

COSMOS

Consortium of Organizations for Strong-Motion Observation Systems

ANNUAL MEETING

18 November 2005

8:51 — 9:55 AM

Westin San Francisco Airport Hotel
Burlingame, California

Minutes

President Davis: Called the meeting to order at 8:51 AM. The agenda is given in Attachment A.

President's Report: James Davis

President Davis welcomed the membership to the Annual Meeting. He thanked N. Abrahamson and R. Bachman for their contribution to organizing the COSMOS technical session that follows this meeting (Attachment B).

COSMOS purposes are advocacy for strong-motion instrumentation systems, promoting communication and information transfer among users of strong motion data, and service to the strong-motion community.

President Davis thanked Melinda Squibb and Jamie Steidl for their contributions to the COSMOS Virtual Data Center.

Minutes from the 2004 Annual Meeting were approved by the Board shortly after the meeting, and are attached. (Attachment C).

Treasurer's Report: Maury Power

The Treasurer's report is attached (Attachment D). COSMOS receives income from its membership and from contracts and grants. COSMOS is in sound financial condition. It had \$157,727.86 in the bank on Nov. 8, 2005. COSMOS has a Finance Committee consisting of M. Power, J. Davis, W. D. Iwan, R. Bachman, and C. Johnson. In the last year this committee reviewed our accounting procedures and concluded that they are satisfactory, concluded that there is no need for us to have a formal audit, and recommended some modifications in our record keeping that have been implemented.

Executive Director's Report: Robert Bachman

R. Bachman noted that the COSMOS Fiscal Year starts on Jan. 1. He reviewed the technical program report that is published in COSMOS Newsletter No. 13 (Attachment E).

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COSMOS Virtual Data Center Update: Jamie Steidl

Jamie Steidl briefly summarized the status of the COSMOS VDC. Statistics on the status of the VDC are given in Attachment E.

COSMOS Project Activities: J. Carl Stepp

Carl Stepp summarized project activities. The full report is given in Attachment E.

President Davis. Presentation of COSMOS Lifetime Achievement Awards to J. Carl Stepp and Wilfred D. Iwan

President Davis presented a COSMOS Lifetime Achievement Awards to J. Carl Stepp in recognition for his role in founding COSMOS and his many contributions to strong-motion seismology. In his response, Stepp recognized Cliff Astill and Bruce Bolt for their important roles.

President Davis presented a COSMOS Lifetime Achievement Awards to Wilfred D. Iwan in recognition for his role in founding COSMOS and his many contributions to strong-motion seismology. Professor Iwan was not able to attend due to illness. He sent a letter via email thanking COSMOS for the recognition (Attachment F).

Roger Borchardt: Membership Discussion of Issues by Pro-Tem Chair of General Membership

Dr. Borchardt reported on the results of his survey of the COSMOS membership and pointed out the advantages of membership.

Membership: Election of Chair of General Membership

Dr. Davis informed the membership that the Board of Directors nominated Roger Borchardt to be Chair of General Membership. The membership present at the meeting approved this appointment by acclamation, with no dissenting voices heard.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 AM.

Attachment A

COSMOS
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ANNUAL MEETING FOR MEMBERSHIP
AGENDA

18 November 2005

8:45 AM—9:45 AM

Westin San Francisco Airport Hotel
Millbrae, California

8:45 AM	Welcome to COSMOS Members	President James Davis
8:50 AM	President's Report on Recent Developments	James Davis
9:00 AM	Treasurer's Report on COSMOS Finances	Maury Power
9:10 AM	Director of Strong-Motion Engineering Applications Report	Robert Bachman
9:20 AM	Update on Selected COSMOS Projects	J. Carl Stepp
9:30 AM	Presentation of COSMOS Lifetime Achievement Awards to J. Carl Stepp and Wilfred D. Iwan	James Davis on behalf of the Board
9:35 AM	Membership Discussion of Issues by Chair of General Membership	Roger Borchardt
9:40 AM	Election of Chair of General Membership	Membership
9:45 AM	Adjournment	

Attachment F

Dear COSMOS,

I am deeply honored by the award you have bestowed upon me today, and I am especially pleased to share this award with my good friend Carl Stepp. I was totally surprised when informed of this award and told Jim Davis that I would do everything within my power to be present at the award ceremony.

As some of you are aware, I am presently being treated for cancer and last week I underwent very intensive "Bio-Chem" therapy as a hospital inpatient. I am facing a difficult battle, but my faith in God is strong and I have a good team of doctors. When I found out about the award, I asked my primary physician to do everything he could to have me ready to travel to the Bay Area by Friday. However, on Thursday I had a major recovery setback and had to again spend a day in the hospital. The doctor says my condition is just too fragile to make any travel at this time. Therefore, I have had to accept the fact that I will not be able to attend the ceremony.

I am greatly humbled by my selection for this achievement award. If I have accomplished anything of significance in my career, I believe it is because of the giants like Bruce Bolt who have been my mentors and colleagues.

Thank you for this honor, and please accept my sincere apologies for not being able to be present at the award ceremony.

With Warmest Regards,

Bill Iwan