

The meeting was called to order by the Committee Chairman, Mohamad Hussein, at 8:15pm

Fred Kulhawy made it known that he was disappointed that Mohamad was not wearing his usual tie and jacket, although he had on a dress white shirt.

Members and friends introduced themselves.

Members in attendance:

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Withiam, Jim	

The Chair made note for the record that the following GI officials were present:

TCC Councilor Dick Woods
GI President John Anderson
GI Board member Ed Kavazanjian

Ben Gerwick

Chair recognized the passing of Ben Gerwick with a moment of silence.

Chair solicited recommendations for a memoriam through GI.

Mr. Gerwick was known for marine geotechnical construction, prestressed concrete piles, etc.

Committee recommends that a session or activity in 2009 will be appropriate.

Remarks by GI President John Anderson

John Anderson solicited any feedback regarding GI business?

Gave summary of GI activities: Technical, Professional, etc.

Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes

Copies of the minutes from the previous committee meeting at the 2006 Geocongress in Atlanta February 27, 2006 were circulated. Liz Smith noted that she was not on the list of attendees and Sam Paikowsky requested that his name be spelled correctly.

Approval of the minutes was moved by Liz Smith and seconded by Norm Dennis. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Membership

New members recognized

Monica Prezzi	Perdue
KJ Kim	NCDOT
Mike Lewis	Savanna River Site
Nasser Massoudi	Bechtel
Sarhan Hazem	Bechtel
Theresa Rappaport	DFI

Chair suggested that Susan Burns replace Jean Louis Briaud as USUCGER Liasion.

Chair suggested that the chair of TRB Committee AFS30, Mark Morvant, be added as TRB Liaison. Sam P. volunteered to contact him, Chair will send official invitation letter.

Chair discussed large membership of committee and addressed possible “discharge” of inactive members. Suggested membership sub-committee: Brian A., Maged I., Norm D., Liz S., and Mohamad H. will address current committee membership situation only.

Chair solicited for any member emeritus suggestions?

Dan Brown nominates George Goble for Emeritus membership; suggestion approved by committee unanimously.

Succession Plan for Committee Leadership

Nominations were solicited at last committee meeting. Membership voted through private email to Chair. Committee voted for Brian Anderson- now elevated to Vice Chair. Anderson will chair the 2009 meeting.

Review of Deep Foundations Committee Participation at GeoDenver

Deep Foundations has the largest number of sessions at 8.

Several papers declined.

Sam addressed scheduling and competing sessions.

- CSL& @Large piles – Billy
- Sam - Open pipe piles
 - competing open pile session at the same time
- Ray – Drilled Shaft concrete
- Ray – Concrete cylinder piles (Chair suggested dedicating this session to Gerwick)
- Debra Laefer – Foundation reuse
- Fred - LRFD panel discussion
- Willie Nesmith (not present at meeting and conference) – Drilled and Augercast piles

Remarks from ADSC Executive Director – Scot Litke

Review of ADSC Conference in Orlando, FL, January 31-February 3, 2007

Exhibits and equipment show.

Workshops were well attended.

1700 attendees

There were tracks for contractors, designers, etc.

The outdoors exhibit had \$100 million worth of equipment, all were sold during the event.

Remarks from DFI Executive Director - Theresa Rappaport

DFI annual meeting in October coming up

Technical program coming together

Short courses planned.

Remarks from PDCA Executive Director - Steve Hall

PDCA annual conference in March in Nashville
7 technical programs scheduled
Hammer forum etc.
PDCA has FHWA Pile Design manual for sale

Remarks from Editor of Geostrata Magazine – Jim Withiam

Upcoming issue put together by Geophysics committee
Jim explained how an issue is created.
Core issues are suggested, editors then work with the authors to assemble articles/issue
Articles are 1200 – 1700 word 3-4 graphics
Soft technical, no equations, no footnotes, and no references
4 articles per issues with 1 commentary
Geocurmudgeon generates most feedback

Chair suggested that DFC sponsor issue just in advance of the 2009 Mega-event –
First issue of 2009 Jan-Feb
Review abstracts for 2009 Congress and pick and choose themes to work into articles
Dan B. suggests that the technical program committee coordinates this activity.

Conferences

2008 New Orleans Geo-congress

Broad GeoEnvironment – Sustainability
Sessions from this committee:

Magued I. suggests Piling made of sustainable materials

Debra L. suggests Foundation reuse

Committee suggests no more than 2 sessions

November 2008 Karst Conference – Deep Foundations in Karst Tallahassee

Chair suggests Ross M. organizes session.

6th International Conference on Case Histories was mentioned.

StressWave 2008 Conference

September 8-10, 2008 Portugal

Sam P. will be Liason with Stresswave '08 committee and DFC

Bengt F. suggested getting more practitioners involved with StressWave conference

Second International Conference on Foundations

June 24-27, 2008 Dundee Scotland was mentioned by Sam P.

Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering and Soil Dynamics IV

Sacramento May 18-21, 2008.

Lateral resistance of piles in liquefiable soils

Gary Norris appointed liaison.

ADSC Faculty Workshop

Early June 2008 Chattanooga, week before Fathers Day.

PDCA Professors' Piling Institute

Logan, Utah June 18-22, 2007.

PDCA Annual Conference

New York City 2008.

2009 Deep Foundations Mega Congress

Site has been selected in Orlando for indoor and outdoor space
Planning of program must start now.

Professional Program

1 Hero – Chair proposes that the GI hero in 2009 be Clyde Baker

In 2004 it was Mike O'Neill

Terzaghi Lecture chosen by Board of Governors nominated by board must lobby board member

Terzaghi Award

Peck Lecture,

Seed Lecture

Schnabel Award

JP Giroud Terzaghi Lecturer in 2008

Terzaghi Lecturer

2009 lecturer selected in September 2007

Nominations for Terzaghi Lecturer – Dan Brown, Fred Kulhawy

After some discussion, Committee supports Nomination of Fred Kulhawy for Terzaghi Lecture for 2009.

Peck Lecture

Peck Lecture? Dan Brown. Well published case history in the last 5 years.

Careful attention to the nomination package.

Nomination May 2008

Conference Organizaztion

From Meetings Last year:

Chair – Mohamad Hussein

Co-chair – Brian Anderson – Web page 2009 also.

Technical Program Dan Brown, Chair, Sam Paikowski and Billy Camp co-Chairs

Proceedings Editors: Magued Iskander, Debra Laefer, and Mohamad Hussein

Short Courses – Willie Nesmith

Exhibitors – Steve Hall

Student Program - Sarah Gassman

Awards sub-Committee – Luis Garcia

*Coordination with Outside organizations - Liz Smith and Ross McGillvray
Robert Thompson, Tony Marinucci, etc. – reserve*

Short Courses

Professional issues – legal issues
Transition of ownership – succession planning
Professional practice issues
Professional liability and limits of liability

Technical Program & Call for Papers

Timeline for conference – Call for papers and sessions needs to be issued soon.
Action item: Dan B. and the technical program committee will work with GI personnel to coordinate.

Plenary and Poster Sessions

Still planning.

Proceedings

Expecting 150 to 200 papers
Committee requested paper proceedings (and CDs if possible)
2500 pages likely
Action item: Magued and Debra look into timeline for getting papers solicited, reviewed, and accepted. Work with Technical Program committee and GI.

Potential Sessions for 2009 Congress

Scot L. suggests session on a major project from start to finish
Ross M. suggests similar session on design/build
Tim Siegel from Computing Applications would like to cosponsor 2009.
 Berkel would sponsor pile prediction event.
 Encouraged to submit to the call for papers and sessions.
Dynamic loading of large foundations
Foundations for non-conventional loads

Student Involvement

GI Board level committee will coordinate

Website and Listserv Report – Brian A.

Website updated
Brian A. asks for members to check for errors
Brian A. solicited members for content to be added to page
Listserv up to date.

Awards Subcommittee – Luis G.

Jerry DiMaggio was submitted but was not successful for Kapp Award
Considered Alan McNabb, not submitted, did not meet publication criteria

Norman medal
Middlebrooks
Wellington prize

Rebar Subcommittee

Len Cobb not here, no recommendations

Foundations Reuse Subcommittee

Participation in London conference?

Charge for committee for data collection at the time while piles are being reused.

ASCE Standard “Guideline for Structural Condition Assessment of Existing Buildings”

SEI/ASCE 11-99

Debra L., Magued I. And potential new members Bernie H., Larry Olson as subcommittee

ASCE GSP honoring Professor John Schmertmann

25 abstracts accepted

25 papers and 10 of Schmertmann’s classics

Published in 2008 at time of New Orleans conference

Presentations

George Goble made presentation on AASHTO driven pile code

Piles are typically driven to blowcount, not penetration

Why is current practice ignored?

Why driven piles penalized for site variability?

Why driven piles penalized for lack of “redundancy”?

Ductility?

Dan Brown to Chair subcommittee with Gary Norris, Muhannad Suleiman, and Sam Paikowsky to be subcommittee to respond to George’s presentation.

Remarks by the Editor in Chief of the JG&GE- Jonathan Stewart

Web based manuscript submission and review system implemented

Each year there are approximately 300 new submissions

The editorial board manages 450 – 500 papers each year

Journal issues?

In order to publish a special editions make suggestion to the editorial board.

The journal is also a mechanism for publishing editorials

Muhannad S. noted the existence of Performance of Constructed Facilities as an alternative journal.

Case history and practice papers are welcomed to the journal.

Debra Laefer suggested that the reviews be done in the blind (i.e., cover the authors names)

Magued suggested that the reviewers names be disclosed

Presentations Continued

Sam P. skipped his presentation and addressed/rebutted Coble's questions.

Muhannand S. made presentation on Seismic Response of Bridge Columns Supported by Drilled Shafts in Seasonally Frozen Conditions

Luis G. delivered a very informative presentation on professional liability.
ASCE insurance does not insure Geotechnical Engineers

Committee Member of the Year

Chair brought forth from the TCC the committee member of the year award.
Luis Garcia nominated and passed.

Adjourn 12:10am.