

CRC Executive Council Meeting Minutes

December 21, 2000
10:30-11:30 A.M. CST
Telephone Conference Call

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

Anticipated Absence: Ralph Ellis and Jim Rowings

New Item of Business

Ralph Ellis is working on behalf of Dr. Richard Tucker for the Construction Institute. Trying to set up a meeting at the University of Texas--Austin to discuss how the new Institute will interface with CRC and the Education Committee. Simon Abourizk, David Johnston, Jim Rowings, and Ralph Ellis will meet sometime in January.

Revenue Generating Ideas For CRC

Ralph Ellis put the challenge to CRC to show how this organization can contribute to the Construction Institute, especially as it relates to generating revenues. Comments regarding the list of Service & Revenue-Generating Ideas for CRC that were generated at the October meeting are as follows:

- #1 (Web-published abstracts) and #2 (Web-based project risk management) were not considered suitable revenue generating ideas.
- #3 (CRC-sponsored continuing education courses) could be part of the CRC regional conference idea.
- #4 (CRC-published course notes for popular undergraduate construction courses) considered a good idea.
- #5 (Cooperative faculty internship program) considered to be not a revenue generating idea.
- #6 (Web-based construction research clearinghouse that publishes studies...) deemed cost prohibitive.
- #7 (Web-published construction case studies) good idea but difficult to implement and return is not justifiable based on amount of time commitment.
- #8 (Web-based CE.PM PhD link that provides up-to-date information on faculty vacancies and PhD in the academics in the pipeline) worth pursuing not necessarily a revenue generating idea, however.
- #9 (Bi-annual workshop for PhD candidates and new faculty addressing relevant issues) worth pursuing. Could be a revenue-generating idea if we charged PhD students for course materials.
- #10 (Web-based resume books...) good idea to be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

#11 (CRC-sponsored special topic workshops...) goes along with regional conference idea.

#12 (CRC expert database) we are already doing this.

Other Revenue Generating Ideas

1. CRC could be responsible for the CEM Journal—so that we can claim \$ credit.
2. Sponsor regional conferences on topics of local interest.
3. Charge a nominal membership fee for CRC members. Membership could include refreshments at meetings, web access, etc. This may be a good way to identify the more serious CRC members.

Web Development

Discussed items that we would like to see on the CRC webpage (e.g., faculty vacancies, PhD students in the pipeline, meeting minutes, revised guidelines and operating procedures, and updated personal information). Using Adobe Acrobat Writer will be a good way to disseminate this information without the possibility of it being changed. Paul will follow up on web-based issues such as finding out the necessary password so that updates can be made to the webpage by the next meeting.

CRC Guidelines and Operating Procedures for the Construction Research Council of ASCE

Simon sent Paul an electronic copy of the CRC Guidelines and Procedures. Paul needs additional time to review the guidelines and will then send them to Ed for his comments.

CRC Meeting in Nashville

Paul has not heard from AGC about the CRC meeting to be held in conjunction with the AGC National Convention in Nashville. Paul will contact AGC again.

Standing Committee:

Primarily discussed the Awards Committee. Typically, the past CRC chair heads up the Awards Committee and selects two Peurifoy award winners to assist in the selection process. This is how Jim Rowings plans to run the committee this year. It was discussed in the meeting that it would be beneficial to have someone in the immediate loop to be involved in the decision process. We are recommending that future Awards Committees will be comprised of the following individuals:

Committee Chair: Past CRC Chair

One past Peurifoy award winner

Vice chair CRC

One member from Council to be named by CRC executive committee.

At the next telephone meeting, we will discuss in more depth the particulars on responsibilities of the research and communications committees.

ASCE Contact

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We should keep Rashid informed on all CRC activities.

Summary of Action Items:

Simon: Simon will prepare the meeting summary and try to put it on the CRC web page. Simon to attend meeting in Austin.

Paul: Work on updating the CRC web site. Obtain more information from AGC about Nashville meeting. Send Ed minutes and other relevant information about CRC.

Ed: Prepare minutes from this meeting. Prepare Nashville meeting announcement for ASCE News.

All: Consider responsibilities for the research and communications standing committees.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, February 6, 2000 at 10:30 A.M. CST. Call 1 (800) 735-2849 pin # to be provided later.