

TWELFTH BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Skype Meeting

Friday March 16, 2018

Present: Andre Filiatrault, Gennaro Magliulo, Gilberto Mosqueda, Tim Sullivan, Daniele Perrone (invitee).

Absent: Jean-Philippe Boisvert, Ulrich Bourgund, Junwu Dai, Rajesh Dhakal, Manos Maragakis, Rodrigo Retamales.

According to the bylaws, the quorum (majority of the directors) is not reached. For this reason, no vote will be taken by the Board.

Note: **Action Items in bold red**

1. Introduction and Review of Agenda

- A. Filiatrault called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm (Italy Time). The Agenda was reviewed, no other points were added.

2. Review of 11th Board of Directors Minutes and Action Items, November 6, 2017

- The minutes of the Eleventh Board of directors were reviewed. The formal approval was adjourned to the next meeting. A. Filiatrault and G. Mosqueda did not contact the PEER and EERI, respectively, thinking that it would be better to wait for the first newsletter and perhaps send it to them.

3. Review of SPONSE Membership Applications

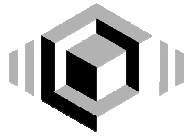
- No application received to date.

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

- In the last weeks, A.Filiatrault sent some e-mails to A.S.Elnashai, in order to be updated on JEE decision regarding the new Associate Editor chosen among the SPONSE Board directors. A Filiatrault have not received news. M. Calvi suggested to write A.S.Elnashai a new letter. **A. Filiatrault will do so and keep the Board Informed of any decision.**

5. Draft of First SPONSE Newsletter – Daniele, Andre

- All the members gave a positive opinion on the newsletter. A disclaimer will appear at the end of the newsletter, saying that SPONSE Organization releases responsibilities concerning the newsletter content copyright. Newsletter will be



posted in an open section of the website. Furthermore, the newsletter will be sent directly to all participants of the previous SPONSE workshops. **T. Sullivan will send the newsletter to all participants of the 3rd Christchurch SPONSE Workshop. Daniele will do the same for the 2nd SPONSE Workshop held in Pavia. A. Filiatrault will ask Junwu to do the same for the 1st SPONSE Workshop held in China. A. Filiatrault will make the modification regarding the copyright statement and will send the newsletter to T. Sullivan.**

6. SPONSE Special Sessions at 16ECEE in Greece (June 18-21, 2018 in Tessaaloniki, Greece) and 11NCEE (June 25-28, 2017 in Los Angeles, USA), - Andre, Tim and Gilberto

- Regarding the Special Session at 16ECEE, T. Sullivan did not receive news from Miranda. Last week the final versions of the papers were received.
- Regarding the Special Session at 11NCEE, the review of the papers was completed. There were three papers for the Special Session. Three additional papers from other sessions will be collected to complete the Special Session.
- An informative form will be distributed during the Special Sessions at the two conferences, to be filled by the participants.
- Concerning logistic. The banner will be placed outside the room. At the beginning of the Special Session, a 5-minute presentation will be held by the chair, in order to provide information on SPONSE and invite to fill the form. G. Mosqueda will co-chair the Special Session at 11NCEE, T. Sullivan will co-chair the Special Session at 16ECEE. The newsletter will be distributed at the Special Sessions. The banner will be brought by Daniele at 16ECEE, probably R. Dhakal will bring it to 11NCEE. The newsletter will be printed by Gilberto for 11NCEE, and by Daniele for 16ECEE.

7. Preliminary discussion on organization of the Fourth International SPONSE Workshop, May 2019, Pavia – Andre

- A. Filiatrault proposed to have in Pavia an open workshop. May 2019 seems a good period for the SPONSE workshop in Pavia, because at the moment there are not important conferences in that period. It is proposed not to charge registration the SPONSE Directors. T. Sullivan proposed to charge other participants with a low registration fee, which could be, according to A. Filiatrault, 50 euros for SPONSE members and 200 euros other participants. Every board member will make a presentation. **A. Filiatrault will collect information from Eucentre on costs of the 2nd SPONSE Workshop, held in Pavia.** The organization of the Fourth International SPONSE Workshop will start after the next board meeting to be held in July, 2018.



8. Other Business

- T. Sullivan said that in Christchurch there will be a meeting on nonstructural elements at the end of July, 2018. The meeting is open. He will send a link to D. Perrone to be posted on SPONSE website.

9. 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 7:00 pm (Italy time).