



## NCSEA Board Members Schedule Visits to Member Organizations

When Ron Hamburger became the new NCSEA President in September 2004, he had an assignment for each NCSEA Board member: Decide which Member Organizations (MOs) he or she would be responsible for and schedule a visit to each one. A list of MOs, with the Board liaison listed for each, was sent to the delegates in October and is reprinted on the right side of this page. MOs in Vermont, Connecticut, Minnesota, and New Hampshire have dates set for Board member visits. Delegates are urged to communicate with their Board member liaisons regarding Board member visits and any other NCSEA concerns or questions.■

## Your Code Advisory Committees Are Working Hard For You!

The public hearings to the 2003 IBC are to be held February 22, 2005 in Cincinnati, OH. The four subcommittees of NCSEA's Code Advisory Committee are in close communication and will be meeting prior to the public hearings to finalize their positions on an extensive number of proposed code changes. There are 226 proposed code changes for the structural section of the IBC alone! The CAC itself submitted 36 of those changes to the IBC and many others to the IEBC (Existing Buildings). Among them are a set of joint proposals, from NCSEA-CAC, ASCE 7, and BSSC, which seeks to replace most of the environmental load provisions in the IBC with references to ASCE 7-05, with the exception of the triggering mechanisms. In snow, that means only the ground snow load map will remain. In wind, the wind speed map and exposure definitions will remain. In seismic, only the items needed to determine a Seismic Design Category will stay. All other material will be by reference to ASCE 7-05. In this way, a user can

determine from the IBC if certain code provisions triggered by environmental parameters are in effect; however, they must go to ASCE 7 to perform the actual load calculations. There are many other improvements being proposed by your CAC as well, all designed to make the Code better.

The Seismic Subcommittee will meet with the BSSC Code Resource Support Committee (CSRS) in Washington DC on January 24, 2005. The Existing Buildings Subcommittee will meet in Dallas, TX on January 23, 2005. The Special Inspection – Quality Assurance Subcommittee will meet in Las Vegas, NV on February 4, 2005 and the General Engineering Subcommittee will meet in Las Vegas, NV on the afternoon of February 4, 2005 and all day on February 5, 2005. Aligning the meetings of at least two subcommittees in the same cities, and on adjacent days, allows for closer coordination between the subcommittees and reduces expenses.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the volunteers who work on these

Association	State	Board Member Liaison
SEAOAL	Alabama	Greg Robinson
SEAOA	Arizona	Ron Hamburger
SEAOC	California	Ron Hamburger
SEAC	Colorado	Ron Hamburger
SEC/CT	Connecticut	Vicki Arbitrio
FSEA	Florida	Greg Robinson
SEAOG	Georgia	Greg Robinson
SEAOH	Hawaii	Ron Hamburger
SEAI	Idaho	Ed Huston
SEAOI	Illinois	Larry Meyers
ISEA	Indiana	Larry Meyers
SEAIA	Iowa	Ed Huston
SEAKM	Kansas & Missouri	John Joyce
SEAOK	Kentucky	Bob Paullus
SEAOl	Louisiana	Greg Robinson
SEAM	Maine	Vicki Arbitrio
BASE	Massachusetts	Vicki Arbitrio
SEA/MW	Metro Wash. DC	Kirk Harman
SEAMi	Michigan	Larry Meyers
CASE/MN	Minnesota	Ed Huston
SEAPON	Nebraska	John Joyce
SEASON	Nevada	Ron Hamburger
SENH	New Hampshire	Vicki Arbitrio
NJASE	New Jersey	Kirk Harman
SEA/NM	New Mexico	Davy Beicker
SEAO NY	New York	Vicki Arbitrio
SEAOO	Ohio	Bob Paullus
OSEA	Oklahoma	John Joyce
SEAO	Oregon	Ed Huston
DVASE	Pennsylvania	Kirk Harman
SEARI	Rhode Island	Vicki Arbitrio
TNSEA	Tennessee	Bob Paullus
SEAO T	Texas	Davy Beicker
SEAU	Utah	Davy Beicker
SEAVT	Vermont	Vicki Arbitrio
VSEC	Virginia	Kirk Harman
SEAW	Washington	Ed Huston
SEABC	British Columbia	Ed Huston
PSSEA	Penn State	Kirk Harman

committees and, in fact, to all of our volunteers on all of our committees. The work of NCSEA couldn't go forward without them!■

### New NCSEA Office

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Late on the night of December 30, 2004, the NCSEA office moved from North Wabash Avenue to North Michigan Avenue in Chicago. The new location is bigger, replete with natural light, and a structural engineer's dream. Not only can you look out the window and see the Sears Tower, or walk up the street and visit the Hancock

Building, but every office has at least one data port, the conference room has four of them, and the office will soon be wireless enabled. Call now to reserve NCSEA committee time in the new conference room, suitable for up to 12 people. (There is also a new telephone system, allowing for calls to be very specifically directed.)■

# NCSEA Winter Institute, February 18-19, 2005

If Only I'd Known -- for Engineering Firm Owners

## Friday, February 18, Program:

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

### Keeping Up With the Law

Justin L. Weisberg, JD, Schuyler, Roche & Zwirner, PC, will discuss recent rulings affecting engineering firms.

10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

### Lowering Your Insurance Premiums

Mark Blankenship, CPCU, AIC, Vice President, Hobbs Group/AVA Insurance Agency, will advise owners on how they might lower their insurance premiums.

1:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

### Implementing Value-Based Compensation

Jon Magnusson, Chairman/CEO of Magnusson Klemencic Associates, a 140-person structural and civil engineering firm based in Seattle, will explore business practices in other industries to illustrate how engineers can develop a deeper understanding of pricing philosophies for their services.

### 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Round Table Discussion

Michael J. Tylk, Principal, TGRWA, LLC, Chicago, Illinois, will lead a round table discussion on the day's presentations.

6:00 p.m. **Dinner**

(7.5 Continuing Education Hours Per Day)

## Saturday, February 19, Program:

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

### Foreseeing the Testimony of an Expert Witness

Dr. W. Gene Corley, Senior Vice President, CTL Group, Inc., will talk about what a designer needs to do, to keep experts from abusing a design.

### 10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Selecting Your Successor

Sandy Blaha, Owner, Sandy Blaha Performance Consulting, will describe how to identify and develop an effective key employee group, including entrepreneurs, client managers, business managers, mentors, teachers and visionaries.

1:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

### Recognizing and Preventing Embezzlement

Maria Kieras Vedral, President, SilverEdge Systems Software, Inc., will describe the tell-tale signs of embezzlement and will recommend procedures and tools that have proved to be critical in its prevention.

### 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Round Table Discussion

6:00 p.m. **Reception**



7401 North Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, Arizona 85253-3548

Reservations: Call the hotel directly at (800) 243-1332 or (480) 948-5050.

Single or Double Room Rate: \$149 plus 11.92% tax. Mention NCSEA to receive this special room rate. This room rate is guaranteed only through January 28, 2005.



Discounted airfares are available for travel to and from Phoenix on United or United Express between February 13 and February 23, 2005. Receive 5% off the lowest applicable discount fare, or 10% off the unrestricted coach fare. Purchase your airline tickets through the Meeting Reservations Center at least 30 days before your departure date and save an additional 5% on your airfare. To receive these special fares, you or your travel agent must call the United Airlines Meeting Reservations Center at (800) 521-4041 and refer to Meeting ID Number 529CB.

## REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Badge Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Companion: \_\_\_\_\_ Badge Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration - \$695 per person**  
 Registration includes all presentations, program notes, continental breakfasts, lunches, breaks Friday evening dinner, and Saturday evening reception.

**Companion Registration - \$95 per person**  
 Companion registration includes continental breakfasts, Friday evening dinner, and Saturday evening reception.

**Friday Registration - \$395 per person** \_\_\_\_\_  **Saturday Registration - \$395 per person** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  Visa  MasterCard  American Express

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