

Minutes from Utah Chapter EERI Board Meeting, January 22, 2014

In Attendance: Brent Maxfield, Kevin Franke, Jerod Johnson, Kris Pankow, Les Youd, Robert Snow

1. Meeting commenced at 5:03pm
2. Introductions
3. Acknowledgements
 - a. Special thanks to Steve Bartlett, Zach Hansen, and Barry Welliver for their service in the chapter
4. Update on chapter membership
 - a. Membership information dated January 15, 2014 shows that the chapter has 14 due-paying members.
 - b. There are 19 members of EERI national in Utah (including a few board members!) who have not officially joined the local Utah chapter.
 - c. This discrepancy could be an error, or it could simply be that these non-members of the local chapter are unaware of the situation.
 - d. Kevin Franke will contact Juliane Lane at EERI for clarification.
5. 2014 Chapter Election Results
 - a. Brent Maxfield is President Elect
 - b. Jerod Johnson is Vice President
 - c. Kevin Franke is Secretary/Treasurer
6. EERI Meet the Mentors Report
 - a. The Meet the Mentors event with Les Youd and Walter Arabasz was a success.
 - b. Video of the event should be available on the chapter website shortly.
7. Student Chapters at the Universities
 - a. BYU has successfully operated a student chapter of EERI for years
 - b. University of Utah and Utah State University currently do not have student chapters
 - c. Discussion of an in-state competition among the three major universities in the annual EERI student seismic design competition
 - i. The chapter could take advantage of inter-university rivalries among the students to encourage annual participation in the student seismic design competitions

- ii. The chapter could purchase a traveling trophy to be given to the university that achieved the highest overall score during the previous year in the seismic design competition
 - iii. There is already support for such a competition at BYU, but we need champions at the UofU and at USU to push this idea forward
 - iv. Discussion regarding the possibility of having an industrial sponsor assigned to each university to help and mentor the student design team
 - 1. Jerod Johnson mentioned that Reaveley Engineers might be willing to mentor the UofU team
 - 2. Brent Maxfield suggested that ARW Engineers might be willing to mentor the USU team
 - 3. An industry sponsor/mentor experienced in seismic structural design would need to be identified for the BYU team
 - d. Concern was raised that other universities place more emphasis on the ASCE student chapters, and that there is some animosity against chartering other student clubs
8. 2014 Liquefaction Short Course
- a. A technical committee has been formed: Kevin Franke (chair), Robert Snow, Les Youd, and Brent Maxfield
 - b. A qualified guest instructor (Professor Liam Finn of the University of British Columbia) has been identified and has agreed to teach the course
 - c. The short course is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 9
 - d. A tentative course outline will be provided by Professor Finn to the technical committee during the week of January 27. The committee will comment on the outline and suggest possible revisions before presenting the proposed outline to the board in February
 - e. Possible venues in the southern part of the Salt Lake Valley are being evaluated
 - f. Budget
 - i. The possibility of DOPL funding was discussed, but was determined to be unlikely to obtain in such a short time frame
 - ii. Tentative price per professional attendee is \$250. A reduced price (yet to be determined) will likely be established for students
 - iii. We anticipate around 100 attendees at the short course if it is well advertised months in advance

- iv. The possibility of offering a reduced price for individuals who join the Utah EERI chapter on site was discussed.
 - g. Les Youd will deliver a preliminary announcement to the various engineering newsletters (SEAU, ASCE, Geo-Institute) for publication as soon as possible
- 9. Next board meeting will be February 19 at 5:00pm
- 10. Meeting adjourned at 5:53pm.