

## **CRC Executive Council Meeting Minutes**

March 8, 2001  
3:00-4:00 P.M. CST  
Telephone Conference Call

Attendees: Simaan Abourizk (Chair), Paul Chinowsky (Vice-Chair), and Edward Jaselskis (Secretary)

### **CRC Meeting in Nashville**

The next CRC meeting will be held on Saturday, March 24 at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville, TN. Paul will chair the meeting as Simaan will not be able to attend. We will try to have the meeting at 4 P.M. in the student lounge. We will need to properly advertise the meeting. Paul will find out about the hotel accommodations. The tentative agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- Issues with the Construction Institute (what is our involvement?)
- Types of activities CRC will do in the next five years (strategic plan)
- Review By-Laws
- Discuss logistics of Puerifoy Award selection process
- Hiring Phd's (e.g., conduct a Phd forum)

We will need to set dates and assign responsibilities.

### **Construction Congress this Year**

Jim Rowings was not keen on national conferences—wanted to do more regional ones. What do we want to do this year? Talk to Jim about what he knows as well as Jorge. It was said that we would not do another one after the one in Florida because not enough people were attending. It was felt that we really need to keep congresses alive even if they are regional. Consider having the next congress in conjunction with the ASCE Annual Convention in Washington, D.C. in November 2002. Virginia Tech might be able to host this congress.

### **Website**

Paul said that we need to find different university to host the CRC website. There are too many restrictions from Georgia Tech security. Can Georgia Tech keep it in the interim—yes! But they will not be able to have CRC members posting information. See if we can use a server at ASCE as a possible replacement.

### **Another Idea**

Per discussion between Paul and Jorge. Dropping enrollments in construction is a national problem. CRC can help in recruiting students into the profession. Could sponsor an international competition, for example. Students create short videos about the construction industry. This could appeal to high school students or students in the first or second year college. What is construction about?—make it exciting. National webpage

to help with recruiting. Collect several videos about what makes construction interesting? Send to local AGC chapters. Alberta has done this for attracting people in the construction trade. 18-19 year olds would like to have people their same age talk to them. Consider having an industry category (what make the industry exciting); other is construction education (UG and Graduate program)

### **CRC Term Limits**

Discussed extending the term limit to 2 years for each position. This idea needs further discussion.

### **Summary of Action Items:**

**Simon:**

**Paul:** Find out about hotel accommodations for CRC members.

**Ed:** Prepare minutes from this meeting. Find out from Jim R. about the Peurifoy Award (Paul Chinowsky should be on the committee). Review all meeting minutes and identify activities for CRC. Send to Simaan and Paul.

### **Next Meeting**

The next telephone conference meeting will be held during the first week of March. Kerri Copeland to arrange.