

BOARD MEETING

Friday, August 27, 2010, 1200 GMT
Teleconference Meeting Minutes

Board members and officers in attendance

Jamshid Armaghani, Anna-Carin Brink, Bryan Perrie, Neeraj Buch, Juan Pablo Covarrubias, Jim Grove, Jake Hiller, Erwin Kohler, Luc Rens, Jeff Roesler, Tim Smith, Mark Snyder, Bo Tian, George Vorobieff, Leif Wathne, Dan Zollinger

Call to order/Roll Call

President Snyder welcomed the board members and called the meeting to order at 1205 GMT. He stated that the primary purpose of the meeting was to review the contents of the Technology Transfer, Membership and Sustainability committee statements.

Review of Draft Committee Statements

Technology Transfer, T² (Jake Hiller)-Jake stated that the liaison with other committees is implicit and therefore was not added to the committee mission statement. The other members of the committee were in agreement with this decision. The primary mission of this committee is to develop a searchable database of technical information relating to concrete pavements. There was some discussion regarding the authenticity of the posted documents. It was suggested that all documents (previously peer reviewed by other organizations) would be posted with out the ISCP filter. Furthermore, ISCP will not endorse any of the documents. The reader of the documents will have to make a decision regarding the usefulness and authenticity of the material.

Juan Pablo suggested that the web space be divided into parts (i) interactive space for ISCP members to discuss "hot topics" related to concrete pavements or issues that are not published in conference proceedings or journals and (ii) open space for published documents (reports, conference proceedings, journal papers....). Luc Rens stated that EUPAVE has similar set up and will be happy to discuss the set up with the T² committee.

Dan emphasized the importance of the technical information exchange and that there should be outlets (virtual and face to face) for this exchange. He added that the society could then develop position papers/white papers on important topics identified by the society. In response to this it was suggested that an adhoc technical committee be formed to further develop this mechanism. Dan Zollinger, Jeff Roesler and Juan Pablo volunteered to kick off this effort.

Leif suggested that the T² committee consult with Robert Rodden before developing the electronic database as he has a lot of experience with databases. Jake indicated that Robert is a member of the committee and will rely on his expertise.

Juan Pablo suggested that important papers be translated into Spanish, however, president Snyder was not sure how the committee will determine which papers are "important"? The T² committee was charged with the task of developing metrics for this distinction.

Membership (Juan Pablo and Jamshid) – The committee is working on developing a list of items that ISCP can offer to its membership. The list should be appealing to both individual and organizational members.

President Snyder suggested that the committee should investigate the feasibility of establishing multiple levels of organizational membership (gold, silver, bronze...). The services provided by ISCP would depend on the level of the membership.

Jamshid suggested that ISCP needs to provide those services that other organizations do not provide. He felt that will set us apart and attract members. For example, ISCP can provide consulting services in the area of concrete pavement engineering.

Dan suggested that ISCP start a blog to stimulate interaction. Depending on the quality of the discussion the members (and potential members) may see some value added.

Juan Pablo suggested that a survey be developed and distributed to membership to capture the expectations of the membership.

Board members Jim Grove and Bo Tian have agreed to serve on the membership committee. A membership offer was also extended to Luc Rens. President Snyder suggested that the committee co-chairs consider including at least one member from the current organization members on the committee to represent that group and their interests.

Dan suggested that ISCP may consider forming a Strategic Developing Committee (similar to the one in ACI) to brainstorm opportunities that ISCP can capitalize on.

Sustainability Committee (Wathne and Van Dam) – Leif presented the goals and activities of this committee. The board members were supportive of the text and on a unanimous vote (motion moved by Buch and seconded by Tim Smith) it was determined that the committee statement can be moved to the public part of the ISCP website.

Neeraj asked if the committee would consider developing learning modules suitable for undergraduate and graduate courses in pavement engineering (one or two lectures). Tim Smith mentioned that such an effort is underway in Canada (University of Waterloo is working on this) and will share the product with the sustainability committee.

Conference Planning Committee (Smith) - Tim presented the following summary with regards to the planning of the 2012 ISCP conference

- The call papers announcement draft is under review and will be finalized for distribution at the Sustainability conference in Sacramento later in September, 2010.
- MTQ and the conference steering committee are working on developing the conference logo.
- Several conference themes are being looked at by the steering committee. The short list of themes will then be put to a ballot for final selection.
- Event coordinator scope of work has been finalized and will be sent out for bids shortly.
- The steering committee is working on a spouse program for the conference.

The next board meeting (teleconference) is scheduled for September 24, 2010 at 1200 GMT).

Respectfully submitted,
Neeraj Buch
Secretary-Treasurer