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PRACTICAL DESIGN OF COLD-FORMED STEEL FRAMED MEMBERS

As construction using cold-formed steel framed members increases and claims more and more of the low-rise building market, structural engineers need to know how to economically design with this material. Our speaker will address those issues which often come up for the structural engineer using light gage steel such as: types of materials and members, types of shear walls, types of fasteners, penetrations in structural members, structural observation, and more.

Speakers Biography: Fernando Sesma

Fernando Sesma is the Director of Technical Service for California Expanded Metal Products (CEMCO) Technical Service Department. Fernando has a degree in Civil Engineering and over 25 years of experience in the area of codes, design and manufacturing of Cold-Formed Steel Framing Members. He has worked as staff engineer, performing the duties of product evaluator and product criteria development, for ICBO Evaluation Services in Whittier California. He had the position of Director of Technical Services for the South California Drywall Contractors Association (SCDCA) where he provided technical support and training to the Contractors Association. Fernando also worked for United States Gypsum Company as Senior Technical Representative for the Construction Steel Division where he experienced working with steel, gypsum and plastering steel products. Among some of professional organizations where he is either a chairman or is a member are: American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) COFS, American Standard of Testing Materials (ASTM) C11 and A05 Committee, Steel Stud Manufactures Association

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Time: Social: 5:30 – 6:15 PM Dinner: 6:15 – 7:15 PM
Program: 7:15 – 8:15 PM

Menu: London Broil, Spring salad, Bailey's Irish Cream Cheese Cake for dessert, tea and coffee service. (vegetarian plate available upon request at reservation)

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A Message From The President

I am beginning this month's message while at the SEAOC Convention in Long Beach. The Southern California Section is to be complimented for putting together a great event at a very nice location. The dinner at the Aquarium of the Pacific was wonderful and the keynote speaker on Friday presented a very sobering view of the possible infrastructure and social consequences resulting from the occurrence of a major earthquake along the San Andreas Fault. The technical sessions were well attended and it was good to see many younger engineers participating. I hope that many of you were able to attend at least part of the convention as well. The technical sessions seemed to be empha-

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The 2009 Convention Committee is now forming! The details of the SEAOC convention that will be held in San Diego in 2009 are in the planning stages. Your Association needs YOU to help plan the best convention. Contact Chris Kamp at SDSE at 619-297-2223 or email him at chrisk@sdse.com for more information.

COSMOS Annual Meeting Technical Session

November 17, 2006. Millbrae, California. Info: www.cosmos-eq.org. Upcoming COSMOS 2006 Technical Session Focuses on Evaluating Various Methods for Selecting and Scaling Ground Motions.

The Consortium of Organization for Strong Motion Observation Systems (COSMOS) will be holding its Annual Meeting and Technical Session at the

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Doubletree Hotel in Berkeley, California on Friday, November 17th. The day long technical session which begins at 10 am will focus on "An Evaluation of Methods for Selecting and Scaling of Ground Motion Time Histories for Code and PBEE Applications. The Technical Session is being co-sponsored by the Pacific Earthquake Engineering Research Center (PEER).

The session program builds upon last year's program where the current procedures found in building codes and seismic guidelines were discussed. This year's technical session will focus on objectively evaluating various building code procedures and the most current Performance-Based Earthquake Engineering procedures considering the performance they are trying to achieve. The goal of the session is to identify the subjective issues that may be present in current procedures and to provide suggestions for improving the procedures so that they are more objective and will hopefully result in less variation between ground motion providers. The technical session will include presentations by Norm Abrahamson, Charles Kircher, An

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drew Whittaker, Nicolas Luco and Jack Baker. It will also include an evaluation of the various procedures performed by the PEER Ground Motion and Scaling Working Group which utilized them in evaluating the nonlinear response of building models. Working group presentations will be made by Yousef Bozorgina, Curt Haselton and Jennie Watson-Lamprey. Procedures found in current building codes and those being developed for the ATC-58 and ATC-63 projects will be discussed and objectively evaluated. The presenters will also serve on a panel that will discuss (along with session participants) concerns and issues with the current procedures and suggestions for their improvements in future codes and guidelines.

Early registration fees are \$ 80 for COMOS members and \$ 120 for nonmembers which includes lunch and refreshments before Oct 15th. After Oct 15th fees are \$ 100 for COSMOS members and \$ 140 for nonmembers. There is also a special reduced student rate. For complete program and registration details for the COSMOS Annual Meeting and Technical Session, visit the COSMOS website at www.cosmos-eq.org.

SEA Announcements

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September 22, 2006

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Lee Adler, SEAOC Executive Director, (916) 442-0820

Structural Engineers Association of California Annual Convention Recognizes Members and Excellence in Engineering

Sacramento, CA—At the recently completed Annual Convention and Exhibit in Long Beach, California, the Structural Engineers Association of California (SEAOC) inducted four association members into the prestigious SEAOC College of Fellows, and recognized 14 firms for creative achievement and innovation in structural engineering design through its 8th annual Competition for Engineering Excellence Awards.

As part of a luncheon program, four SEAOC members were honored with SEAOC's highest form of recognition for outstanding contributions to the profession and the organization - induction into the SEAOC College of Fellows. The inductees were: David Breiholz, Lomita, James Lai, La Canada, Charles Hope, Sr., San Diego, and David Bonneville, San Francisco.

A highlight of the convention program was the announcement of the winners of the Excellence in Engineering Awards Competition. Fourteen firms out of over thirty entries were selected by a team of structural engineer judges as being projects demonstrating exceptional innovation and creativity in finding economic solutions to complex engineering problems. The award winners by category were:

SEAOC 2006 Excellence in Engineering Awards

“Best Use of New Technology in New Construction”

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT: Coffman Engineers, Encino – Seismic Isolation – LART Management Center

“Best Use of New Technology in Retrofit/Alteration”

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT: Saiful/Bouquet, Pasadena – Webb Tower, USC

EXCELLENCE AWARD: Integrated Design Services, Irvine – Seismic Strengthening – Parking Lot

“Best Use of Conventional Technologies in New Construction “

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT: Degenkolb Engineers, San Diego – Carson/Tahoe Hospital

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT: Nabih Youssef & Associates, Los Angeles – La Jolla Playhouse

EXCELLENCE AWARD: Lionakis Beaumont Design, Sacramento – Foresthill High School

“Best Use of Conventional Technologies in a Building Retrofit”

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT: Degenkolb Engineers, San Francisco – Ritz Carlton Club and Residences

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT: Tipping Mar, Berkeley – Seismic Retrofit – Post-tensioned Walls

EXCELLENCE AWARD: Nishkian Menninger, San Francisco – One Powell Street

“Best Historic Preservation”

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT: Structural Focus, Gardena – Fresno Santa Fe Depot

EXCELLENCE AWARD: Nabih Youssef & Associates – Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament

“Study/Research/Guidelines”

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT: DASSE Design, San Francisco – AISC Design Guide 20

“Special Recognition”

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT: Tipping Mar, Berkeley – Straw Bale Housing

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT: Certus Consulting, Oakland – Indonesia Tsunami Rebuilding

The Structural Engineers Association of California is a nonprofit organization of nearly 4000 members dedicated to advancing the structural engineering profession, protecting public safety in the built environment, and serving the business and professional needs of the membership.



August 23, 2006

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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SEAOC RESPONDS TO CBS COMMENTARY ON CALTECH STUDY

Sacramento, CA - The Structural Engineers Association of California (SEAOC) has noted that the Channel 2 CBS program aired in the Los Angeles area on August 14 citing the results of a Caltech computer model on the potential for earthquake damage to tall buildings in the Southland contained some commentary that may be misconstrued as a sweeping indictment of modern design and construction practices in urban areas with high seismic hazards.

Modern engineered buildings are designed by Structural Engineers and built to resist the strong forces resulting from major earthquakes. Modern building codes are carefully formulated to account for varying levels of earthquake hazards across the country including California.

Recent large earthquakes in and around major urban areas (Loma Prieta 1989, Northridge 1994, Whittier 1987, Sierra Madre 1991, etc.) have proven that most buildings designed to newer code provisions are capable of surviving very large earthquake-induced ground motion, mostly without significant damage. In fact, the current building code's objective is to provide life safety and substantial protection against building damage. These past earthquakes have shown this goal is being successfully achieved. As a matter of course, the design professional community continues to review building performance after each earthquake and follows up with revisions to the code provisions to further protect life and safety in a seismic event. In recent years, there has been an even more concentrated effort and desire by building owners and investors to provide further damage protection. Structural Engineers have been working to develop methodologies to provide options to the owners for improved seismic performance.

SEAOC plans to follow up with our colleagues at Caltech to better understand the basic premises of the computer model in order to be in a better position to comment on specific points raised in the program. As professional practitioners of structural engineering in earthquake country, the members of SEAOC feel an obligation to assure that factual and accurate information about earthquake hazards and risks is presented to the public.

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Membership Information



SEAOSD Board of Directors Meeting

The SEAOSD Board of Directors normally meets the first Thursday of every month. Everyone is welcome to attend. The next Board of Director's meeting will be held on November 2nd at 4:00 PM at SDSE, 3838 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 110, San Diego, CA 92108.

If you have an issue to bring before the Board please let a member of the Board know so that it can be placed on the agenda. The agenda can be viewed on the SEAOSD webpage at <http://seaosd.org>.

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sizing two main areas. One area stressed was the adoption of the forthcoming 2007 California Building Code based on the 2006 International Building Code. Another was the development and implementation of new alternate seismic force resisting systems, such as buckling restrained braced frames and steel plate shear walls. The new systems being developed are based on providing a more ductile action of the system in which some controlled yielding may occur in a moderate or severe earthquake, in lieu of the action of a more rigid conventional system in which yielding of the system is also associated with failure.

It has struck me that even as we are planning on adopting a new, more relevant, building code in the next few months, we are developing systems and products that are beyond the requirements of even that future code. However, with this we need to be watchful. As more and more proprietary systems and products appear, it is wise to not take them all at face value. It is important that we evaluate how the individual elements and systems may act within the total building envelope. This is a critical evaluation and is one of our responsibilities as structural engineers.

Relative to this development of new systems and building codes, I would like to pass on an item emphasized at the SEAOC Board of Directors' Meeting held at the Convention. The Board is committed to maintaining the participation and leadership of SEAOC in the now diversified national arena of code development for structural (and particularly seismic) criteria. While we have representatives in vital committees within organizations such as NCSEA, ICC, ASCE, AISC, ACI, and others, more representation is

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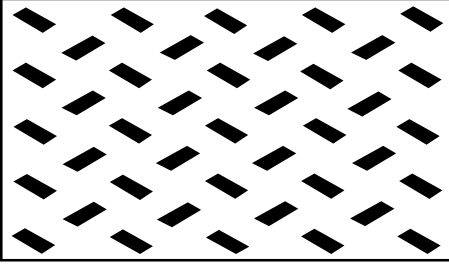
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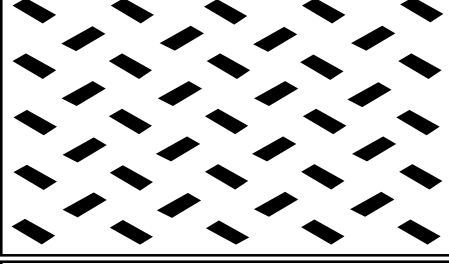
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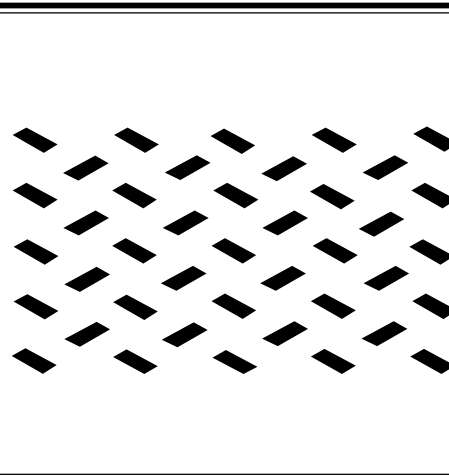
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needed. If you have the desire to participate in such an organization as a representative of SEAOC, please contact me.

As always, we are looking for more participation in our local committees as well and I hope to see you at our next monthly meeting.

Chris Kamp - President



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