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ASIE Member & Well Wisher Sam Kannappan Appointed Secretary of the TBPE Board

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Mr. Kannappan is a Professional Engineer and Senior Design Engineer for SNC Lavalin Hydrocarbons & Chemicals, Houston. He is a Board Member of Society of Piping Engineers and Designers and Advisory Board Member of Asia Society, Texas Center. He served as a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Gas Pipeline Safety Research Committee, Defend Houston against Bio-terrorism. He also served on the Texas On-Site Wastewater Treatment Research Council from 2006 to 2011.

Mr. Kannappan received his B.E. (Hons) in Mechanical Engineering from Annamalai University, Tamil Nadu, India and M.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Texas, Austin. He is the author of the text book on "Introduction to Pipe Stress Analysis" and developer of Piping Analysis software "EZFLEX".

ASIE congratulates Mr. Kannappan for his achievements.
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ASIE Former Board of Director and Member
Dr. Raghu Dass earned Fellow status in ASCE

Dr. Raghu Dass, P.E., a consulting geotechnical engineer in Houston providing research, analysis, design, testing, construction, and professional services for civil engineering infrastructure, has been elevated to the status of Fellow by the ASCE Board of Directors.

He lends his support to the ASCE Houston Branch, the Foundation Performance Association, and other professional non-profit societies focused on improving the quality of life through community development initiatives. He also served on our ASIE Board in 2014. Dass is an annual member of ASIE.

Dr. Dass holds master’s and Ph.D degrees from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. He is a LEED accredited professional with the U.S. Green Building Council.

Proud to see one of our ASIE members reach great heights. ASIE congratulates Raghu Dass for his great achievements and inspiring young professionals.
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October Social Event

Continuing our tradition, ASIE team organized Bowling Social Event in October. Young Member Committee Chair, Nik Raha led the event. The event was very successful and it was a good opportunity for young members to network with fellow professionals.

All new members received an ASIE t-shirt as a token of appreciation.
Annual Holiday Event - Welcome

ASIE organized 2015 Annual Holiday Event on November 6th at India House. The event included entertainment, dinner, 2016 YEOY/A of the Year Award, Scholarships and Class of 2015. The event was very successful and the hall was packed with over 200 guests. ASIE invited all life, annual, student members and their families. It was a great gathering.

ASIE President, Raj Basavaraju was the emcee for the event. Raj welcomed all the guests, shared information about ASIE and its’ activities, goals, and achievements. He mentioned that 2015 has been a very successful year as ASIE team was able to do technical seminars, field trips, raised funds for scholarships.

Rice University Students started the program with a fusion dance medley and Paresh Bhatt and his music group made the holiday event memorable.
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Annual Holiday Event – Performances

[Images of festival performances]
ASIE 2016 Young Engineer/Architect of the Year Award was given to Ms. Sai Gowthami Asam. Sai has 8 years of work experience as Structural Engineer in Oil and Gas Industry. She has been working for Versabar Inc. She has been an active member of ASIE since 2012. Sai served on ASIE Board as IT Chair in 2014, currently serving as Secretary.

Ms. Sai Gowthami Asam has earned Bachelor’s Degree in Mechanical Engineering from JNTU Kakinada, and Master’s degree from Missouri University of Science and Technology.

Mr. Naresh Kolli, Mr. Chetan Vyas and Mr. Madhu Kilambi served as YEOY/A Committee Members.
2015 ASIE Scholarship Recipients

2015 ASIE Scholarship Committee was chaired by Mr. Srinivas Chintalapati. Committee Members include Mr. Chetan Vyas, Mr. Ashish Bagga, Ms. Bhavana Patel, Mr. Vishal Merchant, and Mr. Sirish Madichetti. The committee was put to a great task of selecting outstanding students pursuing undergraduate and graduate program in Engineering and Architectural Programs.

Out of 33 applicants, 8 deserving students were selected from University of Houston. A total of $11,000 were given to students. The following are the 2015 Scholarship recipients.

1. Akshay Deokar, MS in Subsea Engineering,
2. Sonika Gahlawat, PhD in Mechanical Engineering
3. Sai Anudeep Reddy, PhD in Chemical Engineering,
4. Anu George, Undergraduate in Chemical Engineering. Anu is serving as Co-Chair for UH Student Chapter.
5. Hardhik Minocha, MS in Subsea Engineering,
6. Krishna Saladi, PhD in Environmental Engineering
7. Renu Khatri, MS in Industrial Engineering
8. Nishant Sankhe, Masters in Architecture
ASIE has been recognizing Senior Indo-American Professionals in the Greater Houston Area who contributed significantly to the engineering and architectural fields. ASIE honored four individuals with their induction into “ASIE Class of 2015”. The selection committee was chaired by Mr. Virinder Bansal, Mr. Dinesh Shah, Mr. Ravi Arora, and Mr. Showri Nandagiri. The committee did a great job in selecting well deserving candidates into Class of 2015. All honorees share a common goal which is dedication to their disciplines. Their enthusiasm and commitment has shaped into several projects worldwide. They are true role models and inspiration to young professionals and students accelerating in engineering and architectural fields.

The honorees are Mr. Mahendra Vaishnav, M. Arch. has nearly 50 years of architectural design experience in large projects worldwide. He is a Registered Architect in the State of Texas. He has been working with KBR since 1988 with a current position of Senior Lead Architect. He serves on the Building Committee of Chinmaya Mission in Houston and has designed all buildings on their Campus.

Dr. Sulekh Jain, Ph.D, PE, MBA with over 55 years of experience and after retirement from GE in 1998, he founded several consulting firms in metalworking process technology and management. He holds 9 Patents, published over 50 technical papers, and taught at Universities in India, UK, USA and Canada.
ASIE Class of 2015 (Cont’d)

Dr. Krishna Goparaju, Ph.D, PE, serving as Geotechnical Program Manager with Harris County FCD since 2008. Prior to that he worked on several onshore and offshore geotechnical projects, R&D, construction and Environmental Site Assessments.

Mr. Harendra Bhatt, MEE, P.E. a Mechanical and Electrical engineer from India pursued MEE at Delaware University. He has design several plants including DuPont Chemical, Nuclear Power, Fossil Power, Petrochemical, Refineries, and O&G Offshore Platforms. He is currently employed at Worley Parsons.

Annual Holiday Event - Dinner

All guests enjoyed sumptuous appetizers and 8 course delicious Indian dinner catered by Hyderabad House. The food was served by ASIE Student members from Texas A&M College Station.

The Annual Holiday event was well planned and orchestrated by the Program Committee. The Committee was chaired by Mr. Naresh Kolli (Vice President) and the members include Mr. Chetan Vyas, Mr. Madhu Kilambi. Chetan was in charge of the entertainment and Madhu was in charge of Food. PR chair, Mr. Dinesh Shah helped in arranging the hall and registration desk. Raj mentioned that it was a very good team effort and thanked all volunteers (Sekhar, Poolkeshi, Sai) in making this event a grand success.
Annual Holiday Event – Guests & Families
ASIE conducted General Body Meeting on December 10th at Imperial Park Recreation Center to announce 2016 Election results, discuss proposed Bylaw changes and present Annual Financials to General Body. A total of 39 Life and Annual Members attended the meeting.

Raj announced that per Election Summary Report presented by the Election Officer, Ashish Bagga, 2 new nominations were received for 2016 Board of Directors and suggested that the current Board may select the candidates for vacant positions per Bylaws.

Per Bylaws (Article VI, Section 6.08(j)), the current Board of Directors unanimously selected Mr. Gaju Patel and Mr. Bharat Tailor as Board of Directors and Ms. Bhavana Patel and Mr. Vishal Merchant as Advisors after careful consideration and discussion. Raj announced the 2016 Board of Directors and Advisory Council to attendees.
Raj presented the proposed changes to ASIE Bylaws to attendees and discussed each article. All proposed changes were discussed and approved unanimously by the General Body. Raj presented the Annual Financials.

On behalf of Board and Council, Raj appreciated and recognized Mr. Harendra Bhatt for his generous sponsorship of $1,000 in 2015 as well as in 2016 and for being inducted into the Class of 2015. Raj recognized Ms. Sai Gowthami Asam for being selected as ASIE 2016 Young Engineer of the Year. Raj welcomed new ASIE Corporate Member iGet Services (Dr. Satya Pilla) and Annual member Ms. Sonam Bang and thanked for joining ASIE.

2016 Board and Council with Life and Annual Members
UPCOMING EVENTS

January Monthly Meeting

American Society of Indian Engineers & Architects (ASIE) invites you to Recognition & Welcome Ceremony + Leadership Talk

Speaker: Honorable Harish Jajoo
Mayor Pro-Tem & Council Member
City of Sugar Land

Date: January 27th, 2016
Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm
Venue: The HESE Club
5430 Westheimer Rd, Houston, TX 77056

Entry Fee: ASIE Members - $5
Non-members, Guests & Non-RSVps - $10

RSVP to asiehouston@gmail.com by Noon on Jan 22nd

Leadership: What does leadership mean to you? Every business owner and CEO wants to be a good leader, but how can you be a good leader if you don’t know what leadership really is? Unfortunately, leadership doesn’t have a one-size-fits-all definition. We all have our own ideas about what it means to be a good leader. Let’s hear it from one of our own who has demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities in our community as we induct a new slate of leadership for ASIE!!

Speaker Bio: Council Member Jajoo was elected to his second two-year term as Single Member District 4 in 2015. Mr. Jajoo is a consulting engineer and Registered Professional Engineer in the State of Texas. He is an urban infrastructure engineer who managed public works and engineering for the City of Houston for 29 years. Mr. Jajoo is a Certified Flood Plain Manager (CFM) in the State of Texas and is active in several professional and community activities and organizations.
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