

## **CRC Executive Council Meeting Minutes**

May 14, 2001  
11:30 A.M - 12:30 P.M. CST  
Telephone Conference Call

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

### **Upcoming CRC Meetings**

1. Fall 2001 in conjunction with the ASCE Annual Conference in Houston, TX—Rowings and Schexnayder are organizing a session whose particulars were discussed at the CRC meeting in Nashville. Chinowsky will arrange for a meeting location and time that does not conflict with Puerifoy Award.
2. March 2002: Need to decide whether to have this meeting with AGC/ConExpo in Las Vegas or have the meeting in Washington, D.C.—refer to survey for your input.
3. July 2002 Virtual Conference. Need to decide whether CRC should be involved with the ASCE 1<sup>st</sup> Virtual Civil Engineering Congress—refer to survey for your input.
4. October 2002 ASCE Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. Tentatively planned to have speakers from various research funding organizations (e.g., NSF, TRB, NECA, Naval Research, and MCAA) invited to discuss funding opportunities. Chinowsky will contact Schexnayder to arrange for a meeting location and time.
5. March 2003. Should we sponsor the next Construction Congress with AGC in Hawaii?—refer to survey for your input.

### **Suggestions for Enhancing CRC Participation**

- Need to advertise better.
- Need to have a good agenda that will compel members to attend.
- Provide more social interaction activities.
- Provide opportunities to interact more with industry.
- Showcase research at meetings. Could have several CRC members make short (5 minute) presentations. An abstract and Power Point slide would be available on the CRC webpage.
- Showcase research through a non refereed technical report series monograph on construction research.
- Invite heads/coordinators from 6-7 construction programs and have them present what they are doing to promote construction education and research in their programs. Could focus on one individual topic such as distance education and information technology or use an open-ended format.

- Promote construction education at CRC meetings as the Institute wants to broaden our responsibilities.
- Exchange class notes.

### **Survey**

In an attempt to better serve our members, the CRC Executive Committee will solicit member input on several questions related to upcoming meetings, the next construction congress, and activities of interest. Jaselskis to develop the survey and collect responses which will be discussed during the next telephone meeting.

### **Update CRC Guidelines**

Chinowsky will modify guidelines and send to Jaselskis. It was noted that some suggestions were made at the Nashville meeting that should be considered.

### **Website**

John Durrant, ASCE, told Jaselskis that ASCE would be willing to host the CRC website and is checking on security issues related to members posting information.

Background: Paul said that we need to find different university to host the CRC website as there are too many restrictions from Georgia Tech security.

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

**Paul:** Set up meeting rooms for Fall CRC meeting in 2001 and 2002. Modify CRC guidelines and then send to Ed.

**Ed:** Prepare minutes from this meeting. Create survey to ascertain member interests.

### **Next Meeting**

The next telephone conference meeting will be held in about one month to plan the details for the upcoming meetings.

## CRC Member Interest Survey

In order to better serve our members, the CRC Executive Committee is soliciting your input to several questions regarding meeting enhancements and upcoming events. Please respond to the following questions. As an incentive, \$5 will be given to the fifth person responding to this survey.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please refer to information about yourself on the CRC webpage (<http://cem.ce.gatech.edu/crc>) to see if anything has changed. If so, please describe changes below.

Institution:

Address:

Telephone:

Fax:

Email:

Rank:

Registered Engineer (Yes or No):

### **Suggestions for Enhancing Meetings**

On a scale from 1 (least interested) to 5 (most interested) please respond to the following questions.

1. Would you like to see research showcased at meetings? This could be in the form of a brief presentation (e.g., 5 minutes) from several researchers or another approach. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Would you like to see more social activities with CRC members (e.g., dinner after the meeting)? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Would you like to have more interaction with industry at the meetings? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How do you feel about inviting department heads/coordinators to discuss general and focused aspects related to their construction programs? \_\_\_\_\_
5. How do you feel about promoting construction education at CRC meetings?  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Upcoming Events

On a scale from 1 (least interested) to 5 (most interested) please respond to the following questions.

6. What is your preference for the March 2002 meeting?
  - a. Have it with AGC/ConExpo in Las Vegas? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Have it in Washington, D.C. (closer to key research contacts)? \_\_\_\_\_
  
7. Would you like to see CRC involved in the ASCE 1<sup>st</sup> Virtual Conference in July 2002? [Background: ASCE is embarking on a new journey into the online world with the development of CE World: The 1<sup>st</sup> Virtual Civil Engineering Congress. This is an opportunity for members and potential members who do not participate in a traditional conference to get involved in and benefit from ASCE. A virtual event liberates contributors and participants from the physical conference restraints of time and place as they share the critical information that will advance their profession, projects, and careers.] \_\_\_\_\_
  
8. If you are interested in participating in the ASCE 1<sup>st</sup> Virtual Conference, how would you feel about taking a leadership role in planning and organizing such an event? \_\_\_\_\_
  
9. How strongly do you feel about having another Construction Congress?  
\_\_\_\_\_
  
10. If you are interested in another Construction Congress how would you feel about having the event in conjunction with AGC at their March 2003 annual meeting in Hawaii? \_\_\_\_\_

Please add other ideas, thoughts, comments, etc. regarding the future direction of CRC.

Please email or fax your response to Ed Jaselskis by June 15 (email: [ejaselsk@iastate.edu](mailto:ejaselsk@iastate.edu) or fax to (515) 294-3845)

**Thank you for your participation.**