

# *Structural Engineers Association of Utah*

## **Seismic Committee Meeting**

June 3, 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 June 3, 1999 beginning at 12:30 PM.

*Members Present:* Ken Willmore (Chairman), Barry Welliver (Secretary), Carl Erikson, Kent Rich (represented by Dave Pierson), Mark Harris, Kelly Calder, Leon Tanner, Jeff Miller, Steve Powell

*Members Absent/  
Excused:* Ron Dunn

*Others Present:* Jim Bailey (SEAU contact for USSC), Parry Brown (SEAU President)

*USSC Request* Ken Willmore welcomed the group and briefly explained the agenda for the meeting. The Utah Seismic Safety Commission (USSC) has requested that the Structural Engineers Association of Utah develop a position paper to assist them in evaluating the need for a statewide "existing building ordinance". The Seismology committee was determined to be the appropriate starting point within SEAU to address this issue.

Parry Brown further explained the charge and suggested this was a beginning step for action relating to the matter of seismic safety for existing buildings. He distributed copies of the letter sent to the organization by the Utah Seismic Safety Commission.

Kelly Calder and Jim Bailey discussed the process of approval and a general timeline. Consideration as a UBC amendment and/or more extensive legislative changes such as the City of Portland approach were discussed.

A discussion regarding the present requirements and levels of conformance for existing buildings ensued.

Various approaches including percentage of force level requirements, FEMA 273 and 310, and building age cutoffs were talked over.

It was decided that a work outline to create a position paper was in order. Members (and others) opinions were solicited to be prepared for the next meeting such that we could begin to assemble our consensus position.

*Next Meeting:* The next meeting will be a regularly scheduled meeting to be held at the Sizzler restaurant on June 16, 1999 beginning at 11:30 AM.

*Adjournment:* This meeting was adjourned at 1:34:22PM.

Submitted: Barry H. Welliver, Secretary