

**Construction Research Council Meeting Minutes**  
**February 5, 2004**  
**Phone Conference**

**Attendees:** Chema de la Garza, Edward Jaselskis, Keith Molenaar, Tony Songer, Khaled El-Rayes

Keith Molenaar chaired the meeting.

**Workshop on Research Methods**

The CRC ExCom agreed to organize a workshop in conjunction with NSF that focuses on scientific research methods in construction management, construction engineering and information technology. The workshop is planned on March 27th from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm after a brief CRC meeting in Hilton Head, South Carolina at the conclusion of the Specialty Conference on Management and Leadership in Construction. The workshop will focus on research methods applicable to National Science Foundation funded research, and will include a panel presentation and discussion by:

- David B. Ashley, Executive Vice Chancellor & Provost, University of California, Merced
- Jesus M. de la Garza, Program Director, Information Technology and Infrastructure Systems, National Science Foundation
- Raymond E. Levitt, Professor & Associate Director CIFE, Stanford University

**CRC-CI Liaison Committee Activities**

- The committee was able to have a number of CRC members as representatives of the CRC in five of the CI directorates.
- The committee is also working on 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 Activities**

The committee met on January 9, 2004 and continued its work on updating and enhancing the CRC website. There is discussion to develop a more dynamic website to foster better interaction and collaboration between CRC and the Construction industry. Funding opportunities are being explored in order to develop a dynamic database related to construction researchers' expertise.

**Peurifoy Award**

Three nominations have been submitted for the Peurifoy award. The selection committee met on January 9, 2004 to finalize its decision on the award. One highly qualified candidate was selected for the Peurifoy award this year and the committee made its recommendations to ASCE for final approval.

**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 8:00 am-12:00 pm, on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Additional and updated information on the planned spring CRC meeting and the research workshop can be obtained from the conference website:

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