

# *Structural Engineers Association of Utah*

## **Seismic Committee Meeting**

September 19, 2001

### **Minutes**

A scheduled meeting of the Seismic committee of the Structural Engineers Association of Utah was held at the Sizzler Restaurant on September 19, 2001 beginning at 11:30 AM.

**Members Present:** Ken Willmore (Chairman), Barry Welliver (Secretary), Don Barfuss, Kelly Calder, James Williams

**Members Absent/  
Excused:** Carl Eriksson, Todd Petrik, Leon Tanner, Barry Arnold

**Meetings** Ken Willmore opened the discussion about the regular scheduled meeting times and days for the seismic committee. Presently the committee meets on the first Wednesday of each month. It was suggested that this time be reconfirmed with the committee members. Ken W. Will create a questionnaire to canvas the members and report back.

**Informational Letter** Barry Welliver suggested that the seismic committee draft a letter to the local professional organizations regarding the upcoming adoption of the 2000 IBC and the state amendment to section 1614.2 regarding Change of Occupancy. It was also recommended that information about the "Utah Parapet Ordinance". Barry W. To draft letter for review by committee. Possible recipients to include AIA, ICBO local chapter(s), ASCE (local chapter) and DCFM.

**Minutes** The revised minutes for the March 8, 2001 meeting were reviewed. Barry Welliver discussed possible wording changes to IBC section 1614.2 to reflect original submittal, then final approval. It was decided to leave the final wording as part of the March 8, 2001 minutes.

Reviewed minutes from June 15, 2001 meeting. Minutes to be accepted as submitted.

**IBC 2000 & GSREB** The committee spent time reviewing the needs for guidance in the area of seismic upgrading of existing buildings. The GSREB (Guidelines for the Seismic Retrofit of Existing Buildings) is now published and should be reviewed by the committee. Barry W. described the renewed emphasis on continuing the work of the ad hoc committee on existing buildings established by the Utah Seismic Safety Commission. He asked for help in creating a consensus regarding appropriate rehabilitation guidelines.

Work by others on the need for upgrading of existing buildings housing essential services was discussed. It was agreed that the seismic committee should support efforts to make improvements in this area.

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Direction** The committee continued it's discussion about future directions and goals. The following is a preliminary list of priorities and goals for the coming year:

- Written goals - minutes
- Existing buildings issue
- Educate other professionals about issues
- Prioritize issues which will have the biggest impact
- Give efforts to issues which offer the "most bang for the buck"
- GSREB as a base document for study by the committee.

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***Adjournment:*** This meeting was adjourned at 1:22:12 PM.

Submitted by: Barry H. Welliver, Secretary