



Minutes
Northern California Chapter of EERI
Board of Directors Meeting
July 24, 2007

Attending

President	Ivan Wong
Director	Alan Kropp
Director	Catherine Westphall
Director	John Osteraas
Director	Chris Rojahn
Director	Joan MacQuarrie
Guest	Keith Knudsen

Absent

President Elect	Arrietta Chakos
Secretary/Treasurer	Kate Stillwell
Director	Stu Nishenko

1. Call to Order

The meeting came to order at 4:48 pm.

2. Review of the Agenda

No changes.

3. Consent Items

3a. Minutes from the January Meeting:

Comments were provided and incorporated.

Motion to approve June minutes: Proposed by Alan, seconded by John, Motion approved.

Action: Kate to finalize minutes and post to website.

4. Short Reports

4a. Upcoming Events:

Future Chapter Meetings –

The Board discussed potential topics for September, October, and November meetings. The PEER study of Next Generation Attenuation (NGA) models would be an interesting and timely topic. Due to controversy about NGA, Board members suggested a panel including representatives of ATC, USGS, building code interests, and others. John offered Exponent as the NGA meeting location. GeoHazards and CEA each agreed to speak at a meeting this fall, and both are expecting to hear proposed dates. Alan suggested SGH as a location for one of the meetings.

Action: Ivan will try to arrange the PEER NGA panel and confirm date.

Action: Ivan to confirm a meeting date with GeoHazards.

Action: John to confirm a meeting date with CEA (tentatively Oct.).

Action: Alan to inquire with SGH about providing a meeting room.

4b. Budget News:

Kate informed the Board via email that there is no budget news. She reported income of \$6000, expenses of \$1000, and more than \$12000 in reserve.

4c. 2007 Award for Innovation and Exemplary Practice:

There have been no additional nominations. The Board discussed suggestions from previous meetings.

Action: John to email the Board regarding voting.

4d. EERI Membership:

Ivan provided a list of EERI members. The Chapter lost 70 members and gained 58 – a net loss of 12 members. Ivan expressed interest in finding out why individuals did not renew membership.

Action: All board members are to contact those who did not renew membership, ask why they did not renew, and report back at the next meeting.

4e. Website:

No discussion.

4f. Publicity / Events:

No news.

4g. Follow-up with SEAONC:

Kate Stillwell reported via email that the SEAONC Building Ratings Committee is continuing to meet and will complete the summary of Phase 1 (investigation) by the middle of next month. Kate was recently elected as a SEAONC Board Member. SEAONC is interested in joint events with EERI (particularly dinner events), and Kate offered to serve as liaison between the two organizations to help make that idea a reality.

Action: Kate to continue updating the board and distribute the Phase 1 summary when finalized.

4h. Other Action Items from June Meeting:

No discussion.

4i. Other Reports:

Chris reported that NIST recently solicited proposals for a \$30 million research and development contract.

5. Discussion Items

5a. USGS 140th Hayward Fault Anniversary:

Ivan, Keith, and Catherine attended a meeting held by Tom Brocher of the USGS on July 23. USGS is forming an 1868 Hayward Earthquake Alliance, and plans to hold a public forum to commemorate the 140th anniversary of the quake on October 21, 2008. In addition to the public forum, USGS plans to issue several products and is proposing activities comparable to those from the 1906 centennial meeting, such as a speakers' bureau and reopening the Hayward Trench Exhibit. Representatives of FEMA, The Red Cross, USGS, CEA, OES, the Director of CGS, and the media were present. The group was enthusiastic and offered many ideas. USGS also stated that the Secretary of the Department of the Interior has expressed interest in participating in the public forum.

Ivan and Keith described the EERI-NCC Hayward Fault Initiative for the meeting attendees, stating that EERI's focus is on mitigation and motivating for change with long-term impacts. It appears that EERI will be able to work with USGS to prevent overlap and take advantage of the Alliance's plans.

CGS is sponsoring a technical symposium to coincide with the public forum and commemoration. This would be the third symposium focusing on East Bay earthquake hazards (others held in 1982 and 1992).

CEA is sponsoring creation of a North Coast version of "On Shaky Ground" by Lori Dengler. Release of the document is planned to coincide with the Humboldt County Fair.

Meeting attendees expressed concerns over the timing of the anniversary and the ability to publicize events. October 21, 2008 is exactly two weeks prior to the presidential election, and three weeks later USGS in Southern California is holding a major event.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 4, 2007.

5b. Hayward Fault Initiative:

Ivan distributed the final EERI-NCC Hayward Fault Initiative scope document to be used in discussions with potential funding agencies. At the USGS Hayward Alliance meeting, Ivan and Keith talked with FEMA about possible funding for the initiative. They will meet with FEMA to discuss funding in more detail. CEA, EERI Special Projects, OES, PG&E, and USGS are also a potential source for funding. Keith had initial discussions with USGS, and the agency suggested that a social scientist be added to our Implementation Committee.

Keith and Kate had a conversation about Kate's possible interest in serving as the "point person" for the initiative. They agreed that the work would be a major effort for multiple years, though probably not full time. Kate would like to know how much interest there is from outside funding sources, before agreeing to anything specific.

Keith and Arrietta met with Mary Lou Zoback regarding her parallel efforts at RMS. Her focus is going to be on the private sector. She is agreeable to working with EERI's Initiative framework.

Action: Keith and Ivan to meet with FEMA.

Action: Keith to follow up with USGS.

Action: Ivan to contact OES.

Action: Ivan to contact EERI Special Projects.

Action: John and Keith to contact CEA.

Action: Chris to coordinate with Stu on approach with California Seismic Safety Commission.

Action: Chris to contact PG&E.

Action: Ivan to contact social scientist candidate for the Implementation Committee.

6. Next Board Meeting

Tentatively Tuesday, August 14, 4:30pm at EERI office.

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

CLW, for Kate Stillwell
Secretary

Approved

Ivan Wong
President