

Construction Research Council Meeting Minutes
Nov. 14, 2003
Nashville, TN

Attendees:

Simaan Abourizk, Dulcy Abraham, Gena Abraham, Burcu Akinci, Ilker Adiguzel, Irtishad Ahmad, David Ashley, Carlos Caldas, Daniel Castro, Swee Lean Chan, Luh M. Chang, Paul Chinowsky, Phillip Dunston, Bill Easten, Ralph Ellis, Khaled El Rayes, Chick Gologda, Paul Goodrum, Bud Griffis, Dan Halpin, Carl Haas, Mohamed Hegab, Chris Hendrickson, Jimmie Hinze, Arpad Horvath, Vineet Kamat, Mike Garvin, Sanjiv Gokhale, Chuck Jahren, Ed Jaselskis Ed Koehn, Hank Koffman, Ray Levitt, Liang Liu, Matt McDole, Edward Minchin, Keith Molenaar, Lile Murphree, Feniosky Pena-Mora, Jim Pocock, Hung Nguyen, David Sillers, Miroslaw Skibniewski, Charles Skipper, Lucio Soibelman Tony Songer, Cheryl Staub-French, Mike Toole, Ken Walsh, Russ Walters, Tarek Zayed.

Graduate Student Attendees: Roberto Aldunate (Univ. Illinois), Susan Bogus (Colorado), Kirsten Davis (Virginia Tech), Zhili Gao (Iowa State), Javier Irizarry (Purdue), Hyung Seok Jeong (Purdue), Manop Kaenmoracharoen (Iowa State), Lifeng Li, Amlan Mukherjee (Univ. Washington), Jose Perdono (Virginia Tech), M.F. Shiratuddin (Virginia Tech), Anthony Van Tor (Univ. Alberta),

Ed Jaselskis chaired the meeting.

Welcome and Introductions:

Ed Jaselskis called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees. Each participant introduced themselves, their affiliation and specialty

November 3, 03 Minutes Approval:

Minutes from the Hawaii meeting were approved (Liang Liu motion, Simaan Abourisk second)

New Business:

CRC Subcommittee Reports

Academic Committee

Paul Chinowsky reported that the Ph.D paper session had 14 participants.

Discussion: A Mentor Program discussion was held. A mentor program beyond own university will provide community to young faculty.

Action: The academic committee will continue investigating this idea of a formal mentoring program.

CI/CRC Liaison Committee

Keith Molenaar reported on current committee initiatives.

- Mike Toole is the liaison for CI's Atlantic Coast Conference
- The CI newsletter contains a CRC column. Any announcements covering Education, Research, Journals, etc are solicited from members.
- CI sponsors a variety of continuing education seminars. Faculty interested in participating should contact Keith Molenaar.
- Keith Molenaar solicited volunteers for the CI/CRC subcommittee. Please contact Keith.

Discussion:

Matt McDole (ASCE Chair, Construction Division Transportation Development Institute) provided a brief overview of committee and activities. He proposed pursuing CRC's involvement in collaborating on the committees educational activities. Email Keith Molenaar if interested.

Action: None

Marketing Committee

Ed Jaselskis reported on activities

CRC webpage development is progressing.

The committee is considering developing a CRC brochure to 'tell people who we are'

ASCE Journal of Construction Engineering and Management

Ed Jaselskis reported that manuscripts will be submitted and reviewed electronically through a new e-room process being developed at ASCE.

The current acceptance rate for the journal is 48%

Discussion: Jimmie Hinze noted that there were new ASCE requirements for authors submitting manuscripts. Dan Halpin asked why specialty editors could not make the decision for which papers are targeted to which audience.

Action:

Ed Jaselskis will check with ASCE to clarify new procedures.

Reviewers should submit/update reviewer forms. Construction Research Congress Report

2005 Construction Congress will be held in San Diego, CA

Ken Walsh and Iris Tommelein will head the leadership team for the conference.

Ratification of CRC Guidelines

The CRC guidelines were updated by the executive committee and circulated to the membership for comment. Comments will be received and the guidelines edited. The new version will be sent to membership for ratification.

Peurifoy Award

Ed Jaselskis will request nominations and lead the process. Deadline is Nov. 1.

Dan Halpin reinforced Jim Rowing's suggestion of involving former Peurifoy awardees in the nomination/award process. This is the process outlined in the CRC Guidelines.

CI Research and Education Directorate

Ralph Ellis reported the directorate has over 40 corporate members. Ralph's role is to facilitate liaison.

CRC Secretary Nomination

Khaled El Rayes was nominated for the position of CRC secretary by Liang Liu and approved unanimously by the membership.

New Member Vote:

New CRC members

CV's for new members were circulated, motion to approve and second, membership voted approval.

Carlos Caldas

Daniel Castro

Vineet Kamat

David Sillars

Cherly Staub-French

Chuck Jahren suggested that the CRC excom should review new member resumes prior to the CRC meeting and during the meeting nominate and introduce each new member to the committee. This would streamline the current new member approval process.

Announcements:

Feniosky Pena-Mora, with the University of Illinois, announced that the 2005 ICCCE will be held in July, Cancun Mexico.

Faculty position announcements were made for the following:

- Iowa State – Construction
- Carnegie Mellon – Infrastructure Systems
- Texas – Infrastructure Systems
- Michigan – Construction
- Hanyan Korea – Post Doc/Prof/Visiting Prof
- Illinois – Any Engineering Specialty
- Oregon State – Heavy Civil and Materials within Construction

Exchange of the Gavel

Keith Molenaar (new chair) outlined his focus the upcoming year. This included CRC-CI relations and CRC specialty publications in constructability and changing delivery in highway construction.

Keith presented a plaque of appreciation for service to CRC to Ed Jaselskis for his hard work and dedication as 2002 CRC chair.

Adjourn

Keith Molenaar adjourned. The Spring 2004 CRC Meeting will be held at the 2004 ASCE Specialty conference on Innovative Leadership and Management in Hilton Head, SC.

Minutes Submitted: Anthony D. Songer