

## ELEVENTH BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Skype Meeting

Monday November 6, 2017

Present: Andre Filiatrault, Jean-Philippe Boisvert, Junwu Dai, Rajesh Dhakal, Gennaro Magliulo, Manos Maragakis, Gilberto Mosqueda, Rodrigo Retamales, Daniele Perrone (invitee).

Absent: Ulrich Bourgund, Tim Sullivan.

Note: **Action Items in bold red**

### 1. Introduction and Review of Agenda

- A. Filiatrault called the meeting to order at 9:00 pm (Italy Time). The Agenda was reviewed, no other points were added.

### 2. Review of Tenth Board of Directors Minutes and Action Items, July 3, 2017

- The minutes of the Tenth Board of Directors were reviewed and unanimously approved. Actions items were approved.

### 3. Review of SPONSE Membership Applications

- The following application was reviewed, discussed and unanimously approved.
  - Dimitrios Konstantinidis, McMaster University, Canada – Individual Researcher.

### 4. Update on MOU between SPONSE and Journal of Earthquake Engineering (JEE)

- A. Filiatrault resumed the steps of the issue and the MOU content.

### 5. Update on SPONSE Special Session at 16ECEE in Greece (June 18-21, 2018 in Tesseloniki, Greece) and 11NCEE (June 25-28, 2017 in Los Angeles, USA), Andre, Tim and Gilberto

- T. Sullivan sent an e.mail, updating the situation for the 16ECEE. Six papers were allowed for SPONSE section, three of them are from board directors. E. Miranda is organizing the session.
- G. Mosqueda described the current situation for the 11NCEE. Four or five papers will be presented. E. Miranda is organizing the session.



- A. Filiatrault said we should have for both conference a similar organization as in Chile. It would be important to bring the banner to both the conferences. Detailed discussions regarding the logistic of these special sessions will take place during the next board meeting.

#### 6. Ideas on increasing membership

- We could contact earthquake engineering associations, sending them a reviewed version of the letter we sent. **A. Filiatrault will contact PEER and G. Mosqueda EERI.** A. Filiatrault proposed to send an article to magazines. J.P. Boisvert added that they could enrich the article with ETEX Building Performance experience in the field, also showing how it was useful to improve the seismic behaviour of the products for market. J. Dai proposed to have a special session in a conference they are organizing in China in 2018 or to have a representative of the board talking about SPONSE.

#### 7. Ideas on other SPONSE Activities

- R. Dhakal and A. Filiatrault proposed to have an annual or semi-annual newsletter providing information on the SPONSE topic. The first step could be to ask SPONSE members for information (a graph or a link could be also sufficient) filling the newsletter. Newsletter should have the logo of SPONSE and this could be organized in Pavia. A possible deadline for receiving info from members could be half January. We could impose 500 hundred words and one graph maximum for each member contributing to the newsletter.
- **D. Perrone will send an e.mail to all SPONSE members asking for info to be spread through the newsletter.**

#### 8. Other Business

- No other business was discussed.

#### 9. Date of Next Board of Directors Meeting

- The next skype Board of Directors Meeting should take place in February. **Before December A. Filiatrault will prepare a doodle poll to select a date.**
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm (Italy time).