

NINTH BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Skype Meeting

Wednesday April 5, 2017

Present: Andre Filiatrault, Rajesh Dhakal, Gennaro Magliulo, Manos Maragakis, Gilberto Mosqueda, Rodrigo Retamales, Tim Sullivan, Daniele Perrone (invitee).

Absent: Junwu Dai

Note: **Action Items in bold red**

1. Introduction and Review of Agenda

- A. Filiatrault called the meeting to order at 7:00 am (New Zealand Time). The Agenda was reviewed, no other points were added. G. Magliulo was welcomed as new SPONSE Secretary.

2. Review of Eighth Board of Directors Minutes and Action Items

- The minutes of the Eighth Board of Directors were reviewed and unanimously approved. Action items were discussed as in the following.
- D. Perrone contacted the new members to obtain their information to be loaded on the SPONSE website.
- D. Perrone contacted the speakers of the 16WCEE SPONSE session and almost all the presentations have been provided. Authors know that presentations are going to be posted on the SPONSE website.
- IT Services at EUCENTRE made the following requested modifications to the SPONSE Web Site: 1) a password was provided for some website sections with technical information; 2) the name of the SPONSE Secretary was changed.
- D. Perrone contacted SPONSE Members to request technical information for posting on the SPONSE website, but they have not yet been provided.

3. Review of SPONSE Membership Applications

- The following five membership applications were reviewed, discussed and unanimously approved.
 - Ali Reza Taghvaei Kanee, Tehran, Iran – Individual Researcher.
 - Domaneschi, Torino, Italy – Individual Researcher.



- Nanjing Tech University, China – Admitted Research Organization.
 - Halfen GmbH, Langenfeld, Austria - Admitted Industrial Organization
 - Abraham Cohen, Haifa, Israel - Individual Industrial Representative.
- The decision on two applications (Turkish Association for Seismic Association (TASI), Istanbul, Turkey; Su-Chan Jun, Seoul National University, South Korea) was postponed, due to missing information. **D. Perrone will contact the reference persons, asking for the missing information. In particular, in the case of the TASI application, a list of individual members is requested.**
- 4. Nomination of two Vacant Industrial Members on the board**
- The two following Directors Representative of Industrial Organization Members were unanimously nominated after discussion:
 - Ulrich Bourgund, Hilti, Schaan, Liechtenstein;
 - Jean-Philippe Boisvert, Etex Group, Avignon, France.
 - **A. Filiatrault will write them to welcome them to the Board.** Their participation to the next board meeting is expected.
- 5. 2018 Fourth SPONSE International Workshop and SPONSE Special Session at 16ECEE and 11USNCEE**
- It was proposed to postpone the 2018 Fourth SPONSE International Workshop to the following year and to organise SPONSE special sessions at 16ECEE and 11USNCEE.
 - **T. Sullivan will help E. Miranda in organizing the SPONSE special session at 16ECEE.**
 - **G. Mosqueda offers his contribution in organizing the SPONSE special session at 11USNCEE.**
- 6. Update on the creation of the SPONSE Journal**
- A Filiatrault received an e.mail from J. Dai, saying that it will not be possible to publish a new SPONSE Journal involving the IEM organization due to administrative issues in China. He also proposes to have a special column of SPONSE on Earthquake Engineering and Engineering Vibration Journal.
 - It was unanimously decided to ask for a special column of SPONSE in the Journal of Earthquake Engineering. This column will be launched by a special JEE issue on

SPONSE to be published before the late 2018. A. Filiatrault will be editor of this issue and R. Dhakal co-editor.

- **A. Filiatrault will write to J. Dai to let him know the Board discussion and decision on this topic.**
- **A. Filiatrault will contact Michele Calvi, Associate Editor of JEE, to inquire about interest an how to start the process.**

7. Other Business

- No other business were discussed.

8. Date of Next Board of Directors Meeting

- The next skype Board of Directors Meeting should take place in July. **A. Filiatrault will prepare a doodle poll to select a date.**
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 am (New Zealand time).