

## COSMOS

### Annual Member Meeting

November 13, 2015

Crowne Plaza Hotel

Burlingame, California

#### 12:16 pm: Call to Order (W. D. Iwan)

The Meeting was called to order at 12:16 pm. COSMOS is healthy financially. COSMOS is looking for participants from the community to help achieve goals recently identified at strategic planning meetings. Please contact a board member if you are interested in getting involved.

#### 12:20 pm: Secretary's Report (J. Steidl)

J. Steidl asked the membership to review the Minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting. In the comment section under international activities, there is a typo: "2ould" should be "would." This will be revised. At 12:23 pm, there was a motion to accept the Minutes and was seconded. **Motion was approved unanimously.**

#### 12: 25 pm: President's Report (W. Iwan)

Regarding the election of officers, Ruben Borocek has been elected to the Board of Directors as an international member. Robert Nigbor and W. Iwan were also re-elected to the Board. New/returning Officers include: Jamie Steidl (Secretary), Donald Wells (Treasurer), and Jon Heintz (Vice President).

#### 12: 30 pm: Treasurer's Report (D. Wells)

For 2015, income included \$40K from USGS and CGS, plus institutional and individual members, for a total of \$67,000.00. Expenses included \$12K for the 2015 Technical Session. COSMOS runs this as a breakeven event. Other expenses were related to new initiatives, including the Converter Tool and Guidelines for Non-Invasive Site Characterization Project. Salaries and miscellaneous expenses totaled ~\$76K. Expenses planned for 2016 include the Technical Session and Committee costs, and funding for initiatives. It is anticipated a break even budget for 2016.

**Comments:** J. Bela suggested that COSMOS end its agreement with EERI and questioned the cost of supporting the Director of Engineering Application position. In addition, he questioned the costs associated with the Technical Session and Crouse's statement that engineers won't accept high amplification factors and does not believe that that is a justifiable reason not to use them.

**Response:** J. Steidl responded that COSMOS is a consortium of organizations in collaboration with other organizations—i.e., EERI, ATC, ASCE, etc.—and are critical to COSMOS's mission and vision. The paid operations position is included in the Bylaws and is necessary to conduct COSMOS business. The comment that engineers aren't going to accept the factors if they are too high is valid. These numbers are not yet validated with data.

Wells responded that the Technical Session is designed to break even. The meetings are held at locations that are easily accessible to attendees.

**Comment:** N. Abrahamson suggested that the numbers for the Guidelines for the Non-Invasive Site Characterization Project seem too low if partial funding is being provided by PG&E and SoCal Edison.

**Response:** J. Steidl responded that some of the activities will be performed in 2016 and others in 2017. It will be a multi-year effort

#### 12:40 Bolt Medal Update (W. Savage)

John Anderson is the recipient for the 2015 Bolt Medal COSMOS, EERI, and SSA award this Medal jointly. Currently, there are a number of individuals who are being considered for the 2016 award.

**12:43: Other Business (W. Iwan)**

Iwan invited members to comment and participate in several activities currently being sponsored by COSMOS. In addition, COSMOS is looking for feedback from attendees of the Technical Session for topics of interest and any suggestions for improvement.

**Comment:** J. Bela noted that forced vibration testing of tall buildings is invaluable in learning about building response. He believes that the Board of Directors should establish a subcommittee to explore this subject.

**12:45: Adjournment**