



## Structural Engineers Association of Arkansas (SEAoAR)

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# Meeting Minutes

**Attendees:** President Mike Callahan, Vice President Jason Johnston, Treasurer Jacques Pierini, Secretary Blake Allred, Director Ken Jones, Director Fred Hegi, Director Jim Engstrom, Past-President Joe Hilliard

**Author:** Blake Allred  
**CC:** Attendees

**Meeting Date:** 28 April 2010

**RE:** SEAoAR Board Meeting

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Mike Callahan called the meeting to order at 11:45 AM.

The secretary presented minutes of the last board meeting (1/13/10).

The secretary presented a membership report, noting that there were 52 paid members; 55 total members on the roster. Discussed the re-location of Bill Bolinger, and decided to contact Mark Ramm.

The treasurer presented the financial report and distributed reports for January, February, and March. Discussed the annual SEAoAR website fee (\$119.40). The treasurer assured the Board that all checks were recorded and on file.

### Agenda Item 4 – Address old business

- a. By-Laws Committee: Jones indicated that creating a by-laws committee is not necessary and that our current by-laws are modeled after Tennessee. The Board discussed the need for multiple chapter provisions and the addition of a date for annual membership renewal. Callahan suggested that Jones make recommendations for changes to the by-laws and vet them through the Board for possible ratification by the membership. Jones agreed to propose removing “multi-chapter” verbiage.
- b. Special Inspections Committee: Callahan indicated he had received comments from the Code Officials of AR, but not the AIA. Code Officials of Arkansas indicated a desire to endorse the Special Inspection Guidelines after SEAoAR adoption. Callahan’s proposal to place the guidelines before the membership for adoption was seconded by Pierini and

approved by a unanimous vote of the Board; a majority of member votes will be required for adoption.

- c. **Advocacy Committee:** Hilliard volunteered to locate a person to chair this committee. The committee will look for engineers to speak with the media as requested by NCSEA and look for opportunities to advocate structural engineering.
- d. **Website Status:** Callahan will work with Anthony Jacuzzi to incorporate the listing of companies/firms and job postings on the website. Hilliard discussed possibly adding project high-lights from associated firms.
- e. **Code of Ethics:** Jim Engstrom noted that there appear to be no significant conflicts between the NCSEA model code of ethics and the State Engineering Board ethics rules. Items that drew the Board's attention included T5-B, T5-F, T5-H, T6-D, T6-E, AND T1-D. Callahan instructed the Board to bring all proposed changes to the next board meeting for discussion and approval.
- f. **Federal Non-Profit Status:** Jones located the application for the State non-profit status and gave it to Allred. Allred agreed to complete the paperwork for Federal non-profit status and Callahan agreed to provide the information/paperwork he had found so far.
- g. **Annual Meeting:** Callahan proposed 5 November as the date and stressed that deer season would conflict with later dates. Location will be Arkansas Electric CoOp building.
- h. **Mission Statement:** Callahan will email the mission statement to the membership for a possible vote of approval at the next meeting.
- i. **SE Licensure:** Engstrom would prefer to see licensure by discipline, all disciplines, but stated that many difficult discussions would be required to gain State Engineering Board approval. Engstrom also stated that a "grandfather clause" would be acceptable, but cautioned how to define who grandfathers and who can not. Johnston noted that Barry Arnold from NCSEA will give a presentation on structural engineering licensure at the annual meeting.

#### **Agenda Item 5 – New Business**

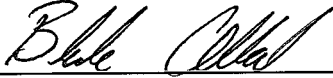
- a. **NCSEA Webinar Study for SE exam:** The Board answered the questions on the NCSEA questionnaire. Callahan suggested sponsoring a webinar only, no teaching. Hilliard questioned what it meant for the chapter to "partner", and recommended that the new course be eight 2-hour sessions.
- b. **NCSEA delegate to annual meeting:** Hilliard suggested that to maintain continuity the Vice President should attend the annual NCSEA meeting with the President. Jones stated that the chapter currently pays partial costs associated with attendance for the President only.

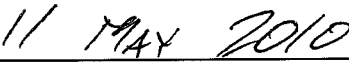
#### **Agenda Item 6 – Upcoming Meeting Schedule**

- a. Johnston indicated that he was working a possible presentation by the Geological Survey.
- b. Johnston suggested a webinar as a possibility.
- c. Hilliard requested that "ethics" become a presentation topic at a meeting, especially since some states, such as Florida, require ethics as continuing education. Callahan noted that

a member had requested that SEAoAR become a Florida approved continuing education provider; the board agreed that this would be a difficult undertaking. Engstrom requested that all rules and laws of the State Engineering Board be included, not just ethics. The Board agreed that other organizations could be included in an Ethics and Rules of the State Engineering Board presentation meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:40 PM.

  
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Secretary

  
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