

Structural Engineers Association of Utah

Seismic Committee Meeting

January 28, 1999

Minutes

A scheduled meeting of the Seismic committee of the Structural Engineers Association of Utah was held at The Sizzler restaurant in Bountiful on January 28, 1999 beginning at 12:30 PM.

Members Present: Ken Willmore (Chairman), Barry Welliver, Carl Erikson, Ron Dunn (Board Contact), and Kent Rich

*Members Absent/
Excused:* Leon Tanner, Mark Harris, Jeff Miller, Steve Powell, Kelley Calder.

Welcome/Overview: Chairman Ken Willmore welcomed everyone for attending the meeting and briefly stated the agenda for the year.

Committee Roster: A committee roster was distributed for review and correction. Members should review the information for accuracy and report any discrepancies to Ken Willmore.

Committee Secretary: Ken asked for a volunteer to be secretary. Barry Welliver accepted the position (after vigorous debate of his qualifications) for the year.

2000 IBC Review: The committee is charged with monitoring acceptance of the International Building Code for year 2000. To that extent, chairman Ken Willmore suggested the committee review the current proposed changes to the final draft of the IBC 2000. The next ICC Code Hearing is to be held March 15th to 27th in Costa Mesa, California. Carl Erickson indicated his intention to attend the meeting and offered his assistance in presenting any recommendations the committee may have. Due to the size of the proposed code changes booklet and the shortness of time beforehand, it was agreed to focus on the seismic issues if possible. Items S79 to S168 were identified as representing the bulk of probable concerns for this committee by Carl. Copies of these sections together with a tabular comment sheet will be distributed to the members for review. Review comments are to be sent to Barry Welliver by February 23rd to be collated prior to the next meeting.

A special meeting was scheduled for March 2, 1999 to review any comments. The meeting is to be held at the office of Dunn Associates in Salt Lake City beginning at 3:30 PM.

*Committee Goals
Discussion:*

Committee goals for the year include:

1. Develop an SEAU consensus document defining appropriate design requirements for the upgrading of existing buildings. Establish a plan to have the document adopted statewide.
2. Interface with other western states on common seismic issues.
3. Investigate the possibility of developing a unified state approach to the structural design of public schools especially with regard to seismic upgrades, and upgrade procedures to be followed when re-roof projects are undertaken.

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Should school districts require a SE as the Engineer-of-Record for school building design? Should school design reviews be done only by a structural engineer?

4. Monitor what California and other states do in relationship to the 2000 IBC. Will they adopt the new code in 2000 or stay with the 1997 UBC until 2003?

Discussion about existing building regulations, the parapet laws, and various other areas of interest followed.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be a special meeting to consider the proposed IBC code changes and will be at the offices of Dunn Associates on March 2, 1999 beginning at 3:30PM.

Adjournment:

This meeting was adjourned at 1:51:22PM.

Submitted: Barry H. Welliver, Secretary