



Structural Connection

August E-Newsletter

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Welcome to Structural Connection's new look

As part of NCSEA's commitment to more enhanced communication between NCSEA, member organizations, and members, we have updated the look of our newsletter, *Structural Connection*. The document in its regular format is attached; but for those MO's who forward the electronic version directly, this format is ideal. This is a truly interactive newsletter. Links found not only on the left side, but also in the body, will take you to various web pages and e-mails. Click away!

Conference plenary session



Over the past 2 years, the CAC has been actively engaged in supporting the ICC code change process as it relates to development of the 2009 I-codes. Work will begin early next year in preparation for the 2010 Supplement to the 2009 codes, and following that the 2012 codes. For the Saturday afternoon session of the Annual Conference, CAC Chairman Ronald Hamburger, and the Chairs of the CAC subcommittees, will conduct a plenary session on the purpose and direction of the CAC as it relates to future activities of the International Code Committee (ICC) and practicing structural engineers. They will also report on the outcomes of the 2009 ICC Code cycle.

The plenary session will be followed by discussions as well as Q&A, during breakouts based on the CAC Subcommittees, as follows:

2:00 PM

Seismic Provisions with Ronald Hamburger
Existing Buildings/Structural Retrofit with David Bonowitz
ICC Evaluation Service Advisory with Bill Warren

2:40 PM

Special Inspection / Quality Assurance with Kirk Harman
General Engineering with Ed Huston

3:45 PM

Wrap-up of CAC Session with Ronald Hamburger: *Reports from each of the Subcommittee Chairs. Summary comments by CAC Chair Ronald Hamburger.*

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If you would like to submit material or present your views on any Structural Connection content, you may do so by contacting one of the above persons.

Model Code of Ethics



At their August 7 Board meeting, NCSEA's Board of Directors approved a Model Code of Ethics. This Model Code was created to provide guidance and a template for NCSEA MO's. As such, it can be adopted in whole or in part, or not at all. NCSEA recommends, however, that your MO review local statutory and regulatory requirements, hold discussions with your members, and then adopt the Code of Ethics that works for your MO.

The fundamental principles of the Code state that structural engineers uphold and advance the integrity, honor and dignity of the structural engineering profession.

The Word document is available at www.ncsea.com under "Hot Topics". If your MO votes to adopt this Model Code, please let the NCSEA office know. If your MO votes to adopt this Model Code, with some revisions, please send a copy, with the changes marked by "tracking", to Jeanne Vogelzang at execdir@ncsea.com, so that NCSEA can also post your version on the NCSEA website.

Call for volunteers



NCSEA is looking for volunteers to staff several national committees. Below are some available opportunities as well as contact information. To apply, e-mail a resume and 200-250 words detailing why you are good fit for a particular committee. Sign up and help make a difference in the structural engineering industry. Visit the committee webpage at

<http://www.ncsea.com/Committees>.

Student Correspondent



A void that existed for structural engineers within North Carolina is about to disappear. Timothy Mays, Ph.D., PE, Associate Professor at The Citadel in Charleston, SC, is leading the initiative to begin a Structural Engineers Association of North Carolina (SEAoNC). Dr. Mays was also a key player in starting the Structural Engineers Association of South Carolina (SEAoSC) three years ago.

I am a former student of Dr. Mays', as well as his former research assistant; and I will be assisting in the organization of SEAoNC, which is already being eagerly anticipated by the local engineering communities of NC. The enthusiasm among engineers from each of five NC cities was evident in the NC kick-off meeting held at the annual SEAoSC conference in Hilton Head, SC August 8-9, 2008. One person from each city has already volunteered to be

the lead contact for his or her city and surrounding area.

In addition to assisting Dr. Mays with the SEAoNC, I will begin graduate school this fall at North Carolina State University and will be writing this Structural Connection column, pertaining to current issues among the young structural engineering community. I highly encourage and hope that other young structural engineers and graduate students will contact me with any current important issues that may be occurring in their region, such as the consideration of required education beyond a Bachelor's degree, and how these issues are being accepted.

On behalf of Dr. Mays and the future SEAoNC, I would like to thank Mr. Ed Huston, PE, SE President of NCSEA, and Ms. Jeanne M. Vogelzang, JD, CPA, CAE, Chief Executive Officer of NCSEA, for their assistance in the SEAoNC initiative. I look forward to future correspondence with young engineers across the country and hope that, through this column, the young structural engineering community can become more engaged and more active in NCSEA. ~ Steven J. Fulmer, EIT a NC State Graduate Student
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