



THIRD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

SKYPE MEETING

November 2, 2015

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Italy Time

Present: Tim Sullivan, Andre Filiatrault, Gennaro Magliulo, Gilberto Mosqueda, Rodrigo Retamales, Rajesh Dhakal, Robert Finch (invitee)

Sent their regrets: Junwu Dai, Manos Maragakis,

Note: **Action Items in bold red**

1. Introduction

- A. Filiatrault called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The Agenda was reviewed. No other business was added to the Agenda.

2. Third International SPONSE Workshop

- R. Finch suggested the date of March 31, 2016 to hold the Third International SPONSE Workshop in Christchurch, NZ. This date will be just before the NZSEE Annual Conference to be held on April 1-3, 2016 also in Christchurch, NZ.
- A. Filiatrault suggested that a Board of Directors Meeting should be held the day before the Workshop (i.e. on March 30, 2016).
- R. Finch also indicated that he would be seeking funding to cover in-country travel and accommodations for the SPONSE Directors and invited speakers. He indicated that he is optimistic that this could be achieved.
- After discussion about the date, venue and cost structure, a motion to adopt the proposed dates for the Third International SPONSE Workshop and Board of Directors Meeting was presented by A. Filiatrault and seconded by T. Sullivan. After a brief discussion, the motion was carried unanimously.
- It was also agreed that R. Finch, R. Dhakal and T. Sullivan would form a Technical Committee charged with developing the technical program of the workshop. Invitations to prospective speakers should be sent at the beginning of December at the latest.
- A special Board Meeting should be held at the beginning of December to discuss the proposals from the Technical Committee.



- **R. Finch, R. Dhakal and T. Sullivan would form a Technical Committee charged with developing the technical program and to report to the SPONSE of Directors in a special Board Meeting to be held at the beginning of December.**
- **A. Filiatrault to prepare a Doodle Poll for selecting a date for this special Board Meeting in early December.**

3. Review of SPONSE Membership Applications

- The application for Research Organization Member received from the Sapienza Università di Roma, Italy was reviewed and was approved unanimously by the Board.
- The application for Research Organization Member received from the University of Naples Federico II was reviewed. Because only one individual member was included in the application (G. Magliulo), it was agreed to postpone the decision on admission until all the team members were included. The Board appreciated that Gennaro sent this preliminary application in accordance with the Director's own organizations to become SPONSE members within six months of the May 14 First SPONSE of Board of Directors Meeting.
- **A. Filiatrault to contact the representative of the Sapienza Università di Roma to inform them of the decision and to start including some of their information on the SPONSE Web Site.**
- **Each Director to work with their own organization in order to submit their membership application package before November 14, 2015.**

4. 16WCEE SPONSE SESSIONS UPDATE

- R. Retamales met with D. Lopez Garcia to seek a formal collaboration between the second group (E. Miranda, R. Medina and D. Lopes Garcia) who proposed a special session on floor acceleration demands. The response was positive if one or two sessions were dedicated to seismic floor acceleration demands. Everybody agreed.
- It is still the expectation of the 16 WCEE organizers is that the SPONSE Association manage all sessions related to the seismic performance of non-structural elements.
- After discussions, it was agreed that R. Retamales would serve as the technical coordinator to review Abstract and Papers related to non-structural elements and to organize the SPONSE Technical Sessions. The Directors as well as E. Miranda, R. Medina and D. Lopes Garcia will help Rodrigo in the reviews and organization.

5. Information and Photos for SPONSE Website



- T. Sullivan worked with EUCENTRE Staff to create a Google drive to be used as repository of information to be posted on the SPONSE web site.
- A few contributions were already received.
- More photos and relevant information on SPONSE needs to be posted on the SPONSE.
- The need is becoming urgent since the membership drive is underway.
- **The Directors will make an effort to submit information and photos as soon as the link is available. Links to publications, for example, would be particularly useful.**
- **T. Sullivan and A. Filiatrault will work with EUCENTRE Staff to organize and post the information received on the SPONSE web site.**

6. SPONSE Membership Application Drive and

7. SPONSE News Clip

- The Membership Information and Application process for the various categories of memberships have been posted on the SPONSE Web Site.
- As mentioned in Item 3 above, It is important for the Director's own organizations to become SPONSE members within six months of the May 14 First SPONSE of Board of Directors Meeting.
- A. Filiatrault has prepared a short news clip for dissemination in the Directors own country's magazines, associations, etc. After review, no modification was proposed.
- It was agreed to wait approximately a week before starting disseminating the news clips so that the technical information received for the SPONSE Web Site be organized and posted.

8. Other Business

- No other business item was presented.

9. Date of Next Board of Directors Meeting

- See Item 2 action item above.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.