



Seismology & Structural Standards Committee  
Structural Engineers Association of Northern California

Time: 5:30 – 7:00 pm  
Date: Tuesday, October 28, 2008  
Location: *DeSimone Consulting Engineers*  
160 Sansome Street, 16<sup>th</sup> 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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Badri Pasad (BP)	Doug Hohbach	Andy Fennell
Armen Shamamian (AS)	Manuel Rivas	

## 1. Chairs Announcements:

- 1.1. NR discussed about the Proj. 07-PUC which highlights the proposed changes to the new ground motions.
- 1.2. NR demonstrated how to download Blue Book articles of the SEAOC website. GB noted that Seismology will be publishing a condensed version of one Blue Book article per quarter in Structure Magazine. The September issue contained an article on the Seismic Design Factors.

**2. Review Past Meeting Minutes**

- 2.1. GM summarized his trip to the Beijing World Conference as well as his presentation on the history of the Blue Book.
- 2.2. Meeting minutes for August were reviewed and approved.

**3. Discussion regarding new Sub-Committee on PBD of Tall Buildings, Scope and Charges**

- 3.1. NR submitted Seismology request to the SEAONC Board for the commissioning of the new Sub-Committee.
- 3.2. First meeting to be held on Nov. 10 at lunch, more information to follow.

**4. Charges for the 2008-2009 Year**

- 4.1. NR went over the charges for 2008-2009 year. Among the charges discussed was on the increase in membership and the creation of PBD sub-committee.
- 4.2. AS to appoint members to the Light Gage Subcommittee with speakers from the Cold Form Design Seminar on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.
- 4.3. GB discussed potential liaison of ICC-ES/SEAOC committee with SEAONC steel sub-committee.

**5. Discussion and Call for Volunteers for Seismology/Building Official Forums**

- 5.1. AS and DH volunteered for Seismology Building Official Forum where the main objective is to present the Bluebook to building officials

**6. Discussion of State Meeting Held 9/23**

- 6.1. NR announced that the Bluebook was well done and complete.
- 6.2. GB summarized the anchor bolt testing being done with the Light Frame Sub-committee. The cyclic testing protocol started with a displacement based protocol and it eventually moved to a force based protocol. Specimens were cast last week.

**7. Subcommittee Reports**

- 7.1. Steel Subcommittee: GB discussed charges for the Subcommittee.

- 7.2. Wood-Subcommittee: GM discussed about the ongoing process involved for testing of the six story wood frame building which sits on top of a one story steel moment frame.
- 7.3. Concrete Subcommittee: BP summarized current topics, which are on the diaphragm, Fp, issues and shear capacity of concrete shear walls. BP is calling for anyone interested in being involved with the Subcommittee. BP announces concrete sub-committee's next meeting to be held this Thursday at lunch in Oakland.
- 7.4. PBD of Tall Buildings: NR call for volunteers to lead the group.

## **8. Subcommittee Reports**

- 8.1. Next meeting to be held on Tuesday November 25th.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicolas Rodrigues  
Chair 2008-2009