Changes on STRUCTURE’s Editorial Board

As is typical in many a new year, 2019 brings several changes to the STRUCTURE Editorial Board. Barry Arnold, P.E., S.E., SECB, is stepping down as Chair of the Editorial Board. Barry has served as Chair since 2016 and, unsurprisingly, has discovered that his duties as Vice President of ARW Engineers (Ogden, UT) increasingly require his attention. He is an unyielding advocate of the structural engineering profession, having served as President of the National Council of Structural Engineers Associations (NCSEA), the Structural Engineers Association of Utah, and continues to serve on NCSEA’s Structural Licensure Committee.

Barry said of his departure, “Serving as the Editorial Chair of STRUCTURE magazine has been an experience without equal. Beyond the daily barrage of emails, the numerous calls to the publisher, and what seemed like an endless queue of small and large issues, I had the privilege of working closely with some of the structural engineering profession’s most exceptional, committed, and unique individuals. The editorial board is not for the faint of heart – it requires devotion to the magazine’s mission, strict adherence to deadlines, and a deep passion and love for the structural engineering profession. It has been my privilege to serve with board members who possessed these qualities, and I thank them for their tireless commitment and role in making STRUCTURE magazine a success each month.

I have sincere gratitude for NCSEA’s past and current Executive Directors, Jeanne Vogelzang and Al Spada, respectively, who trusted me to Chair the editorial board. STRUCTURE magazine is an excellent publication because of the efforts of the Management, Board, Publisher, and volunteer authors; it is their efforts that make the magazine admired and respected by the readers.

I am sure that the New Chair, John Dal Pino, will continue in the long tradition of offering the magazine’s readers interesting and useful topics to strengthen and educate the engineering profession. I wish John and the entire Editorial Board success in this endeavor.”

As Barry mentioned, John Dal Pino, S.E., assumed the duties of Chair as of January 1st and has been working closely with Barry throughout the latter half of 2018 to prepare for his role. John is a Principal with FTF Engineering located in San Francisco, California, and served as a CASE representative on the STRUCTURE Editorial Board since May 2014. Currently, John is on the Professional Practices Committee of SEAONC, past chair of the National Guidelines Committee at CASE, and served as President of the Structural Engineers Risk Management Council (SERMC).

Also retiring from the STRUCTURE Editorial Board is Greg Schindler, S.E. Greg has been a member of the Editorial Board since 2004. He is a Life Member of the Structural Engineers Association of Washington (SEAW), serving as Seattle Chapter President in 1992. Greg has also been involved with NCSEA since its inception, serving as the SEAW delegate for many years, as chair of the NCSEA awards program, and a member of the CAC subcommittee on Special Inspections and Testing. He represented NCSEA on the board of directors of the Building Seismic Safety Council and served as NCSEA president in 2000-2001. Greg recently retired after 38 years at the Seattle office of KPFF Consulting Engineers.

Barry Arnold had this to say about Greg’s departure: “Greg has served loyally and diligently on the Editorial Board for 14 years. During his time on the Board, Greg has taken on the role of Board Secretary and Review Committee Chair. Greg worked with hundreds of authors to develop article content that fit STRUCTURE magazine’s mission statement and addressed the needs of a very diverse readership. The profession has benefited greatly from Greg’s dedication and commitment to the magazine and the structural engineering profession. His efforts are praiseworthy, and he will be missed on the Editorial Board.”

Of his tenure, Greg noted: “I would like to thank the board of directors of NCSEA for allowing me the opportunity to serve as one of the editors of this renowned magazine. After fourteen years on the editorial board, I believed it was time to step aside and allow for new ideas and new energy on the board. Over the years, I have watched this publication grow from a small quarterly newsletter to the highly respected and well-read magazine that it is today. I have every issue, except for a couple, including the very first volume printed in the winter of 1994.

This magazine has become the premier publication for the structural engineering profession in large part due to the dedicated efforts of the totally volunteer Editorial Board comprised of practicing engineers from throughout the industry. I want to thank the leaders of the Editorial Board for their guidance in establishing the consistent editorial quality of the magazine. There have been very few editorial chairs in the 25-year history of the magazine, which speaks to their dedication and commitment to our profession. They are: Rawn Nelson, Craig Cartwright, Jim DeStefano, Jon Schmidt, Barry Arnold, and the incoming chair John Dal Pino. I know that John will continue that legacy.

Thanks also to the other editors and the many authors that I have worked with over the years. Serving on the editorial board has been my pleasure, and a very interesting and rewarding experience.”

Also stepping down from the Editorial Board is Stephen P. Schneider, Ph.D., P.E., S.E., after 13 years on the Board. Steve received his Ph.D. at the University of Washington in Seattle, became a fully tenured faculty member at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and has been a structural engineering consultant in the Portland, OR area since the
early 2000’s. He is currently a Senior Project Manager at BergerABAM. Barry Arnold had this to say about Steve’s departure: “Since 2005, Steve has served faithfully on the Editorial Board. For thirteen years, the readers of STRUCTURE have benefited from his dedication and commitment to the magazine and the profession. Steve’s service is commendable and greatly appreciated, and he will be missed.” Of his tenure, Steve noted: “I am grateful to have had the opportunity to work on the Editorial Board since 2005, helping make STRUCTURE magazine the premier source of information relevant to the structural engineering community today. It has been highly rewarding to work with authors to publish timely technical and project articles, and to shepherd articles that help the business operation of an engineering consulting office. After 13 years, it is time to allow a different perspective on the Editorial Board, but I hope to stay active with the magazine by submitting worthwhile articles for future issues.”

STRUCTURE magazine welcomes three new Board members in 2019. The Board is pleased to announce that Jason McCool of Robbins Engineering, Little Rock, AR, will join the Editorial Board as a nominee by NCSEA. We know that he will contribute much to the content and quality of the magazine with special expertise in welding engineering. Jason brings with him experience in writing and editing, and comes highly recommended by his peers.

We are also pleased to announce Charles King of Urban Engineers and Eytan Solomon from Robert Silman Associates as new members nominated by CASE. Charles is responsible for operation and management of their New York City office and has more than 30 years of experience on complex transportation projects. His organizational skills will be quite valuable in his new role. Eytan is an Associate in their New York City office and brings well-rounded experience in new construction, adaptive re-use, historic preservation, and the use of unconventional building materials.

Please join STRUCTURE magazine in sending Barry, Greg, and Steve best wishes in their future endeavors. And welcome to Jason, Charles, and Eytan; their experience, expertise, and input will be wonderful additions to the STRUCTURE magazine team.

Please watch for a message from John Dal Pino about his vision for STRUCTURE magazine during his tenure. It is anticipated that this will run in the February 2019 issue.