



EERI Utah Chapter Board Meeting

Board Meeting

Minutes

A board meeting for the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute Utah Chapter was held at the Meldrum Civil Engineering Building conference room 2051 at the University of Utah on Thursday, May 23, 2013.

- Present: Steven Bartlett (SB), Peter McDonough (PM), Les Youd (LY), Zach Hansen (ZH)
Via Phone - Robert Snow (RS) and Barry Welliver (BW)
- Absent: Kris Pankow (KP)
- Opening Remarks PM served as moderator for the meeting.
- UT EERI Chapter Activities
- Fall Seminar
- LY reviewed his conversations that he has had with Kevin Franke, Jorge Meneses, and Alex Wright concerning the geotechnical short course on earthquake engineering.
 - The short course was held in San Diego successfully and the Institute feels that it would be successful in SLC.
 - After discussion amongst the Board, it was decided to utilize local experts as the presenters in lieu of the presenters used in San Diego. Potential presenters discussed were Les Youd, Steve Bartlett, Kevin Franke, Jim Bay.
 - SB will chair the overall committee in charge of the short course and will ask Kevin Franke to head the effort in organizing the actual presentations/presenters.
 - SB will send out an email questioner to practicing engineers within the state to ask for topics of interest that they would like to see discussed.
 - A possible honorarium of \$200-\$500 for the speakers was discussed.
 - A date for the short course was not determined, however it was decided that the course occur be held sometime in late September and early October.
- Summer Field Trip
- Kris Pankow was not present at the meeting to discuss her progress on the potential for a field trip.
 - PM will contact Kris regarding the field trip.



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Chapter Membership Outreach

- BW suggested that the Board contacts the membership on a regular basis to keep them informed and involved with the latest developments and activities of the Chapter.
- PM agreed that he would provide a monthly Presidents Message via email to all members within Utah.

Student Involvement

LY spoke about his concern for having students travel to the Institute's Annual Conference due to the distance of travel and time of year that the conference occurs.

- LY and Kevin Franke discussed approaching the Institute about holding a Student Conference during February. This Conference would involve the students at the Universities in the Western US.
- LY said that Kevin Franke had planned on writing a letter to the Institute to ask for their support in providing a student conference.
- LY will follow up on this effort and will write his own letter to the Institute if needed.

University of Utah Student Chapter

- The university is wanting to provide more faculty support to the ASCE Chapter and as a result, are discouraging additional student chapters being introduced.
- SB noted that the faculties concerns are mainly directed toward the undergraduate students. SB said he will solícite the graduate class for participation in an EERI student chapter.

Action Items

The following action items have been discussed above but are summarized below:

- SB to coordinate efforts for the upcoming Seminar
- SB to send questioner to local professionals
- KP and PM to update Board on status of field trip
- PM to provide a president's message to chapter members
- ZH to continue to update membership roster
- RS to continue to update webpage
- LY to follow up with Kevin Franke about student conference

Adjournment

The next board meeting is scheduled for July 11, @ 5:00 p.m.
PM motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Zach Hansen