



Seismology & Structural Standards Committee
Structural Engineers Association of Northern California

Time: 5:30 – 7:30 pm
Date: Tuesday, August 28, 2007
Location: *Forell-Elsesser Engineers*
160 Pine Street, Suite 600
San Francisco, CA 94111
and on Webex

MEETING MINUTES

Chair: Andy Fennell
Vice-Chair: Nicolas Rodrigues
Past-Chair: Mark Moore
Board Contact: Doug Hohbach

In Attendance:

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1. *Chairs Announcements:*

- 1.1. AF expressed gratitude to the incoming Vice Chair and the outgoing Past Chair. AF specifically thanked KM for his continued enthusiastic involvement with the committee.
- 1.2. The SSSC meetings will continue to be held at Forell/Elsesser for the upcoming year.
- 1.3. The board has started an ftp site for posting committee information. Contact the chair for posting items.

- 1.4. The next State SEAOC Seismology meeting will be held on September 26th at the SEAOC Convention. All are welcome to attend/observe.
2. ***Past Meeting Minutes Review***
 - 2.1. IBC-2006/ASCE 7-05 - KM noted that OSHPD will have new equipment testing requirements for the new code
 - 2.2. Discussion was held regarding the Sismic Design Manual. An agreement was made as to the wording that should be used for the June meeting minutes.
 - 2.3. In June, Raymond Liu of SFDBI requested SSSC help in defining the level of a buildings damage associated with a 20% damage limit. SSSC committee considered SFDBI's request in earnest, but decided that this request would be better suited for the SEAONC Existing Buildings Committee. AF is to notify Raymond Liu and contact the committee chair.
3. ***Discussion of Charges for the 2007-2008 year***
 - 3.1. AF wants to move the committee more towards a forward thinking, state-of-the-art focus. The code committee and others would focus on state-of-practice. However, the SSSC would still help with IBC code interpretation.
 - 3.2. This year we will publish as much as possible in the SEAONC newsletter, and push for the State Seismology committee publish it's documents in all section newsletters.
 - 3.3. The committee discussed getting more involved in reporting University testing results to the membership.
 - 3.4. Guest speakers should be re-introduced at the SSSC meetings. Webex will make it possible to have speakers without them having to be present. All should begin thinking about who can speak at the next meeting.
 - 3.5. The Light Gage Sub-committee and the Concrete Subcommittee need chairs. Chairpersons shall try to be filled by next meeting.
4. ***Webex***
 - 4.1. This was discussed briefly by NR and the committee. Tonight's meeting was run by AF while not physically present. This worked very well and the committee is enthusiastic to continue using Webex.

5. *Tall Building PEER update.*

- 5.1.** MM discussed his involvement with the T-PAC group. A task group named TG-2 is chaired by Bill Holmes and is charged with summarizing the expected performance objectives for tall buildings. Currently, the TG-2's work shows that the majority of the interested parties believe the code performance is too low due to high occupancies of tall buildings.

6. *Recap of State Seismology*

- 6.1.** NR described the presentation on AC 322. This document tries to provide guidance to ICC for the adoption of R-values for proprietary products. KM expressed great concern regarding the scope of this document and would like to discuss it further with the AC 322 committee.
- 6.2.** NR relayed the plan for a rotating chairperson for the upcoming year. KM discussed his interest in the position. KM will follow up with John Diebold and Jon Kiland to express his interest. The committee is in full support for KM as State Seismology Chair.

7. *New Business / Open discussion*

- 7.1.** Next meeting may be canceled due to travel conflict with the next State Seismology meeting and the SEAOC conference. This meeting is tentatively scheduled for Sept. 25th. The October meeting is scheduled for 10/23/2007 5:30 to 7:00 at F/E.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andy Fennell
Chair 2007-2008