

**Construction Research Council Meeting Minutes  
December 12, 2003  
Phone Conference**

**Attendees:** Keith Molenaar, Tony Songer, Khaled El-Rayes

Keith Molenaar chaired the meeting.

**Guideline Ratification Vote**

Khaled El-Rayes reported.

A total of twenty five CRC members participated in the email voting to ratify the new CRC guidelines. Twenty three members voted yes, one voted no and one abstained. Considering these results, the CRC ExCom committee approved the new CRC guidelines.

**Academic Committee Activities**

Tony Songer reported.

Building on the success of the 2003 CRC fall meeting Ph.D. research symposium, the Academic Committee is planning to organize and hold the next symposium either during the 2004 CRC fall meeting or the 2005 CRC spring meeting. The 2004 CRC fall meeting is tentatively planned to be held in conjunction with the 2004 ASCE Civil Engineering Conference and Exposition in Baltimore, MD. The 2005 CRC spring meeting is tentatively scheduled during the 2005 Construction Congress in San Diego, CA.

The committee is also studying ideas for a mentoring program for Junior (assistant and associate) faculty, and will be actively seeking the participation of senior faculty members.

**CRC-CI Liaison Committee Activities**

Keith Molenaar reported.

The committee is currently working on the following publications:

- A CRC Forum section for the CI Construction Zone newsletter. The Forum will include research, education and CRC announcements each issue.
- Two specialty publications that will include peer reviewed articles and will focus on: (1) innovative highway contracting and delivery methods; and (2) constructability.

**Marketing Committee**

The goal of the marketing committee is to create more synergy among construction researchers and with industry practitioners and promoting CRC activities. Thus far, this committee has been involved with updating the CRC website. There is discussion to develop a more dynamic website that could be like a "clearinghouse" of data related to construction researcher expertise. Funding opportunities to develop such a database are being explored. ACRC webmaster will need to be selected from the marketing group.

**Peurifoy Award**

Three nominations have been submitted for the Peurifoy award. ASCE would like our recommendation by January 16. The selections committee includes: Ed Jaselskis (Chair), Keith Molenaar, Khaled El-Rayes. Jaselskis will check with Dan Halpin, Boyd Paulson, and Jimmie Hinze to see if they would be interested in serving on this committee.

## **Spring Meeting**

The spring CRC Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Specialty Conference on Management and Leadership in Construction (March 25-26 in Hilton Head, South Carolina). The meeting is planned for a Saturday morning from 7:00-8:30 am, on March 27<sup>th</sup>. The CRC ExCom committee discussed the idea of having CRC organize a research workshop in conjunction with NSF that focuses on scientific research methodologies in construction engineering and management. The idea has support from NSF. Additional and updated information on the planned spring CRC meeting can be obtained from the conference website:

<http://www.academiceventplanners.com/hiltonhead/>