

Construction Research Council EXCOM Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2005 - Conference Call

Attendees:

Tony Songer (chair), Khaled El-Rayes, Keith Molenaar, Dulcy Abraham

2005 Construction Research Congress: Report by Khaled El-Rayes The 2005 Construction Research Congress will be held in Bahia Resort Hotel, San Diego, CA, from April 5-7, 2005. The NSF workshop focusing on Preparation of NSF CAREER proposals will be held on April 6, 2005 from 12:30 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. The CRC Business meeting will be held on Thursday April 7, 2005 from 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm. at the Del Mar room in the hotel. The doctoral student poster session will be held in the Del Mar Foyer on April 7, 2005 from 1:30-4:00. The agenda for the Business Meeting is attached

Tony Songer will send an email reminder to CRC members to encourage their new colleagues who are interested in CRC membership to attend the CRC Business meeting and bring 2-3 copies of their curriculum vitae (CV) to the meeting. A copy of CV should also be emailed to Dulcy Abraham, for updating the CRC membership lists after the Spring 2005 meeting.

Academic Committee: Report by Khaled El-Rayes

Khaled El-Rayes indicated that based on abstracts and email messages received thus far, we can expect about 8-10 poster presentations in that session. He will send a message to each author requesting him/her to mount the poster either on a 30" x 40" foam board or on an assigned area of the Foyer wall. Students can set up posters at lunch time. The poster session will continue after the CRC Business meeting.

Marketing Committee: Report by Keith Molenaar

Keith Molenaar provided an update about the activities related to the creation of the Virtual Community of Construction Researchers as well as the development of the marketing brochure. The Marketing Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 6, 2005 in the evening. Keith will provide an overview of these discussions at the CRC Business Meeting on April 7, 2005.

CI/CRC Liaison Committee: Report by Tony Songer

Since Rick Lahwn's departure from Construction Institute (CI), we do not have a formal liaison with the CI. An alternate staff member has to take charge of the CI links with the CRC and also assist in securing the matching funds that were assigned to support the Virtual Community project. The EXCOM will meet with Hilary Koehl who will be attending the CRC Spring meeting in San Diego. Tony Songer is developing two short articles for the CRC component to the CI newsletter. Tony, Keith and John Gambetese are currently working on completing two ASCE/CI/CRC publications – one focusing on Constructability and the other on Innovative Highway Project Delivery Practices. The constructability publication is being done in conjunction with the CI Constructability committee.

Peurifoy Award Update: Report by Keith Molenaar

The 2004 Peurifoy Award recipient is Professor Abraham Warszawski, National Building Research Institute, Technion. Since there is no national ASCE conference scheduled in Fall 2005, the CRC is discussing a number of other venues for the Peurifoy Lecture. Keith Molenaar will solicit nominations for the 2005 Award. The nomination packages are due at ASCE Headquarters on November 1, 2005. Please the following link for more information regarding nominations.

<http://www.constructioninst.org/awards/index.cfm>

Fall 2005 CRC Meeting: Report by Tony Songer

There was discussion about holding the CRC Fall 2005 meeting in conjunction of the larger ASCE Specialty Conferences. Possible venues considered included: The San Francisco Bay Area and the Washington DC area. Another suggestion was to link the CRC Fall 2005 meeting with a regional conference (East Coast or West Coast).

Agenda for the CRC Business Meeting – Spring 2005

Thursday April 7, 2005 from 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Del Mar, Hotel Bahai

1. Welcome – Tony Songer
Introductions and New Member Nominations and circulation of CVs
2. Approval of Fall Meeting Minutes
3. Construction Research Congress Report - Iris Tommelein/Ken Walsh
4. Academic Committee Report - Khaled El-Rayes/Feniosky Pena-Mora
5. Marketing Committee Update - Keith Molenaar
6. CI/CRC Liaison Committee Update – Tony Songer
7. Peurifoy Award Update - Keith Molenaar
8. Fall 2005 CRC Meeting Location -Tony Songer
9. CI Update - Ralph Ellis
10. Election of New Members
11. Faculty Position Announcements
12. Upcoming Conf. Announcements
 - March – April 2006 – Leadership in Management
 - ASCE Computing in Civil Engineering – July 2005 – Cancun, Mexico
 - CRC 2007 Conference - Spring 2007 - Puerto Rico (tentative)