

MEETING MINUTES

24 January 2005

Hilton Hotel
Austin, TX

Committee Chairman: Mohamad Hussein
Recorded by: Antonio Marinucci

The meeting was called to order by Brian Anderson, acting chairman, at 8.10pm

Minutes of the Meeting

1. Meeting commenced with a review of last meeting minutes (Geo-Trans Conference in L.A. in July 2004)
 - Billy Camp made a correction to old meeting minutes. Minutes should read:
Billy Camp attended a workshop on Dynamically Loaded Foundations as a representative of the Committee. Billy was tasked to talk to the PDCA for contributions or in-kind services to assist in developing methods to test model predictions.
 - B. Camp made a motion to accept minutes, as amended. Frank Townsend seconded motion. Motion accepted.
2. Liz Smith expressed compliments and thanks to B. Anderson for his work on the committee website and for the Geo-Frontiers Conference.
3. B. Anderson reviewed committee activities for the Geo-Frontiers Conference: chaired sessions, involvement with panel discussions, numerous technical paper reviews and session presentations, and development of 3 GSP's.
4. Discussion of Geo-Institute (GI) 2006 Conference in Atlanta (*Geo-Congress 2006: Geotechnical Engineering in the Information Age*)
 - B. Camp said he discussed two session ideas with Congress chairman, David Frost:
 - Integrity Test Results Session – what to do with the obtained test results?
 - General Foundation Session
 - D. Brown proposed another session about quality control (QC) and/or sensing in deep foundations (drilled and driven)
 - S. Litke, ADSC, said the Atlanta Congress is too esoteric for the construction side of the industry. S. Litke also said that there is a 3-day ADSC conference, GEO³, on QC/QA and real-time measurement/testing (“Next Generation”). S. Litke said the intent of the conference is to determine what to do with the test data once it is obtained. In addition, S. Litke also said it may be difficult to overlap the ADSC conference with the Atlanta conference.
 - Jerry DiMaggio said that QA/QC is a hot topic at the FHWA...how to get the data to the decision maker in a quick manner to expedite the decision process.

- D. Brown, with help from S. Litke, will take the lead on pulling session(s) together at the Atlanta conference.
- K.K. Phoon discussed the Atlanta conference particulars (timeline, deadlines, etc):
 - Don DeGroot, Technical Chairman
 - 31 March 2005: Abstracts and Session Proposals due
 - 29 April 2005: Abstracts returned
 - 19 August 2005: All papers due (not peer reviewed, 4 pages max.)
 - All authors will have to pay for 1 day conference registration (may become the norm for all future conferences)
- Motion to make a formal request to Geo-Institute for a paper version of proceedings and GSP's at future conferences
 - Possible combination of print and electronic format: CD (complete proceedings) and Print ("favorite section") for pre-registered attendees. Another suggestion was to provide a print version of the proceedings and an additional (small) fee for CD version, or vice versa.
 - S. Litke expressed general concerns with the costs and efforts associated with publishing proceedings/GSPs. More expensive to publish print version of proceedings (when compared to CD version), and even more expensive to print separate GSPs (referring to Geo-Denver conference).
 - Liz Smith made motion to send formal letter (request) to GI. Unanimous acceptance by present members/attendees.

5. Discussion of upcoming conferences:

- Geo-Institute Conferences:
 - *Geo-Congress 2006* in Atlanta to be held in February 2006
 - UNSAT (with ISSMGE) in Phoenix, AZ to be held in April 2006. Sandra Houston is conference chairwoman.
 - 2007 - Geo-Denver II (February – March)
- ASCE Conferences:
 - In Los Angeles on 27-29 October 2005 (no geotechnical sections)
 - In Chicago on 27-30 September 2006
- The Technical Coordination Council (TCC) has listed conferences up to 2010
 - List is available from TCC for review
- Foundations Congress set for 2009 (locked into that time period)
 - D. Brown suggested that the committee coordinate with other groups such as ADSC, DFI and PDCA
 - S. Litke suggested that if there is to be a large cooperative conference with various associations, that the GI be the "umbrella" organization.
 - Mention made to try to get as many pertinent organizations (in foundations) as possible involved with effort in order to have a very large showing and representative congress
 - Next Stress Wave Conference? M. Hussein to find out
 - S. Litke discussed the "politics" and logistics of GeoSupport 2004 Conference (managing organization, costs, efforts, etc)

- Possible locations for conference discussed
 - S. Litke said that if there was to be a cooperative effort with ADSC (with exhibits similar to GeoSupport Conference), a location with ease of shipping (access to ports) would be needed. S. Litke said he would discuss idea of cooperative conference (logistics, economics, etc) at ADSC Annual Meeting in early February.
 - Puerto Rico was mentioned as a possible conference location
 - Other areas suggested were major tourist destinations: Miami, San Diego, etc.
 - S. Litke said that if there was no exhibit show (from ADSC, etc members), then close access to ports was not necessary and the potential conference location could be anywhere
 - Ed Kavazanjian mentioned that maybe the committee could change name “Deep Foundations Congress” to a more generic/broad “Foundations Congress).
 - Involvement with Congress was established at a previous meeting...what was it (member activities)?
6. “National Survey of Deep Foundations Practice”
- M. Hussein requests volunteers (committee members) to help poll DOTs and public and private companies and organizations.
 - Magued Iskander, B. Camp, A. Marinucci volunteered
 - S. Litke expressed interest in assisting in effort – possible money available from professional organizations (ADSC, DFI, etc.)
 - Need to determine what information is needed / requested
 - S. Litke said that Jorge Osterberg did a similar effort, years ago, for Drilled Shafts
 - S. Litke said that he has extensive contacts with DOTs all over the country, but we need to establish very specific questions...possibly get a survey/marketing company involved to assist with this effort
 - Committee agreement that a small group needs to be established (by M. Hussein?) to discuss what type of information is wanted and how to get this information. Once the questions are established, bring back to committee to assist with the survey effort.
7. GI Sinkhole Conference in San Antonio, TX on 24-28 September 2005
- Abstracts due 21 February 2005.
8. ASCE Journal Paper Reviews
- M. Hussein requests more committee involvement; members need to volunteer more often
 - Not everyone has responded to Sam Paikowsky’s Review Table. Those who have not responded, please do so promptly.
9. David Frost, Chairman of Atlanta 2006 Conference, discussed conference:
- Discussed intent of congress

- D. Frost reviewed the technical program, sessions, categories and matrix in brochure
- Discussed the papers and presentations: papers to be 4 pages max, non-peer reviewed papers, presentations will be typical of all other conferences (12 minutes or so), and papers will be published in conference proceedings not in GSP.
- There will be heavy relying on GI technical committees for most of the technical paper review and session development...Session coordinator will be responsible for that session's papers.

10. Committee Website – Brian said there was nothing new to report about the site

11. Committee Membership

- Debra Laefer moved to Ireland...Liz Smith said she would send a little "gift" along
- Need to set up a conference call for membership subcommittee
- New/interested volunteers need to go thru formal process of becoming members
- M. Hussein's term as chairman is coming to an end (2005)
 - Frank Townsend made motion to renominate M. Hussein as chairman
 - Motion was seconded by Luis Garcia and Clyde Baker...unanimous acceptance of this motion by present members.
 - F. Townsend to verify with Carol Bowers that M. Hussein is allowed to serve another term
- F. Townsend discussed Ross McGillvray's work demands and R. Gillvray's possible desire not to be committee secretary any longer. F. Townsend motioned to have B. Anderson become secretary if R. McGillvray no longer wants position.
 - First, R. McGillvray needs to send letter/notice of his intent not to continue as committee secretary. Committee unanimously endorsed B. Anderson as secretary if R. McGillvray steps down.

12. Awards and Nominations

- Subcommittee activity reviewed by L. Garcia, chairman. (Subcommittee activity attached to these minutes.)
- F. Townsend volunteered to help L. Garcia review papers for award nomination
- Bob Mokwa and B. Camp have assisted L. Garcia with technical paper reviews
- Award Nominations:
 - Martin Kapp Award – J. DiMaggio
 - Peck Award – Alan Macnab
- F. Townsend complimented L. Garcia on his efforts and good work

13. Ed Kavazanjian talked about upcoming conferences, committee activity, etc from a TCC perspective:

- Deep Foundations Congress set for 2009 – on a 20-year cycle
- Earth Retention Congress set for 2010 – on a 20-year cycle
- Shallow Foundations Committee needs leadership and help
 - Possibly merge the Shallow Fdns and Deep Fdns Committee together and rename "Foundations Committee". No committee support for this.
- Dates for conferences

- Keep same approximate time each year – 1ST Quarter of year
- Possibly try to narrow/restrict conference time/schedule
- Conference Site/location
 - Do not hold at universities – not equipped for conferences
 - Try to hold at major tourist destinations, areas with activities
- Talked about 2009 Deep Foundations Congress
 - Will take about 48 months or so to properly organize and get ready for conference – need to start moving on this
 - Organizing Committee?
 - Technical Committee?
 - Will it be an “all encompassing” foundations congress?
 - Talked about site, logistics, cost-sharing, multi-organization effort
 - Try to court other organizations – structures, geological, hydraulic, etc.
 - Fred Kulhawy relayed his experiences with similar effort for 1989 Congress. F. Kulhawy said that he expended considerable effort but received no showing/effort from these groups. F. Kulhawy expressed reservation with doing this again.
 - Committee agreed to send decision about this back to M. Hussein for decision.

14. Codes and Standards:

- C. Baker discussed ACI 336. C. Baker stated this code was being reworked, and that he is the liaison between ACI and this committee. C. Baker expressed concern that ACI is a concrete specification and should not incorporate geotechnical issues into that code explicitly. The geotechnical efforts should be left to a separate committee, such as the Deep Foundations Committee.
- There were no other codes discussed.
- No consensus on what to do with ACI 336.

15. “Performance and Evaluation of Pile Load Tests”

- Conference on instrumentation set for 2007
- Discussion tabled because Willie Nesmith not present to discuss conference

16. Proposed ASCE “Seismic Design of Piers and Wharves” Standard

- A. Marinucci expressed that no committee has been formed (per Carol Bowers). A. Marinucci said he is in process of obtaining more information about the proposed standard and its efforts...waiting for a reply to various emails.

17. No other business brought up for discussion

18. Next committee meeting will be held at the Atlanta conference in late February 2006.

Meeting was adjourned at 10.45pm.

Meeting Attendees

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* Note:

- “M” – committee member
- “E” - emeritus committee member
- “F” – friend to the committee