

Structural Engineers Association of Illinois Young Member Group

3rd Annual Young Engineers Symposium
Chicago, IL
January 22, 2019



On January 22, the SEAIO Young Engineers Committee (YEC) hosted their 3rd Annual Young Engineers Symposium – an event designed to give young engineers an opportunity to showcase their projects and experiences. The symposium was held at 150 N. Riverside in downtown Chicago. The first hour of the event was dedicated to networking. Attendees were able to mingle with their colleagues over food and drinks. The second portion of the event was the program, which consisted of five 15-minute long presentations. The presentations/speakers were selected through an open abstract submission process. They were Structural Assessment of Hurricane Damage: The Aftermath of a CAT 5 Hurricane in the British Virgin Islands by Sean McGrath of EFI Global Inc., No. 9 Walton – Tower of Power by Bethany Myelle of Magnusson Klemencic Associates, High Speed Rail Bridge Design in High Seismicity Areas – Tule River Viaduct by Justin Brown of Jacobs, Trumpf Technology Center – Defining Space through Structure by Kevin Kuntz of IMEG Corp, and Analysis and Design of the Cloud Buster Climbing Exhibit by Joseph Porada of Thornton Tomasetti. Attendees had the opportunity to ask questions after each presentation and network further after the program.

Lamyae Reklouai, a member of the SEAIO YEC and the symposium planning committee, said about the event: “Outstanding speakers presenting unique projects filled with technical knowledge and advanced solutions in structural engineering. The Young Engineer’s Symposium brings together the best minds, and offers an excellent opportunity to learn more about the industry and get inspired.” The event was successful for the third year in a row, bringing in about 75 attendees, and the SEAIO YEC is looking forward to hosting it again in 2020.

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