC in general and the Bylaws Committee in particular, in spite of his being located in Doha, Qatar.

He had been regularly providing his inputs and suggestions for finalizing the draft of the Bylaws Amendments.

Mr. Mahmood Manzoor acknowledged that the Bylaws Committee had been greatly benefited by the participation of Mr. Hussain Haider, who brought with him his vast and invaluable experience of formulating bylaws of a NED Alumni Association in Saudi Arabia.

The participants of the meeting then went through the complete NEDAC bylaws, article by article, and discussed and reviewed the bylaws in light of inputs received from various NEDAC members. After the detailed review and discussions, the Bylaws Committee finalized the amendments to the existing NEDAC bylaws:

The Bylaws Committee agreed that the minutes of the meetings be sent to all Committee members for their review. Mr. Mahmood Manzoor requested Mr. Ismat Kamal to give his feedback as an observer and make any suggestion.

Mr. Syed Naseeruddin suggested that when the draft for amendments is circulated to the NEDAC members, it should be clearly explained that the these proposals are based on the inputs from the NEDAC members and are not the suggestions solely of the Bylaws Committee. This proposal was of particular importance as it was aimed to avoid confusion in the minds of the NEDAC members regarding origin of the proposals.

The meeting was held in a very cordial atmosphere and tasty snacks were provided by Mr. Mansoor Kureshy during the meeting. At the conclusion of the meeting Mr. Mahmood Manzoor thanked the participants for working sincerely towards the cause of the NEDAC in general and towards Bylaws Committee in particular.

INNA LILLAHAY WA INNA ELAIHAI RAJEOUN

Javed Hassan Arian (BE Mechanical/1989-90) passed away in Toronto. He passed away while he was in *aitekaaf* at a mosque. Javed Hassan Arian had two kids.

The NEDAC Board and NEDAC members pray for *maghfarat* of the departed souls

REUNION OF NED GRADUATES OF 1969 BATCH IN BUFFALO, NEW YORK USA

Forty (40) years is a long long period, but suddenly it seemed that everything happened only yesterday.

When the NED Graduates of 1969 batch look back, they realize that forty (40) long years have passed since they graduated from the NED (then the NED College). Many of the 1969 Graduates had not seen each other over this long period. But the evening of Saturday, the 30th of October 2010 suddenly took the 1969 NED Graduates back to 1969, when they all met with each other in Buffalo NY USA.

The opportunity for this reunion was provided by the visit of Major-General (Retd) Khalid Mushtaq, BE Mechanical/1969, who was visiting USA on a vacation. It prompted Col (Retd) Sohail Qureshi in USA and Col (Retd) Rehan Akhtar in Canada to contact the NED Graduates of 1969 living in USA and Canada and make arrangements for this reunion. The venue chosen for the evening was the 'Tandooris' restaurant in Buffalo, NY USA, which is a very popular spot for 'desi' cuisines and an oriental atmosphere.

The NEDAC members from Canada who attended the reunion were Mr. Aftab Ahmad, Mr. Khalil Allawala, Mr. Mansoor Kureshy, Mr. Syed Sibte Kazim, Col (Retd) Rehan Akhtar and Mr. Mahmood Manzoor. Other 1969 NED Graduates travelled from LA and Bay Area in California, Chicago, Washington DC Area, Detroit Michigan and Florida. Spouses of most of the Graduates were also present at the event.

It was a purely 'NED' atmosphere, where participants shared their old memories of NED. They also talked about their life-time experiences of their careers and details of their families. It was a wonderful feeling for everyone to be there travelling back forty (40) years in the past. The dinner was followed by a musical performance by Major (Retd) Mustansir, who travelled from Stevensville, MI.

The fun lasted till 1 am when everyone said good bye to each other with a warm feeling of this wonderful experience of meeting their buddies of forty (40) years



SABA REHMANI AND HER TEAM RAISE OVER \$23,000 FOR PAKISTAN FLOOD VICTIMS

It is a myth that our younger generation has no links or very weak links with Pakistan - the country from where their parents migrated to Canada. It is indeed a sign of great encouragement to see youngsters like Ms. Saba Rehmani in the ranks of our younger generation. This article will explain more on that.

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The praiseworthy feature of Ms. Saba Rehmani is not that she is the daughter of NEDAC General Secretary Mr. Shiraz Rehmani. She has much more to her which makes her a praiseworthy person. She is young, energetic and innovative. And above all, she has a great love for Pakistan and its people.

When the recent devastating floods struck Pakistan creating havoc across its boundaries and bringing severe miseries to over 20 million people there, Saba was greatly disturbed. She wanted to help the flood victims in Pakistan by all possible means she had at her disposal.

She came up with a great idea to help Pakistan flood victims. The idea was to auction off donated artwork at a silent auction to raise funds for the flood victims.

She put together a team which organized this wonderful event called **heARTS for Pakistan** in Toronto on 18th of October 2010. The event took place at the fabulous Gladstone Hotel in Toronto with 100% of the proceeds going towards the Humanitarian Coalition's flood relief efforts in Pakistan. Saba and her young team of independent volunteers worked very hard, putting in over 1000 man-hours to organize and manage the event. With an extensive media blitz, they managed to rally some 40 Canadian and Pakistani artists to donate over 80 pieces of their artwork. The event was sponsored by OCAD University and Gladstone Hotel.

Over 200 Torontonians from all walks of life, made the event successful by bidding for and buying over 70 art pieces. The night came together with special guest appearances by strong supporters of the arts including Toronto's Deputy Mayor, Joe Pantalone; MP for Scarborough, Jim Karygiannis; Mrs. Pakistan World, Tehmena Bokhari; Miss India Canada, Anchal Sharma,

singer from popular pop/rock band JOSH, along with community dignitaries, business leaders, and of course Canadian artists.

NEDAC's President, Mr. Ismat Kamal along with Mrs. Kamal and a number of NEDAC members also showed up to show their support. It was a fabulous evening of art, jazz and of making the general Canadian community aware of a very worthy cause!



Saba (left) with some of her team members

'A crisis can build a community and show us at our best. This is definitely the case for **heARTS for Pakistan**, which brought together volunteers, artists, sponsors and supporters to raise critically-needed funds for Humanitarian Coalition members' Pakistan flood-relief efforts" said Humanitarian Coalition spokesperson, Denise Koulis. "The money raised by **heARTS for Pakistan** will save lives and help rebuild communities'.

We definitely need more youngsters like Saba in our community.

NEDAC MEMBER GETS KIDNEY DONATION FROM HIS WIFE

Love stories have a very distinct place in films, dramas and novels. These love stories are loaded with situations where the main players of these love stories go to all limits to give sacrifices for each other. But this is a story of a sacrifice in the real life – very touching and very true.

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When it comes to selecting a life partner for oneself, the process is not very straight forward in the Pakistani culture. One has to submit to family traditions most of the times. Even in situations where one has the liberty of making his/her own decisions, selecting the right person for a spouse may turn out to be very challenging situation. But Mohammad Khalid, BE Electrical/1974, a NEDAC member will tell you he married the right woman.

Khalid and his wife, Asiya, form a very happy couple, loving and living for one another. And they're quite compatible - in more ways than one.

Not only do the two Khalids get along well personally, but they're good match in terms of kidney donation. Mohammad Khalid has got a special gift from his wife - a kidney.

Mohammad Khalid, had a kidney transplant in July 2008. His wife, Asiya donated the kidney to him. Asiya who is a graduate from the University of Karachi in English Literature of the class of 1985, was married to Mohammad Khalid in 1985.

Khalid had the kidney disease since many years and his kidney functions were declining with exponential rate since the last couple of years.

He reached to the stage in the year of 2007 that the doctors advised him either to go through dialysis three times a week. The alternate option was to go for a one time kidney transplant if the donated kidney matches with his blood group.

The couple was in a very difficult situation. There was no immediate kidney donor in sight. Every passing day was adding more concerns and more disappointments to the couple.



Then the difficult decision was made by Asiya Khalid. To save Mohammad Khalid from the painful long term dialysis process, Asiya decided to donate her kidney to him. The surgery was done in the St. Michael's Hospital Toronto in July 2008.

It was a miracle that the couple's blood groups were an excellent match and after one year of intensive medical tests, the doctor's gave green signal for the transplant. July 22nd was set for the transplant and Asiya went through the surgery first.

The operation took 5 hours and immediately after her surgery, Mohammad Khalid was taken in the operation theatre. His surgery took about 4 hours though his surgery was less complicated than Asiya's surgery, as per the doctors.

Asiya was discharged from the hospital after three days and Khalid was discharged after 10 days. Both are having perfectly normal and healthy life.

The couple has a message for every one. 'Together you can face any crisis with God's will'.

WEDDING IN THE FAMILY OF NEDAC MEMBER

The wedding ceremony of SAAD INAM son of NEDAC member Mr. JAWAID INAM, took place on Sunday; the 19th September 2010, with FARZANA FAROOQ. Mr. Jawaid Inam had specifically come from Saudi Arabia (where he is presently based for his employment) for the marriage ceremony. Another notable figure in attendance of the event was Mr. Naseeruddin, a very prominent founder member of NEDAC, who had also come specifically from Doha, Qatar to attend the event.

The valima reception was very gracefully arranged by Mr. & Mrs. Jawaid Inam on Monday the 20th September 2010, at the Chandni Convention Centre, Brampton.

A large number of NEDAC members attended the valima reception including the NEDAC President, Mr. Ismat Kamal. These two functions were well enjoyed by all and also provided a great opportunity to Mr. Jawaid Inam to meet his NEDAC colleagues.



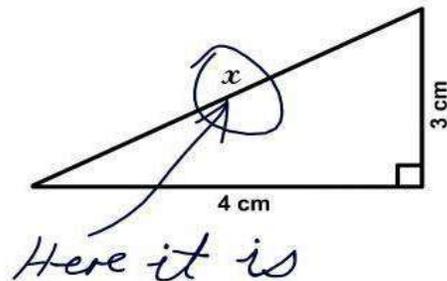
FOR YOUR SMILE

Things seem to have changed in the field of Mathematics. We all learnt the famous 'Pythagoras' Theorem' in our school days. We could find the hypotenuse of any right-angle triangle by using the equation: $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$.

But now students have a better way of finding the hypotenuse 'x' of the right-angle triangle. It seems to be a much easier way. See at the right!

Mahmood Manzoor
Editor NEDAC News

3. Find x.



Ocular Trauma - by Wade Clarke ©2005

URDU GHAZAL

By: Rasool Ahmad Kaleemi

Mr. Rasool Ahmed Kaleemi is a Mechanical Engineering graduate of NEDUET of 1967 batch. He has got a great love for Urdu literature, and he himself is a very good poet. His work has been published in his book 'Hawa-e-Dasht' His following 'Ghaza' has been taken from 'Hawa-e-Dasht'.

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تیشہ تو ابھی میں نے اٹھایا بھی نہیں تھا
وہ لمحہِ غمِ ریز تو آیا بھی نہیں تھا
آسان نہ تھی دھوپ میں صحرا کی مسافت
اور سر پہ ہما سے کوئی سایا بھی نہیں تھا
اس طرح کی شوریدہ سری پہلے کہاں تھی
اس طرح سے پہلے کوئی بھایا بھی نہیں تھا
توقیر تو پہلے بھی کبھی اس نے نہیں کی
پر بزم سے یوں مجھ کو اٹھایا بھی نہیں تھا
کیوں آج ہوا ایذا رساں پہلے سے بڑھ کر
ہم نے تو ابھی حال سنا یا بھی نہیں تھا

URDU HAMD

By: Syed Manzar Zaidi

Mr. Syed Manzar Zaidi is a Mechanical Engineering graduate of NEDUET of 1978 batch. He has got a great love for Urdu literature, in particular for the Urdu poetry. His following 'Hamd' is a good reflection of his good literary taste.

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حمدِ باری تعالیٰ

ممكن نہیں ہے حمدِ خدا ہو سکے رقم
کیا کہنا تیری شان کا اے واجب الوجود
اقرار اسکا بحث کی حد سے بعید ہے
مرہونِ فیضِ رحمتِ باری ہیں ہر گھڑی
رحم و کرم یہاں تو رہا تیرا بے حساب
محشر کی دھوپ میں کرم اتنا ضرور کر
عذرِ گناہ اور نہ شکوہ زباں پہ ہو
قدموں کو دے ثباتِ دلوں کو دے حوصلہ
آوازہ ہر مقام پہ لے یہ "اللہ ہو" کا ہے
احقر ہے عبد جس پہ کرم بے حساب ہے

گر تیری ہو عطا تو کچھ ہمت کرینگے ہم
تو کر دگا رقادِ مطلق و ذی حشم
ہر ذی حیاۃ پر تیرا انعام اور کرم
یہ قلمِ حیات کا کہتا ہے زیرِ وبم
درکار سب کو ہو گا وہاں بھی تیرا کرم
سایہ نہ سر سے ہو وہاں بارِ الہ کم
رکھنا یہی خیال ہے ہر آن دم بدم
دشوار رہگزر ہے نہ اکھڑیں میرے قدم
قریہ بہ قریہ صحرا بہ صحرا ویم بہ یم
کن کن نوازشات کو منظر کرے رقم