



EERI Utah Chapter Meeting #3

August 15 and 16, 2012

Minutes

Two scheduled meetings of the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute Utah Chapter were held at the Meldrum Civil Engineering Building conference room 2051 at the University of Utah on Tuesday, August 15, 2012 beginning at 5:00PM and URS, 756 E. Winchester St., Salt Lake City on Thursday, August 16, 2012 beginning at 5:00PM.

- Present: Luis Ibarra (LI), Steven Bartlett (SB), Barry Welliver (BW), Robert Snow (RS), Kevin Franke (KF), Chris Pantelides (CP), Peter McDonough (PM), Bob Carey (BC), Glen Palmer (GP), Bret Lingwall, Brent Maxfield (BM-5 minutes!)
- Introductions and Opening Remarks: BW provided opening comments regarding the focus of the meetings and what we hoped to accomplish.
- Utah Chapter relationship/connection with other EERI chapters: BW served as moderator for the meeting.
- Utah Chapter relationship/connection with other EERI chapters: Jay Berger, executive director of EERI, notified BW that they would be initiating quarterly teleconferences between the regional chapters to facilitate communications and assist new chapters in developing.
- Review of Alliances with other Earthquake organizations in Utah: The first call is scheduled for Monday, August 27, 2012 beginning at 9:30AM PDT. BW will attend and report back to the group and board.
- Groups within Utah identified as potential partners with UT EERI in advancing earthquake related activities included:
- Utah Seismic Safety Commission (USSC)
 - Commission
 - Engineering and Architecture committee
 - UGS Working Groups
 - URM ad hoc committee
 - Structural Engineers Association of Utah (SEAU)
 - Existing Buildings committee
 - Seismic Committee
 - American Society of Civil Engineers
 - Structural Engineering Institute (SEI)
 - Geoscience Institute
 - Government Relations
 - Association of Engineering Geologists (AEG)



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- Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT)
- State Risk/Insurance
- Seismological Society of America (SSA)
- American Institute of Architects (AIA)
- International Code Council (ICC)
 - Utah Building Officials

We will contact these organizations to introduce the chapter and seek their perspective on the role we can play in supporting ongoing activities and initiating new programs.

UT EERI Initial activities

BW described the preliminary activities needed before the end of the year to keep on track regarding election of new officers and introduction of the chapter.

Given the need to elect a new President-Elect for a term beginning January 1, 2013, the group discussed how to build a membership roster to be able to hold elections.

At this time EERI does not accept membership dues for the UT chapter. It was determined to proceed with allowing full EERI members in Utah to designate their intention to join the chapter and be eligible for voting rights. The board will take up this matter at its first meeting in September.

Discussion ensued regarding the immediate activities of the chapter. It was determined that efforts to announce and advertise the existence of the UT chapter of EERI are important.

Les Youd suggested through email that we look to use the arrival of Jonathan Bray, 2012 Joyner Lecturer January 17, 2013 presentation at BYU as an opportunity to have him also speak at an inaugural event for UT EERI. Steve Bartlett will pursue contacting Jonathan for a possible evening event on January 17 hosted at the U of U facilities.

Potential future chapter meeting topics could include:

- University Research
- Wells Nevada post recovery
- Schools
- Bridges
- Emergency Response

Potential Committee Suggestions

Initial potential committees include:

- Nominations
- Programs
- Public Relations
- Architecture and Planning



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- Young Members outreach
- Geosciences

This information will be reviewed in the first board meeting in September.

Adjournment

Given the need to proceed quickly before year end, it is anticipated that the next meeting of the combined organizing committee and board of directors should take place in late September or early October.

Both meeting were adjourned after 6:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted:

Barry H. Welliver