

CI-CRC Liaison Committee Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2003
9:00 A.M - 10:00 A.M. CST
Telephone Conference Call

Attendees: Edward Jaselskis, Debbie Kates, Rick Lawhun, and Keith Molenaar

The purpose of this meeting was to investigate ways that CRC can assist the Construction Institute in achieving its mission. A new initiative for CRC is the creation of a CI-CRC Liaison Committee chaired by Keith Molenaar. Previous ideas discussed at the February 25, 2003 CRC Executive Committee meeting included the following ideas: assisting with newsletters, special publications (e.g., formwork design and safety), and offering courses to the construction industry. In general, it appears that the CRC can help the CI by providing material for newsletters, sponsoring sessions at regional CI-sponsored conferences, providing specialty conferences, offering continuing education courses to CI members, and possibly distributing specialty publications.

CI Newsletter (14,500 distribution; bimonthly)

Assist with the newsletter; CI is in need of newsletter articles (articles can be short--don't have to be detailed as in a refereed journal paper--could be abstracts). Articles should have a practical spin. Topics relate to conceptual planning, design, construction, and maintenance. Other information that CRC could provide for the CI newsletter include:

Research Initiatives

Identify research projects awarded that would be of interest to CI readership.

Construction Education Program News

New faculty
Student competition awards
New initiatives (e.g., courses, programs, etc.)

Teaser for the Journal of Construction Engineering and Management

Summary of a few articles
Summary of forum article

This information would need to be given to Debbie Kates six weeks prior to the next newsletter publication.

Conferences

The plan would be to have a Construction Congress every other year. During the off year, we could hold a session at the CI conference. CRC could also sponsor specialty conferences as well.

Next Construction Congress (2005): CRC can work directly with the CI in assisting with conference planning activities. We would probably still use ASCE publications group for the proceedings.

CI Conference: CI board considering a conference April 29-30, 2004 in D.C. on Atlantic Coast Construction. Regional projects (within a 500 mile radius) such as the Woodrow Wilson Bridge, Dulles Airport people mover, and mixing bowl will be presented. CRC could assist with this conference by:

1. Having faculty from east coast universities provide presentations on projects that they are involved with in this region.
2. Be responsible for a track on research and education (currently, there are two tracks planned related to projects and methods). This way we can tie research into a construction project. Consider invited speakers who would be provided complementary registration.

Specialty Academic Conferences: Could be handled through CI instead of ASCE. FIAPP was done at Virginia Tech by the Computing in Civil Engineering Committee. 60-70 people attended who paid their own way (around \$300). Debbie Kates has good conference planning skills. Publications can go through ASCE.

Continuing Education

Continuing education courses always valuable. Could be done on a rotational basis by region. Not much feedback on what CI members would like to see for continuing education courses. Have done a few workshops—they will look for comments from these courses to identify areas of interest. Who would like to do a seminar???? Ask for volunteers at the CRC meeting—find out what CRC members can provide in terms on short course material—then give to CI for feedback. We need to be sensitive to existing committees that already cover this material. Will most likely need to jointly collaborate with these committees.

Specialty Publications

In order to help bring additional revenues into CI, Keith suggested selling a specialty publication. Other institutes such as the GeoInstitute already sell specialty publications as stand alone documents. This publication would contain a collection of refereed papers that have more of a practical orientation. It should be noted that the present agreement with ASCE is that the CI does not benefit from subscription fees from the Journal of Construction Engineering and Management (JCEM). This idea seems to have merit. It was suggested to discuss this idea with the CRC to solicit comments as well as the JCEM editorial board.