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Tuesday, September 19, 2006

Building It Right: Field Quality Control and the Structural Engineer

How confident are you that your beautiful design is actually being built correctly? Are you comfortable interpreting laboratory test results? Are your plans and specifications properly coordinated?

The meeting on September 19, 2006 will focus on the interaction of the design engineering professional, materials laboratory and special inspector. Messrs. Ken Mansir and Mark Cuthbert, Principals with Ninyo & Moore Consultants, will discuss
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Speakers' Biographies, Ken Mansir, PE and Mark Cuthbert, PE

Mr. Mark Cuthbert has extensive experience providing geotechnical engineering services for a variety of projects and clients. Mr. Cuthbert's projects have included pipelines, treatment plants, reservoirs, tunnels, highways, bridges, schools, and other structures. As a Principal Engineer with Ninyo & Moore, he is responsible for overseeing geotechnical engineering, and material testing and inspection services in their Southern California offices. His duties include construction management support coordination and QA/QC, supervision of inspection and technical staff in the compilation of data, and analyses of geotechnical considerations for a variety of construction projects. Mr. Cuthbert has a Masters Degree in Geotechnical Engineering and is a licensed engineer in California and Nevada.

As a Principal Engineer, Mr. Ken Mansir coordinates and conducts geotechnical evaluations for commercial and public facilities, including highways, railroads, pipe-
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Time: Social: 5:30 – 6:15 PM Dinner: 6:15 – 7:15 PM
Program: 7:15 – 8:15 PM

Menu: Herb-grilled chicken and wild mushroom ravioli, caesar salad, 'Apple and Berry Crisps' for dessert, tea and coffee service. (vegetarian plate available upon request at reservation)

Cost: Members: \$30.00, Non-Members: \$40.00, Students: \$12.50

Location: Handlery Hotel and Resort, 950 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, California, 92108, (619) 298-0511

Reservation: **RSVP by 11 AM Friday, September 15, 2006 by calling Cathy** at (619) 223-9955. Your advance reservations, made and honored, are essential to fulfilling our catering commitment. If you make a dinner reservation and fail to attend you will be invoiced.

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A Message From The President

A big welcome back to all after our short summer break from SEAOSD activities. And while I hope that most of you had a nice relaxing summer, it is time to gear up for upcoming SEAOC and SEAOSD events.

Most notable is the 75th Annual SEAOC Convention. Hosted by the SEAOSC Region, the Convention will be held in Long Beach from September 13th through September 16th. Everyone should have received their registration packets in July, if you have not, please go to the Convention website at <http://www.seaint.org/2006convention> for information and registration. As is always the case, the technical sessions will be excellent with informative and
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The 1st Annual
ICRI-CSI Golf Outing
 will be held on Friday,
 September 15, 2006 at the
 Riverwalk Golf Club in
 Mission Valley.

A New Member Application
 is included in this issue of
 SEA-News. Please use the
 updated copy for future appli-
 cations, or visit our website at
www.seaosd.org.

The SEAOC Long Range Plan
 has been developed and is
 ready for your review!
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new SEAOSD website at
www.seaosd.org

Existing Buildings
Committee Assists ICC
 by Jim Miller, S.E.

The SEAOC - Existing Buildings
 Committee has been assisting the
 International Code Council (ICC) with
 the development of a Commentary
 for the 2006 International Existing
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Building Code (IEBC). The IEBC con-
 tains requirements intended to ad-
 dress the use and reuse of existing
 buildings. The scope covers repair,
 alteration, addition and change of
 occupancy for existing buildings and
 historic buildings, requiring appropri-
 ate levels of safety without requiring
 full compliance with the new building
 code provisions.

The Guidelines for the Seismic Ret-
 rofit of Existing Buildings (GSREB),
 formerly known as the Uniform Code
 for Building Conservation (UCBC),
 has been included as Appendix A in
 the IEBC. The GSREB pertains to
 specific building types such as
 unreinforced masonry buildings, re-
 inforced concrete and masonry build-
 ings with flexible diaphragms, wood-
 framed buildings with cripple walls,
 wood-framed residential buildings with
 soft, weak, or open-front walls, and
 concrete buildings and concrete with
 masonry infill buildings.

Structure Magazine

Perhaps some of our members do not realize that STRUCTURE is the official magazine of the National Council of Structural Engineer Associations, of which you are all members by way of membership in SEAOC, which, in turn, is a member of NCSEA. You should receive a copy of STRUCTURE every month as one of your benefits of membership.

STRUCTURE has grown from a small, intermittently-published magazine with a six-engineer editorial board five years ago to a monthly 70- to 80-page publication with an editorial board of twelve, consisting of nine practicing engineers from NCSEA, SEI and CASE, plus representatives from ACI, AISC, and AF&PA/American Wood Council.

The unique feature of STRUCTURE is

that all articles are shepherded by one of these engineers, which accounts for the high interest and quality of its contents. Members of the Board go after subjects that are on the cutting edge of structural engineering because it is what they are involved with every day. They know what questions to ask and who to ask for the examples of developing technology, and the problems and concerns that we all face.

Each monthly issue has a theme and a subject area for technical articles, resource guides and structural insight topics. For example, for January, February and March of 2007, the main themes are Concrete, Steel, and Wood, respectively. Other issues feature masonry, light frame construction, bridges, foundations, and non-building structures.

I am honored to be on this Editorial Board, and I am writing this to ask for your help in providing a broad range of articles and news items for the future. Pick up the issue that you just received and think of what you could add. Want to see what has been included in the past? Visit www.structuremag.org and click "archives" and the year of interest. If you want to share your reaction to one of the articles, write us. If you have an idea for an article or think that a current news item involving our profession should be published, send me a one- or two-paragraph abstract. You may be surprised at how interesting it can be to be involved.

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Job Forum



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Job Forum



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Structural Engineers Association of California

Position Statement

Criteria for an Effective Structural Plan Check

August 2, 2006

All buildings should be plan checked, including government-owned buildings and single-family residences.

Jurisdictions should adhere to standardized submittal requirements for documents submitted for plan checking so that sufficient information is provided to perform a quality plan check. These requirements should be readily available to the public. Jurisdictions should reject submittals that do not meet the standardized requirements.

Plan checking should be performed in substantial conformance to the Guideline for Effective Plan Checking. (See attached ICC Peninsula Chapter document on Page 6)

To help ensure that an effective plan check is performed, the plan checking function should be insulated from political pressure and either be performed by or managed by a licensed professional engineer. In the case of government buildings, the plan checking function should not be under the control of a person or agency directly responsible for budget or schedule.

Plan checking is most effectively performed by a licensed engineer with practical design experience.

Exception:

For buildings where prescriptive provisions are appropriately utilized, such as buildings designed using the provisions for conventional light-frame construction, an individual that possesses a thorough understanding of construction can likely perform an effective plan check.

An effective structural plan check involves the plan check engineer gaining a comprehensive understanding of the gravity and lateral force resisting systems, including the connections. In addition, the plan check engineer should have sufficient expertise to approximately verify the input and output of computer programs utilized.

The plan check engineer should not have the authority to make revisions to the structural drawings. All revisions to the structural drawings shall be made by the Engineer of Record.

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**ICC – Peninsula Chapter
Plan Check Standards Committee
Guideline for Effective Plan Checking**

12.10.03

The purpose of this guideline is to assist in achieving more uniform and effective plan checks. Plan checking is a key and important element in providing code compliance for the following reasons:

- a. More cost effective for owner and society at large to resolve code compliance problems prior to commencement of construction rather than in the field by inspectors.
- b. More complex construction requires an engineer's review, which is more cost effectively provided before construction.
- c. Pre-fabricated structural materials, such as structural steel, are more difficult to modify in the field and thus for practical reasons need to be checked prior to fabrication.

In plan checking, it is important to achieve a balance between conducting an adequately thorough plan review and being mindful of time constraints. The following points should be kept in mind:

1. The best plan checker is one that is able to assist the designer in achieving code compliance in the least amount of time and with the fewest number of reviews. Informal communication with the designer is encouraged.
2. Plan checkers must keep in mind that they have a limited amount of time to devote to the review of any one project. Plan checking priority should be placed on items related to life safety and health. It is acknowledged that plan checkers may not catch every non-complying item in a set of plans or calculations.
3. When conducting the structural review of plans, the emphasis should be placed on checking for load path continuity (both gravity and lateral), verifying that structural members and assemblies on the plans conform to the calculated design, and that adequate detailing is provided
4. Plan checkers are expected to review structural calculations to verify the substantial completeness and code compliance of the design and the approach that was utilized. They are not necessarily expected to check the mathematical accuracy of submitted calculations, or to provide independent or verifying calculations for the design shown in the drawings.
5. While deferring items for later submittal and review is not to be encouraged, it is an acceptable alternative for the design of certain specialty items when it is otherwise unreasonable to hold up plan approval and permit issuance. Items that may typically be deferred are roof trusses, steel stairs, glass guardrails, custom skylights, and precast or GFRC panels.



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 September 7th 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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Advertisement Policy



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Discuss the code requirements, industry standards and field practices for the quality control of typical building materials including concrete, masonry, steel and wood products. Drawing on over 35 years of combined on-site experience, their presentation will focus on the practical workings of quality control services and address the interpretation of field and laboratory reports, and the importance of key specifications to the successful construction of a project.

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lines, public and private buildings, and bridges; performs slope stability analyses, flexible and rigid pavement design, and underground pipeline design; and prepares and reviews geotechnical reports. Mr. Mansir also provides geotechnical design parameters and recommendations for shallow and deep foundations, retaining structures, in-situ ground remediation and earthwork; reviews laboratory results and project plans and specifications; provides supervision and technical support to staff-level engineers and geologists; and performs project administration and management. Mr. Mansir has a Bachelors degree in Agricultural Engineering and is a licensed engineer in California.

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timely topics. Long Beach is a new venue for our annual gathering and the Convention Committee has filled our time with many exciting social events as well, including a walk-about dinner during our exclusive use of the “Aquarium of the Pacific”. And of course, there are the regional sporting competitions. So if you have interest in supporting the San Diego

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- Professional Directory advertisements for \$330 per year or \$30 per issue (see page 9).
- Camera-ready copy of the advertisement to be provided by advertiser.
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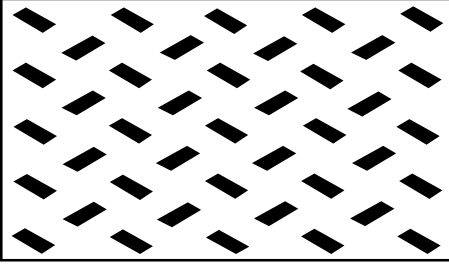
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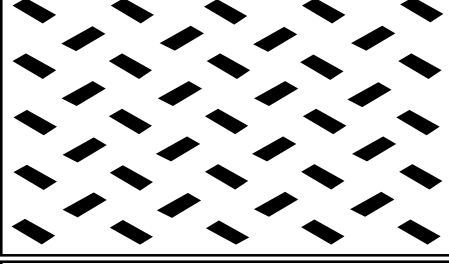
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section against all of the hordes to the north in the President's Cup Race, volleyball or full contact croquet, please contact me (win or lose, I guarantee at least one round of refreshments for our participants following each event). As you can see, I am planning on having a fun time and, if possible, I encourage each of you to join us in Long Beach.

Following directly after the conven-

tion we are back on track with our monthly dinner meetings. Eric Lehmkuhl has been busy setting up some great presentations for this coming year which will be interesting and informative. I hope to see most of you at our meetings and, in fact, I will offer a challenge to each of our membership that you attend at least one more dinner meeting this year than you attended last year. Also there will be notice soon of an SEAOSD sponsored seminar regarding structural ob-

servation and special inspection for structural systems and materials.

In closing, I would like to say, as I did in my previous message, that I am looking forward to serving you this year and encourage you to share with me and our membership any thoughts or ideas that you may have toward improving our organization.

Chris Kamp - President



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