



# Structural Engineers Association of B.C.

*President: David Davey, P.Eng. Secretary Treasurer: Surinder Parmar, P.Eng.*

## Annual General Meeting: 2010 March 17

### Minutes

<b>Time</b>	6:00 P.M.
<b>Venue</b>	Sutton Place Hotel, 845 Burrard Street, Vancouver, B.C.
<b>Present</b>	<b>President:</b> David Davey <b>Secretary/Treasurer:</b> <b>Directors:</b> David Harvey, Cameron Kemp, Andrew Seeton, Jim Mutrie, Leslie Mihalik, Thor Tandy, Paul Fast, Adrian Gygax, Stephen Pienaar <b>SEABC members and guests:</b> 76
<b>Master of Ceremonies</b>	Andrew Seeton

**1.0 Welcome:** President Dave Davey opened the meeting by welcoming all members and guests to the second Annual General Meeting of the SEABC. He noted that the minutes from the March 24, 2009, AGM, the Financial Statement for year ending December 31, 2009, and all Committee Reports for 2009, are available to members at their tables.

#### 2.0 President's Report – Dave Davey

##### 2.1 Minutes: 2009 AGM

**2.1.1 Motion to adopt the minutes:** Bill McEwen moved that the minutes from the 2009 SEABC AGM be adopted. Seconded by Adrian Gygax. Carried.

**2.1.2 Business arising from minutes:** None

##### 2.2 Membership

**2.2.1 2009:** 766 full members or associate members; 164 full-time student members

**2.2.2 2010:** 542 full members or associate members; 109 full-time student members (Matches the number of members originally forecast)

##### 2.3 Volunteers

**2.3.1 Directors:** 12

**2.3.2 Committee members:** 40 (approximately)

##### 2.4 Financial Report: Year ending December 30, 2009 (See attached)

###### 2.4.1 Surplus funds:

- Are due to: Larger membership numbers in 2009 than budgeted for; careful expenditure by the Directors; a minimum of paid employees; a group of hard-working volunteers; and higher than budgeted attendance at seminars, e.g. "Structural Design of Glass".
- A surplus of funds needs to be carried over each year to maintain a healthy reserve which can withstand an unforeseen loss.

###### 2.4.2 Motion to adopt the Financial Report for the year ending December 31, 2009

Thor Tandy moved that the Financial Report for the year ending December 31, 2009 be adopted. Seconded by David Harvey. Carried.

###### 2.4.3 Discussion

Rob Quiring: Suggested a donation be made by the SEABC to a charitable organization, e.g. to help the victims of the earthquake in Haiti.

## 2.5 Committees and Programs

### 2.5.1 Committee Reports (see attached)

### 2.5.2 Task Group: Guidelines for Design and Construction of Six-Storey Wood Frame Buildings

- Group worked in conjunction with APEGBC
- Although partially funded by the Provincial Government, this was largely a volunteer effort, completed on time (April 2009), under the leadership and management of Jim Mutrie.

### 2.5.3 Membership Survey

- Indicated that educational programs were the highest priority for members
- The Educational Committee will continue to organize seminars to meet this need.
- Goal: To also meet the educational needs of those members who live outside the Lower Mainland.

### 2.5.4 Communications Committee

- Has the most critical function in our organization keeping the membership aware of the activities of the SEABC.
- Via the Newsletter, bulk emails, and the web site.
- New web site feature: Forum page.

## 2.6 First SEABC Branch

- Victoria, BC
- Has held meetings and two web seminars.

## 2.7 Corporate Members

- Will be setting up a committee this year to pursue this.

## 2.8 Election of Board of Directors

### 2.8.1 The following were elected by acclamation:

**President:** David Davey, P.Eng.

**Vice-President:** Thor Tandy, P.Eng.

**Treasurer:** Surinder Parmar, P.Eng.

#### **Directors:**

Renato Camporese, P. Eng

Paul Fast, P.Eng.

Adrian Gygas, P. Eng.

David Harvey, P.Eng.

Cameron Kemp, P.Eng.

Stephen Pienaar, P. Eng.

Andrew Seeton, EIT

Rob Simpson, P.Eng.

Carlos Ventura, P.Eng.

### 2.8.2 Resignation of Directors

D. Davey thanked Jim Mutrie and Leslie Mihalik, who are stepping down, for their contribution to the success of the SEABC.

### 2.8.3 D. Davey thanked all the Directors, Committee members, and other volunteers for their participation, efforts, and contribution to the success of the SEABC.

## 2.9 Business arising from the floor

- Michael Roberts invited all members to attend a curling event that the Young Members Group are organizing as part of a welcome to a group of students visiting from the Cal Poly Chapter of SEAOC.

### 2.10 D. Davey declared the business session of the meeting closed.

## 3.0 Certificate in Structural Engineering Program

### 3.1 Report (John Pao, Chair, CSE Program Executive Committee)

- **Committee members:** Svetlana Brzev, Steven Kuan, John Pao, Bob Schubak, Carlos Ventura, Sayed Soleimani
- 651 students have enrolled in 1,961 courses since program inception in 2001.
- Of these, 67 students have enrolled in 114 courses taken via our web cast. These students were from: B.C., Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, Newfoundland, North West Territories, Washington State, England, New Zealand and Nigeria.
- The potential exists to expand the Program into 11 States in the western USA.

- Two courses are offered either annually or bi-annually: C4 Earthquake Engineering and Seismicity and E4 Structural Steel Design.
- Courses are worth 24 Professional Development Hours.
- Financial goals: Pay instructors fairly, charge moderate fees (2009/2010 fees were reduced by approximately 25% due to economic hardship), and cover administration costs. A sufficient surplus has accumulated to enable planning for the future.
- Discussions are taking place with UBC Civil Engineering Department regarding the integration of the CSE Program courses into the Masters Program.
- Appreciation was expressed for all those who have contributed to the Program's success – volunteers and instructors.
- The CSE Program is continuing to solicit help in ideas and suggestions and in teaching the courses.
- 2010 – Ten year anniversary of the CSE Program

### **3.2 Presentation**

- J. Pao presented Dr. Mehdi Elmi with a certificate of completion of the CSE Program.
- Requirements: 12 courses, 6 of which must be core courses, in which the final mark in each is at least 68%.
- Dr. Elmi is the third person to complete the Program.

## **4.0 SEABC Web Site**

### **4.1 New Forum page**

- Stephen Pienaar, SEABC Web Master, gave a brief explanation of how the new 'Forum' page on the web site may be used and encouraged members to do so.

## **5.0 Keynote Presentation: *Between Thrills & Sleepless Nights: Designing Unusual Structures***

**Presenter:** Paul Fast, P.Eng., Struct. Eng., P.E., Fast + Epp

Prior to commencing his keynote address, Paul Fast, as a newly elected Director, gave a special thank you to Andrew Seeton who organized the dinner and the AGM.

## **6.0 Door Prize**

Winner of the Door Prize: Julien Fagnan (Fast+Epp).

Prize: One complimentary registration at the Soil Structure Interaction seminar in June 2010.