

CRC Executive Council Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2003
11:00 A.M - 12:00 P.M. CST
Telephone Conference Call

Attendees: Edward Jaselskis (Chair), Keith Molenaar (Vice-Chair), Paul Chinowsky (Past Chair), and Tony Songer (Secretary)—anticipated absence

Review status of Construction Congress (Paul)

The attendance will be around 115, which is slightly more than originally planned. The goal was to keep the Congress smaller and maintain high quality. Given the lack of backing from ASCE, it was imperative not to lose money. Everything is set: track chairs are preparing final ordering of speakers; catering and hotel accommodations are taken care of; and proceedings are being prepared (CD with all papers and abstract publication). We are still in need of 1-2 LCD projectors. Please contact Paul Chinowsky (paul.chinowsky@colorado.edu) if anyone is able to bring an LCD projector to the conference.

Peurifoy Award Update (Paul)

There are four nominees being considered for the Peurifoy Award. The selection committee consisting of Paul Chinowsky, Dan Halpin, Boyd Paulson, and Tony Songer, has met and are close to making a final decision. The process has worked well this year. To make the process go more smoothly, Paul felt that it would be helpful to have the secretary of CRC become a member of the selection committee so that this person is familiar with the process by the time they are in charge of the selection committee as past CRC chair. Paul will send Jaselskis a recommendation memo which will be forwarded to Dr. Richard Tucker for approval by the CI board by the middle of February.

Academic Committee Update (Keith)

This committee is to be commended for organizing the successful PhD research poster session at the last CRC meeting in Washington, D.C. This activity was well received by both CRC members and students that participated. Thank you to Keith Molenaar, Paul Chinowsky, Chuck Jahren, Liang Liu, and Sam Ariarathnam for their efforts. Other initiatives that are being considered include:

- Preparing a collaborative Department of Education proposal to fund construction Ph.D. students in the area of construction education.
- Organizing another poster session at the fall CRC meeting in Nashville, TN. This may include short Ph.D. student presentations.
- Establishing a formal mentoring program to help Junior CRC faculty members through the tenure process.
- Improving faculty retention.
- Sponsoring an ASCE-CRC student paper competition. An award would be presented for the best paper.

The Academic Committee will meet after the Spring CRC meeting in Hawaii. Anyone interested is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Paul Chinowsky has agreed to chair this committee.

New Initiatives

Marketing Committee: Ed Jaselskis will coordinate a committee related to marketing CRC member capabilities to industry. We as construction researchers have an opportunity to do a better job demonstrating our value as construction researchers to the construction industry. One idea is to create a CRC member capabilities website to help promote our abilities. Comment was to use available resources through the Construction Institute which supports our website. Also, Mike Toole has done a good job as the CRC webmaster.

CI-CRC Liaison Committee: Keith Molenaar will coordinate this committee's efforts to investigate ways that CRC can assist the Construction Institute in their mission. Tangible contributions may include assisting with newsletters, special publications (e.g., formwork design and safety), and offering courses to the construction industry. Hopefully, we will have the upcoming construction congress to showcase as a successful event. It was suggested that we discuss this with Tucker and possibly arrange for a meeting with Rich Lawhun.

Spring CRC Meeting in Hawaii

A tentative date has been set for the CRC meeting this spring that will be held during the Construction Congress. The meeting will most likely be on Wednesday, March 19 from 1-3 P.M. The agenda for this meeting will be finalized and distributed at the end of February. Please send any suggestions for the agenda to Jaselskis.

Next Executive Committee Meeting

The next meeting will be set up for the last week of February. Jaselskis to make arrangements.