



Seismology & Structural Standards Committee
Structural Engineers Association of Northern California

Time: 5:30 – 7:00 pm
Date: Tuesday, July 22, 2008
Location: *DeSimone Consulting Engineers*
160 Sansome Street, 16th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94104
and on Webex

MEETING MINUTES

Chair: Nicolas Rodrigues
Vice-Chair: Geoff Bomba
Past-Chair: Andy Fennell

In Attendance:

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1. Chairs Announcements:

- 1.1. NR will be in touch with Sub-Committee chairs for charges of the upcoming year.
- 1.2. NR urges subcommittees to produce articles for the newsletter to promote awareness and spur greater interest in committee involvement.
- 1.3. NR discussed positions available for Secretary and Treasurer of Seismology. Jasper Chau was nominated and accepted the position of Secretary. Congratulations to Jasper!
- 1.4. Meeting minutes approved for May and June.

2. Building Seismic Safety Council Vote

- 2.1. Proposals for the 2009 NEHRP Provisions were distributed throughout the Seismology Committee to solicit comments. A couple of the proposals were discussed. PU, the chair of the Steel Sub-Committee, voiced an opinion on the proposal 6-3 on EBF frames.
- 2.2. NR and GB to present opinions to the State Board on August 4, and SEAOC is to present its 5 out of the 30 total votes as one vote.
- 2.3. RG discussed his reservations with the commentary for Proposal 2-121 with regard to incorporation of NGAs into the Code.

3. Subcommittee reports

- 3.1. Light Frame Sub-Committee: GM gave a presentation on the status of the anchor bolt testing for light-frame applications. GM went with the SEAOC State Committee Members Kevin Moore, Tom Voss to Simpson Strong-tie in Stockton. Simpson will be performing more rigorous testing to follow the preliminary testing done here in the bay area. The objective of the meeting was to discuss the anchor bolt testing protocols. The current schedule has the testing to begin in October and a white paper to be published by the end of the year.
- 3.2. Cold Formed Steel Sub-Committee: if there is any interest please contact NR.
- 3.3. Steel Sub-Committee: The committee discussed a member question regarding ASCE 7-05, Section 12.2.5.5, which are requirements for SMRF in Seismic Design Categories D through F that may require omega level loads. The language in this section is not completely clear and designers are confounded.
- 3.4. Concrete Sub-Committee: BP noted that in ASCE 7-05, Section 12.10.2.1 does not reference diaphragm forces as did the UBC, which may need clarification.

4. New Business / Open discussion

- 4.1. Next Meeting to be held on August 26.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicolas Rodrigues
Chair 2008-2009