

Structural Engineers Association of Southern California

> SEAOSC NEWS

MARCH 2018

Nominees for 2018-2019 Board Announced by Nomination Committee

The SEAOSC Nominating Committee, chaired by Past President Michelle Kam-Biron, S.E. has announced the following slate of nominations for the 2018-2019 Board of Directors:

Treasurer: Matt Barnard, S.E., Degenkolb Engineers. Directors: Wayne Chang, S.E., Structural Focus Annie Kao, P.E., Simpson Strong-Tie Garrett Mills, S.E., Taylor & Syfan Bryan Seamer, S.E., LPA

All the Board nominees bios and photos are posted on the SEAOSC website at <u>http://seaosc.org/Nominees</u>. Officers for 2018-2019, according to succession procedure, will be Mehran Pourzanjani, S.E., President, and Ken O'Dell, S.E., President -Elect., Robert Lyons, S.E., will continue to serve on the board of Directors as the Immediate Past President. Also continuing on the board of Directors will be Massoud Abolhoda, S.E., Patti Harburg-Petrich, S.E., Donny Harris, S.E., and Truong Huynh, P.E.

Additional nominations for the office of President-Elect, Treasurer or Director may be submitted by the membership to the Nominations Committee Chair, Michelle Kam-Biron, S.E., <u>MKamBiron@awc.org</u>, by the March 7th meeting in accordance with procedures outlined in the SEAOSC Bylaws Article VI, Section 2. To allow sufficient time, the deadline for submitting additional nominees is extended to March 29, 2018. The committee's nominees and any nominees additional will be presented to the membership at the April 4, 2018 general meeting. Voting will begin in early May 2018 by email announcement and electronic voting. Election results will be announced at the June 6, 2018 dinner meeting. The newly elected directors will take office July 1, 2018 for a two-year term. Thank you to the following members of the Nominations Committee who selected nominees in accordance with procedures outlined in the <u>Bylaws, Article VI, Section1</u>:

Michelle Kam-Biron, S.E., Chair Todd Brown, S.E. David Cocke, S.E. Diana Nishi, S.E Ken O'Dell, S.E. Edgar Plazola, S.E. Ryan Smith, S.E. Jeff Ellis, S.E Observer

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Robert "Bob" Lyons President 2017-2018

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President's Message

It is hard to believe we are already into March. The year is going by fast.

One event that is always well attended each year is the Annual February Career Fair and Student Scholarship awards dinner. This year was no exception, with a total attendance of about 120 people, representation by the Southern California's prominent firms and students from Universities in our region. We trust that firms and students mutually benefited by this interaction. Eight students received scholarships this year. Topping off the Career Fair and scholarship awards was an insightful presentation by Daniel Zepeda and Ken O'Dell on their experiences in Mexico City. Daniel and Ken were members of the Mexico City Safer Cities Recon Team. The awards night is a joint presentation by SEAOSC and the **SEAOSC Foundation**, under the leadership of Foundation president Kevin O'Connell. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation with the stated mission "to advance the study of the scientific principles of structural engineering". Donations made to the SEAOSC Foundation are tax deductible as a charitable donation. The scholarship donors that made the scholarships possible are too numerous to list here, but please visit the SEAOSC website for a list of these very generous firms and individuals. Thank you donors!

March is the month we announce candidates for the 2018-2019 Board of Directors and Treasurer.

Nominated for Treasurer is **Matt Barnard**, SE with Degankolb. Nominated for the four board director positions are:

Wayne Chang, S.E., Structural Focus Annie Kao, P.E., Simpson Strong-Tie Garrett Mills, S.E., Taylor & Syfan Bryan Seamer, S.E., LPA

Thank you for volunteering for these very important leadership roles! The announcement on the first page of this newsletter provides more details. **Don't forget to return your ballots!** We thank the Nomination Committee for their hard and diligent efforts in selecting this year's nominees.

On February 26, 2018, SEAOSC presented a webinar titled "Design of Concrete Diaphragm and Collectors - Based on Seismic Design Manual, Volume 3, Example 6". Presentation was made by Badri K. Prasad, P.E., S.E. of Project Executive, IMEG Inc. The example presented demonstrates a simplified approach to finding the demands on the diaphragm, using a rigid diaphragm assumption, and collector.

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Upcoming Events

March 28, 2018 Webinar Seismic Response and Performance Assessment of Stair Systems. This presentation will discuss recent experiments and complementary numerical modeling of stair systems. The discussion will conclude with suggestions for future research needs to increase the resiliency in stair systems in the face of future earthquakes. Presenters – Dr. Tara Hutchinson, P.E., Ph.D, Professor, University of California, San Diego and Xiang Wang, Ph.D, Postdoctoral Scholar, University of California, San Diego.

April 4, 2018 <u>Dinner meeting in LA</u>. Details of this event are forthcoming. Watch your email or check this link in a few days.

April 20, 2018 <u>Member Appreciation Event</u>. This year we show appreciation of our members by spending a **Friday night at Dodger Stadium**. Ticket includes popcorn, peanuts, nachos, dodger dogs and soft drinks. Bring your family and enjoy the game with your fellow engineers!

April 24, 2018 OC Dinner Meeting. The program was planned SEAOSC's Women in Structural Engineering Committee. The panel will discuss Work/Life Balance as Structural Engineers, featuring Marcia Brown, Krista Looza, Maria Mohammed, Bryan Seamer, Ryan Smith and Kirsten Zeydel.

April 30, 2018 <u>Tri-Counties Dinner Meeting</u>. Event will be at Mulligans' Café and bar in Santa Barbara. Dinner presentation – *Common Structural Issues Observed in Structural Plan Check*. Massoud Abolhoda, S.E. Building and Safety Manager, County of Santa Barbara will discuss common issues encountered in plan check of lateral design of wood, steel, concrete and masonry buildings.

2018 SEAOC Convention

The 2018 Annual Convention to be held at the JW Marriott Spa and Resort in Palm Desert, California, September 12 through the 15, 2018.

The Structural Engineers Association of California issued a <u>Call for Papers</u>. For more information, visit the SEOC website. SEAOSC is the member organization responsible for the 2018 Convention.

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President's Message

Earthquake Anniversaries

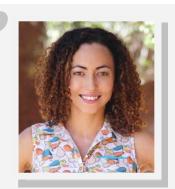
- <u>1906 San Francisco</u> 1906 San Francisco 7.8 Mw Earthquake (April 18, 1906 5:12 am)
 - <u>1933 Long Beach Earthquake</u> 1933 Long Beach 6.4 Mw Earthquake (March 10, 1933 5:54 pm)

The <u>SEAOSC Calendar of Events</u>, in addition to listing SEAOSC events, includes committee meeting schedules. Members are invited to <u>review committee charges</u> and attend scheduled meetings of possible interest. It is suggested you contact the chair or co-chairs in advance.

Together, our efforts make an impact! Join our committees and be a part of the effort.

Bob Lyons, SE President

Member Spotlight



Vivian D. Peña, SE Senior Staff II - Structures Simpson Gumpertz and Heger



Diana Erickson Nishi SE3963 Associate Principal Englekirk Structural Engineers

Email: vdpena@sgh.com Member Since: 2008 Current SEAOSC Role: Sustainable Design Committee Chair. Favorite Movie: Best In Show. Proudest Accomplishment: Giving birth to my daughter. Childhood Ambition: To help animals. First Job: Movie Theatre. Why Join SEAOSC: To meet other engineers, learn about the latest topics and contribute to our profession.

Email: diana.nishi@englekirk.com

Member Since: 1988

Current SEAOSC Role: Codes and Standards Committee (AISC Representative) & Women in SE

Favorite Movie: Disney's Beauty and The Beast (original animated one!).

Proudest Accomplishment: The births of all of my 3 children and keeping them alive and still keeping my sanity.

Childhood Ambition: To be a teacher or geologist.

First Job: JC Penney in college & Englekirk after college.

Why Join SEAOSC: To meet other engineers and develop relationships along with the many educational benefits of webinars, seminars and publications to build upon your professional SE career.

Welcome New Members

Member SE

Kirk Ellis, Walter P Moore & Associates

Member

- Ocatherine Gaba, LA Department of Building and Safety
- ◊ Jose Reyes, KCE Matrix, Inc
- ◊ Mohammed Bala, Fluor

Associate

- Oracle Carmen O'Rourke, Degenkolb Engineers
- Heavenz Kaur, Englekirk Companies

Young Associate

- Or Gennelle Dedek, Nous Engineering
- ◊ Siddharth Awasthi, Englekirk Structural Engineers
- Xin Qian, John A. Martin Associates Structural Engineers

Industry Member

◊ Charles Kerzic, Trinity Lightweight

Member Referral Program

SEAOSC Members can opt-in to the Referral Program for \$100 annually during dues renewals, July 1- August 31. You may opt-in anytime by contacting the SEAOSC office at <u>seaosc@seaosc.org</u>. A listing will appear on <u>seaosc.org/Member-Services-Search</u> which includes your name, license number, business address with corresponding Google map, and your selected categories.

Professional Development Program

While California not does have mandatory continuing education for your license renewal, SEAOSC created this voluntary program to recognize and record members' seminar attendance. You can enroll for \$50 annually during dues renewals (July -Sept). Credit is issued for your attendance at qualifying dinner meetings, seminars and educational events based on I credit for each contact hour of continuing education. <u>Click Here</u> to learn more.

SEAOSC is a membercentric organization, where substance and image are equally promoted .



SEAOSC News | Winter Ed Recap



Winter Education

Program

Steel Design – Code Updates and More

February 2, 2018

The SEAOSC Winter Education Event held at the Long Beach Grand Event Center was very successful, with around 90 people in attendance. The presentations were themed around upcoming AISC steel code updates, various practical steel design tips, and using a non-linear analysis approach to steel buildings. Our presenters included Jim Malley, Rafael Sabelli, Tomas Sabol, Dr. Henry Burton, and Len Joseph, all of whom have extensive experience in design and analysis of steel structures. SEAOSC hopes that all attendees had an enjoyable time learning throughout the day and were able to take away valuable information from the presentations to use on their current and future steel projects.

Many thanks to our members who attended the event, the speakers, and the event sponsors!

If you have any suggestions or ideas for future education topics, please feel free to email <u>education@seaosc.org</u> to let us know.

Find an Engineer

The Structural Engineers Association of Southern California (SEAOSC) offers a free Member Services Search service that is intended to assist the public in finding Structural Engineers (SE's) and Professional Engineers (PE's) claiming specialization in various areas of structural engineering. SEAOSC members pay a fee to advertise their "For Hire" design services on this service.

SEAOSC has a helpful brochure to help you understand structural engineering and structural engineers entitled "What you need to know about Structural Engineering. It may be downloaded from our website at: www.seaosc.org/resources/ Documents/ SEAOSCBrochureWeb.pdf.

An important first step is to determine the size and scope of your project. You may wish to consult an architect or contractor first to discuss cost, feasibility and design coordination.

To help compile a list of structural engineer prospects.

 Search the SEAOSC online Member Services Search for firms.

- Ask your friends and contractors for recommendations.
- Refer to your local telephone directory (check in the white pages, the "Yellow Pages," or in large metropolitan areas, the "Business Yellow Pages"), or
- Contact professional engineering and professional land surveying societies, such as SEAOSC, SEAONC, SEAOSD, SEAOCC, and SEAOC.

Confirm the engineer's State Registration.

 Visit the State of California Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (BPELSG) website and use the Online License Look-up Database at http:// www.bpelsg.ca.gov/consumers/ lic_lookup.shtml to verify an individual's license, search for local professional engineers in your county, and view any disciplinary actions that have taken place against a licensee. This

> government agency covers many types of engineers, so be sure to look for "Professional



Engineer" to view their Civil (C) or Structural (S) license.

 Review the Consumer Guide at http://www.bpelsg.ca.gov/pubs/ consumer_guide.pdf published by BPELSG for additional information on selecting a qualified engineer.

Select two or more engineering firms and ask for references from previous jobs similar to yours. Verify their expertise in your type of project and their ability to complete projects on time and on budget.

Request that an engineer visit the project site in order to submit a written proposal, including the objectives, anticipated time schedule and engineer's compensation. While some engineers do not charge for a preliminary visit, many do.

<u>Click Here</u> to learn more.

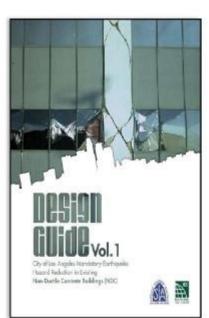
Did you Know? SEAOSC Membership Includes:

Provided in conjunction with the National Council of Structural Engineering Association (NCSEA) and the Structural Engineers Association of California (SEAOC).

- Member discounts on SEAOC's renowned Annual Convention, which provides continuing technical education, networking and social events in resort settings-- plus a free copy of the Convention Proceedings.
- Discounts on our numerous educational opportunities: seminars, webinars and educational meetings held in revolving locations in the Los Angeles Basin and in the Tri-Counties areas.
- Representation on the national and state legislative scenes on issues vital to structural engineers..
- And More..... <u>Read About it Here</u>

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NDC and SWOF Seismic Retrofit Design Guides



This design guide provides an example and detailed commentary for the seturic strengthening of existing woodframe buildings with soft, weak or openhant (SWOF) wall lines subject to the recently passed mandatory los Angeles Ordinance. The design example in this guide demonstrates a prescriptive, ordinance-based introfit approach for a typical openhant wall line. Following this example, a demonstration is given showing how PEMA PROZ could be used to design a retraft for the same example building.

Commentary in the guide discusses challenges inherent in this type of remain including: lateral force-resisting system selection, shear transfer detailing, and existing material capacities. Additionally, capacity-based design concepts are presented to provide creative solutions for buildings with unique challenges. Scope, responsibilities of the design professional, and other topics are discussed in great detail to further aid the design professional and provide a clearer undestanding of the requirements of the Ordinance.

This design guide was written for use with the 2014 City of Los Angeles Building Code based on the 2012 International Building Code and ASCE 7-10. This guide is an excellent resource for practicing professional engineers, architects, building afficials, academics, and sudems evaluating this type of structure.

This design guide discusses and demonstrates methodologies for the seismic evaluation and strengthening of existing non-ductile concrete buildings. While aspects of this guide focus on the mandatory City of Los Angeles earthquake hazard reduction ordinance and historical construction practices of the Southern California region, it is generally applicable to any other existing concrete buildings in areas of moderate or high seismicity. In this guide you will find a collection of practical advice, guidance on implementing current evaluation and retrolit methodologies, summaries of relevant and useful reference materials, and detailed examples. Additional insights are given based on the latest available research and next-generation standards development work. Extensive commentary is provided and various approaches are presented to address this challenging subject.

The publication of this design guide coincides with the end of the triennial code cycle, and was written for use with the 2017 City of *ios Angeles Building* Code based on the 2015 International Building Code and ASCE 41-13. This guide is an excellent resource for practicing professional engineers, architech, building officials, academics, and students evaluating this type of structure.

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SEAOSC Design Guide Vol. 1: City of Los Angeles Mandatory Earthquake Hazard **Reduction in Existing** Non-Ductile Concrete Buildings (NDC) Pricing: Non-Members: Click Printed: \$45 Electronic: \$42 Here to Members: Printed: \$38 **Purchase** Electronic: \$35

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SEAOSC Design Guide Vol. 2: City of Los Available Angeles Mandatory Earthquake Hazard **Reduction in Existing** Wood-Frame Buildings with Soft, Weak or **Open-Front Walls** (SWOF) Pricing: Non-Members: Printed: \$29 Electronic: \$26 Members: Printed: \$25 Electronic: \$22



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Order Here: https://seaosc.org/Store





SEAOSC Safer Cities Royal Blue Polo Shirt—\$35.00 Port Authority, 60% polyester and 40% cotton





SEAOSC SEAOSC Safer Cities Royal Blue T-Shirt—\$15.00 Port & Company, 65% polyester and 35% cotton



Developing a Seismic Safety Ordinance? Or a Back-to-Business Program?

We have something for you!

The Structural Engineers Association of Southern California (SEAOSC) is here to help. It is who we are. We are here to help develop the technical basis behind local building codes and standards. We are here to be a resource for our members and the industry at large so together we can make a difference.

SEAOSC applauds the increased interest in the seismic safety of our communities; an interest that has developed fortunately now and before the potential loss of life and damage to property. We are proud that our Cities and other local jurisdictions are taking proactive steps to better understand the current risk to life and property of the existing built environment and then develop regulations and means by which that risk can be reasonably and significantly reduced.

We know that you have limited resources, and we know that you want to make sure that what steps you are taking are technically sound. SEAOSC is proud to introduce our Safer Cities Advisory Program, our way of providing the technical insights and creative minds of our membership to further our shared goals of reasonable and effective regulations and programs that make the difference.

Our program is based on a pool of qualified SEAOSC members, able and willing to review regulations and other programs such as a back-to-business program developed by you. Our members will volunteer their time to offer you recommendations to refine to your proposed regulations and programs. We want you to be successful with the implementation of your seismic safety initiatives; let us help you at no cost to you.

All you need to do now is ask for us to help: send us an email at seaosc@seaosc.org. We look forward to working with you.

The Safer Cities Advisory Program is here to complement that great work you are already doing!

The Safer Cities Advisory Program complements your engagement of the structural engineering community. We strongly encourage Cities and other Southern California jurisdictions to engage structural engineers to assist you in determining your inventory of buildings that are highly vulnerable to seismic damage and develop proposed regulations for the retrofit of those structures. The Safer Cities Advisory Program is an option for you to have an independent, qualified review of your draft ordinances and programs. We are here solely to offer you insightful and expert advice from our highly qualified and vetted members.



Are you a City or other agency or SEAOSC Member interested in our program? If so, email, call, or write us at the following:

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SEAOSC FOUNDATION AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS By Kevin O'Connell, S.E.

The SEAOSC Foundation is proud to be able to support structural engineering students throughout southern California with the awarding of our 2018 SEAOSC Foundation Scholarships on 7 February 2018 in Los Angeles California. It is through generous funding by engineering firms, industry supporters, and individuals, that the Foundation was able to award \$16,500 in scholarships at the 2018 SEAOSC Student Night. Those who have generously contributed this year include: SEAOSC, Saiful Bouquet, Optimum Seismic, the David and Margaret Narver Family, KPFF, and many others. Thank you to Ms. Maria Mohammad, and the entire SEAOSC Young Member's Committee, for all of their efforts.

The SEAOSC Foundation would like to congratulate the 2018 awardees:

Wenyang Zhang—UCLA Aditya Bajaj—UCI Luis Hernandez—Cal Poly Pomona Olivia Pepe-Phelps—Cal Poly SLO Raven Odian—LMU (Narver Scholarship Recipient) Freddy Cerezo—Cal State LA Joanna Phung—CSUN Karim Salem—Cal State Long Beach



As many of you know, the SEAOSC Foundation's purpose is to advance the study of the scientific principles of structural engineering. We do this by sponsoring scientific research intended to aid in the advancement of structural engineering, providing tuition scholarships for students in engineering programs with a structural engineering specialization, and publishing the results of studies, papers, and other reports of special importance and significance to structural engineers.

The Foundation Board includes Ms. Michelle Kam-Biron, S.E., Mr. Jeff Crosier, S.E., Mr. Doug Thompson, S.E., and Mr. Bob Lyons, S.E., with Kevin O'Connell, S.E. serving as Chairman of the Board. Dianne Ochoa is Foundation's executive director.

The SEAOSC Foundation is supported financially by individuals and firms throughout the region. The Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation. If you would like to support the Foundation, you can make a donation at any time by visiting our website at: <u>https://www.seaosc.org/Foundation</u>.

Visit the SEAOSC Photo Gallery for more pictures: https://seaosc.org/Photo-Gallery



The SEAOSC Foundation

The SEAOSC Foundation exists to advance the scientific principles of structural engineering through sponsoring of structural engineering research, publishing of studies, papers and reports of structural engineering significance, and funding of annual student scholarships.

To further the development of structural engineering, the Foundation looks for partners, be it individuals, companies or corporations, who are interested in pursuing structural engineering innovation and research for use in the public domain.

In furtherance of its purposes, the SEAOSC Foundation may:

- Sponsor scientific research, both fundamental and applied, intended to aid in the advancement of structural engineering.
- Provide tuition scholarships for students intending to enroll or are currently enrolled in engineering programs with a structural engineering specialization leading to a degree from an accredited institution of higher learning.
- Publish the results of studies, papers, and other reports of special importance and significance to structural engineers.
- Solicit financial support from structural engineers, foundations, and the general public to support this corporation's activities.

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, all donations made to the *SEAOSC Foundation* are tax deductible as a charitable donation, to the extent of the law, by the individual making the contribution.

We are currently seeking donations to advance this effort and hope that you will partner with us to advance structural engineering. Donations can be made by check, made payable to "SEAOSC Foundation" and mailed to the SEAOSC Office:

SEAOSC Foundation Attention: Dianne Ochoa 437 S. Cataract Avenue, #4B San Dimas, CA 91773 Phone: 562-908-6131 or E-mail: foundation@seaosc.org

Committee Updates | Sustainable Design

According to the NASA and NOAA, the past 4 years have been the hottest period on record. The overwhelming evidence points to human activity as the cause, and to possible dire consequences as the result. As structural engineers, we can be part of the solution by selecting building materials with a lower carbon footprint, by designing more resilient structures, and through awareness of how our structural design decisions will impact a building's energy use over its lifetime. Our committee's goals are to inform structural engineers about ways to do these things, and to expand the exchange of information about green buildings with other disciplines within the building community.

At our monthly meetings over the past year, the Sustainable Design Committee has hosted speakers on diverse sustainability topics such as Restoration of Existing Concrete Structures, the Passive House concept, and "Green" Building-Rating Standards. Our committee members have volunteered in outreach projects such as the USGBC Veggie Bus project. Our past Committee Chair Nina Majoub co-presented a paper, *Sustainable Design, It's the Least You Can Do!* at the 2017 SEI Structures Congress in Denver.

In the upcoming year, we will be hearing from speakers on topics including the U.S. Green Building Council's project Building Resilience: LA. We will continue to exchange information with our sister committees within SEAONC, SEAOSD and SEAOCC, and continue to look for outreach opportunities. We will also begin a project aiming at assisting structural engineers in Southern California in the selection of greener concrete mixes and other materials.

We welcome you all to attend our monthly meetings. Please contact committee chair Vivian Peña at <u>vdpena@sgh.com</u> or vice-chair Cary Rapoport at <u>rapoport@mackintosh-mackintosh.com</u> if you'd like to be on our mailing list.

Committee Updates | Women in Structural Engineering

How does SEAOSC provide membership value? And how do you as a structural engineer, utilize SEAOSC to enhance you or your staff's professional growth? What skills do employers seek from their employees or on the flip side, what skills do you have that make you stand out from other people? Skills can be categorized into two general categories, hard skills and soft skills. Hard skills are teachable abilities or skill sets that are easy to quantify. Structural Engineers learn these skills from their university education and training programs. SEAOSC is very good at offering educational opportunities via dinner meeting presentations, seminars, webinars, etc. to enhance your hard skills.

HARD SKILLS vs. SOFT SKILLS

On the other hand, soft skills are the interpersonal skills that enable you to succeed in the workplace and are often referred to as people skills. These skills not only help you communicate in the workplace but for those that excel with soft skills, they enable you to have critical thinking, be a leader, be adaptable, work on a team and have good work ethics among other things. SEAOSC historically has not concentrated on providing resources to enhance one's soft skills although there are opportunities to indirectly learn soft skills by participating on a committee. Both skills are very important in the workplace and both are essential to help you excel in your career.

Hard skills get you a job, soft skills take you to the top!

Since forming in 2016, the SEAOSC Women in Structural Engineering Committee has made a concerted effort to provide SEAOSC members with opportunities to increase one's soft skills and 2018 is no different. With the assistance of Annie Kao and Tori Wigle, we have been planning three major events that will help all SEAOSC member build their soft skills:

- March 7th LA Dinner Meeting, Panel Discussion: <u>Contractor Lessons for Engineers</u> with a Networking opportunity – Panelist include: Charlie Mallers, Vice President – Matt Construction Don Shipley, Executive Vice President – McCormick Construction Lucy Villanueva, Project Executive– DPR Construction Steven Saunders, President/Founder – Saunders Construction and Moderator: Tori Wigle, Senior Project Engineer – DPR Construction
- April 24th OC Dinner Meeting, Panel Discussion: Work/Life Balance as Structural Engineers
 Marcia Brown-Civil-Structural-Architectural Dept Manager, Director, Fluor, Krista Looza-Associate Principal, Buehler & Buehler Structural, Maria Mohammed-Design Engineer, Structural Focus, Bryan Seamer-Associate Principal, Director of Structural Engineering, LPA, Inc. Ryan Smith-Western Regional Business Manager, SidePlate Systems Inc., Kirsten Zeydel-Structural Engineering Manager, Digital Building Components

Committee Updates | Women in Structural Engineering

May 9th- LA Luncheon hosted by CSI



Round Table Mentoring - Donna Clandening - Principal & Chief Strategy Officer, AC Martin, Jan Douglas - Associate, KPFF, Susan Dowty-Regional Manager, ICC Government Relations, Kim Caravalho-Prinicipal, Brandow & Johnston, Amber Freund-CEO, RISA, Krista Looza-Associate Principal, Buehler & Buehler Structural Engineer, Diana Nishi-Vice President, Englekirk Structural Engineers, Pilar Penaloza-Managing Principal Global Training, DMTC Consulting, Sandra Stampfli, Principal, DCI Engineers

Keynote Speaker- Ashraf Habibullah, President and CEO of Computer and Structures, Inc.-An Introduction to Human Engineering "To lead, influence and inspire"

Presenter-Stephanie Slocum, Author of "SHE Engineer"- "Engineering YOU – Learn to capitalize on your uniqueness to succeed in your career!"

Q&A – Discussions on what SEAOSC can provide to members to help them excel in their careers.

We are excited to bring these events to you and hopefully you'll be able to attend one of them! Please be sure to check out the <u>SEAOSC Calendar</u> for more details. If you have any questions or are interested in joining the SEAOSC Women in Structural Engineering Committee, please contact Michelle Kam-Biron, SE @ <u>MKamBiron@awc.org</u> or (805) 498-4864 Cheers!

Industry News | SEAOC News



2018 SEAOC CONVENTION UPDATE

Call for papers is due March 16th. To submit your abstract go to:

SEAOC.org/news/377532/First-Call-For-Papers---2018SEAOC-Convention.htm

then scroll down to the date March 16, 2018 and click on the word "here" to submit the abstract.

J W Marriott has opened up SEAOC's 2018 Convention room block. Our room rate is \$190/night. You may reserve your room directly at the following website: https://aws.passkey.com/e/49213439 or by calling their Passkey Reservations @ 877-622-3140.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available. The Registration Form and information regarding the various events can be found on the Exhibitors Registration website at **2018.SEAOC.org**



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SEAOSC Events



Webinar—Seismic Response and Performance Assessment of Stair Systems

Wednesday, March 28, 2018 — 11:00am-12:00pm Register Here

In-depth analysis and design of stair systems is often overlooked despite their role as a critical egress component within buildings, and hence their need to remain functional in the event of an earthquake. In effort to provide improved design guidance, the SEAOC Seismology Committee is in the process of publishing a Blue Book article which addresses this issue. A significant contribution to this publication was based on the findings from full-scale shake table experiments conducted at UC San Diego. This presentation will discuss these recent experiments and complementary numerical modeling of stair systems. The discussion will also conclude with suggestions for future research needs to increase the resiliency in stair systems in the face of future earthquakes.

LA Dinner Event—High Tech Building Design: Augmented Reality & Virtual Reality

Wednesday, April 4, 2018 —5:30pm Register Here

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SEAOSC Events



SEAOSC Membership Appreciation Event: SEAOSC Goes to Dodger Stadium! Friday, April 20, 2018—7:15pm Register Here

OC Dinner Event—Work/Life Balance as Structural Engineers

Tuesday, April 24, 2018 —5:30pm Register Here

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Tri Counties Dinner Meeting—The Common Structural Issues Observed In Plan Check

Monday, April 30, 2018-5:30pm

Register Here

Massoud Abolhoda, S.E., will discussed most common issues encountered in plan check of lateral design of wood, steel, concrete and masonry buildings.

SEAOSC Annual Golf Tournament

Monday, August 27, 2018—10:00am Details Coming Soon



Date: Wednesday, March 28, 2018

Time: 11:00am - 12:00pm

Cost: Members: \$100 Non-Member: \$175

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Wednesday, March 28, 2018

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PRESENTERS



Professor, University of California, San Diego

Tara Hutchinson received a Ph.D. degree in civil engineering from UC Davis in 2001 and was immediately named assistant professor at UC Irvine. Her research has focused on performance evaluation of structural and foundation components and systems. She also applies information

technology to evaluate structural damage to civil infrastructure by earthquakes and other extreme environmental loads, and her findings have been reported in publications that focus on computing, computer applications, instrumentation and measurement. She serves on the board of directors of the Consortium of Universities for Research in Earthquake Engineering, and is an editorial board member of Earthquake Spectra, a professional journal of the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute.



Xiang Wang, Ph.D

Post-doctoral Scholar, University of California, San Diego

Dr. Xiang Wang is a post-doctoral scholar of the Department of Structural Engineering at the University of

California, San Diego (UCSD). He received his Ph.D. degree in Structural Engineering from UCSD in 2015, and M.S. degree from the South China University of Technology in 2009. His research interests are in the areas of earthquake engineering and structural dynamics, large-scale structural testing, computational modeling, structural health monitoring and remote sensing. During his academic experience at UCSD, he has actively participated in two full-scale building shake table test programs, including the Building Nonstructural Components and Systems (BNCS) project and the HUD Cold -Formed Steel project.



LA DINNER MEETING APRIL 2018

Agenda:

5:30pm-6:30pm Registration & Networking

6:30pm-7:00pm Dinner

7:00pm Presentation

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Wednesday, April 4, 2018

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PRESENTATION: HIGH TECH BUILDING DESIGN: AUGMENTED REALITY & VIRTUAL REALITY

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PANELISTS

Marcello Sgambelluri, S.E., BIM Director - John A. Martin & Associates Brendan Mullins, Associate - Stantec Architecture Sean Zook, Virtual Design & Construction Modeling Manager - PCL Construction Henry Yu, Founder and CEO - Kalloc Studios

MODERATOR

Mehran Pourzanjani, S.E., Principal – Saiful Bouquet



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Agenda: 5:30pm-6:30pm

Registration & Networking

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Networking, Dinner & Presentation

Wyndham Irvine-Orange County Airport 17941 Von Karman Ave, Irvine, CA 92614

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PRESENTATION: WORK/LIFE BALANCE AS STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS

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The April OC dinner meeting, which is curated by SEAOSC Women in Structural Engineering group, will provide some insight to this very important topic. The dinner meeting will consist of a panel discussion with six industry professionals from various firms in the Southern California who are at different stages of their career. The panelists have been specifically selected to provide a wide range of perspectives and wisdom on work/life balance in this growing and demanding work environment. This panel topic was previously done in the Los Angeles area last year and was a great success, we hope you'll be able to join us for this important continuing conversation.

PANELISTS:

Marcia Brown, SE, Civil-Structural-Architectual Dept Mgr, Director – Fluor Krista Looza, SE, Associate Principal - Buehler & Buehler Structural Engineers Maria Mohammed, PE, Design Engineer - Structural Focus Bryan Seamer, SE, Associate Principal, Dir. of Structural Engineering - LPA, Inc. Ryan Smith, SE, Western Regional Business Manager - SidePlate Systems Inc. Kirsten Zeydel, SE, Structural Engineering Mgr - Digital Building Components

MODERATOR:

Annie Kao, Senior Field Engineer - Simpson Strong-Tie



TRI-COUNTIES DINNER MEETING

Agenda:

5:30pm-6:30pm Social & Registration

6:30pm-7:00pm Dinner

7:00pm Presentation

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Thursday, April 30, 2018

Networking, Dinner & Presentation

Mulligans Cafe & Bar 3500 McCaw Ave, Santa Barbara, CA 93105

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PRESENTATION: COMMON STRUCTURAL ISSUES OBSERVED IN PLAN CHECK

Massoud Abolhoda, S.E., will discuss common issues encountered in plan check of lateral design of wood, steel, concrete and masonry buildings.

PRESENTER



Massoud Abolhoda, S.E. Building and Safety Manager County of Santa Barbara

Massoud Abolhoda is a California licensed Structural Engineer. He received his Masters of Science in structural engineering from UCLA in 1981 and his Bachelor of

Science in civil engineering in 1980. Massoud practiced structural engineering for 8 years before joining the public sector. He led the Building and Safety Division of the City of Fremont from 1996 to 2009, where he introduced the first mandatory soft-story seismic retrofit in 2008. Under his leadership, the City of Fremont received the first ISO #1 award in the United States in 1999 for superior building code adoption and enforcement services. Massoud has been serving as the Building Official of the County of Santa Barbara since 2011. Massoud was the recipient of the CALBO 2007-2008 Building Official of the Year Award.



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