



Minutes

Northern California Chapter of EERI Board of Directors Meeting

September 25, 2007



Attending

President	Ivan Wong
Secretary/Treasurer	Kate Stillwell
Director	Joan MacQuarrie
Director	Stu Nishenko
Director	Catherine Westphall

Absent

President Elect	Arrietta Chakos
Director	Alan Kropp
Director	John Osteraas
Director	Chris Rojahn

1. Call to Order

The meeting came to order at 5:22 pm.

2. Review of the Agenda

No changes.

3. Consent Items

3a. Minutes from the August Meeting:

Minutes were not yet available for review.

Action: Catherine to finalize minutes and circulate for review.

4. Short Reports

4a. Upcoming Events:

October Chapter Meeting –

Over 50 people have already registered. Elections will occur at the meeting.

November Chapter Meeting –

Scheduled for November 14, speaker is Tim Richison of CEA.

Future Chapter Meeting –

The Board discussed potential topics, including a potential joint meeting with SEAONC for January or March. Brian Tucker of GeoHazards previously agreed to speak at a meeting this fall, and a presentation from him could be of interest to structural engineers.

Action: Kate to call Brian Tucker and coordinate with SEAONC.

Holiday Party –

Due to scheduling difficulties, it is proposed to hold the holiday party in January.

Action: Ivan to schedule a date and venue for the holiday party.

4b. Budget News:

No news.

4c. 2007 Award for Innovation and Exemplary Practice:

Nominees Massoud Abolhoda from the City of Fremont and Dan Shapiro will be awarded at the October meeting.

4d. 2007 Election of New Directors:

There are three positions open. Candidates include:

Dick McCarthy

Youssef Bozorgnia

Tom Brocher

Heidi Faison

Joan McQuarrie

Chris Rojahn

Action: John to continue obtaining biographies.

Action: Kate to prepare a candidate statement and send to Gabe for circulation to members.

4e. Website:

No discussion.

4f. Publicity / Events:

No discussion.

4g. BART Committee:

BART announced its search for new members of its seismic retrofit oversight committee. We would like qualified EERI members to be on this committee and need to know how to publicize it. Catherine will announce this opportunity at the October chapter meeting.

Action: Catherine will check on when applications are due in order for us to decide how to publicize the opportunity.

4h. Retrofit Seminar:

Kate reported that an EERI representative has been requested to attend the Oakland workshop on its proposed Transfer Tax initiative, on the evening of October 3. Kate had planned to attend but now cannot due to travel plans, and needs a substitute. Joan and Catherine believe they are not the right representatives.

Action: Kate to contact Alan to gauge his interest.

4i. 1868 Hayward Fault Anniversary:

The 3rd East Bay Earthquake Hazards Conference is scheduled for October 22-24, 2008 at Cal State Hayward. There is a steering committee for this event. The emphasis is on hazard but with additional input on lifelines and risk analysis. The technical conference is primarily a local event.

4j. Other Action Items from August meeting:

No discussion.

4k. Other Reports:

None

5. Discussion Items

5a. Hayward Fault Initiative:

Ivan and Keith received good news today. Tom Brocher has asked USGS for \$50,000 from USGS through the NEHRP program, and the outcome looks good. Susan from EERI National has also

received money for holding a workshop on how to develop scenarios. This money is also originally from USGS. If we can get \$30,000 from National and David Canard from FEMA comes through, we might see seed money of \$100k. Ivan and Keith are following up on funding the effort. Keith is currently putting together a budget for the effort.

Discussion: Is FEMA also spending money for Bay Area catastrophic scenario planning? What about getting money from Seismic Safety Commission? Is it possible for PG&E to contribute? Possibly, through its corporate gifting, but a contribution is more likely to occur in-kind for the lifelines element. There is some lack of coordination internally and the most effective connection to this money may be externally, perhaps through Mary Lou.

The best possible outcome of this study is to report the progress we have made since the last Hayward scenario, given the infrastructure improvements made during that time. This is a positive message that addresses the problem of companies who are considering moving out of California.

Kate met with Mary Lou who reported that RMS is planning to tackle the problem from the point of view of business leaders. They are not targeted toward policy makers or lifelines analysis. Their goal is to produce an "action items" document written by those business leaders rather than earthquake professionals. She is willing to work as a partner with EERI, and will rely on coordinating with us, particularly for the lifelines effort.

Action: Ivan to coordinate with Mary Lou for contacting Larry Goldzband regarding corporate donations.

Action: Stu to contact Lloyd to keep him apprised of the effort.

Action: Ivan to contact Fred at SSC.

Action: Ivan to contact Rich Eisner to ask about possible OES funding.

5b. USGS 140th Hayward Fault Anniversary:

No news.

6a. Next Board Meetings

Monday, October 22, 5:00pm at EERI office.

Monday, November 12, 5:00pm at EERI office (tentative pending availability)

6b. Future Board Meetings

In an attempt to improve attendance and timeliness for future meetings, we propose to start future meetings at 5pm. One possible solution is to hold board meetings immediately prior to chapter meetings, but this cuts into business schedules.

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kate Stillwell
Secretary

Approved

Ivan Wong
President