

# **COSMOS**

## **Annual Meeting Minutes**

November 22, 2013

Hilton Garden Inn  
Emeryville, California

### **Call to Order (W. D. Iwan)**

Meeting was called to order at 1:03 pm

### **Review and Approval of 8 November 2012 Minutes (J. Steidl)**

Minutes approved at 1:04 pm

### **President's Report (W. D. Iwan)**

President Iwan noted that it was a difficult time for COSMOS due to the economic down turn. It has been difficult for the agency members who have participated in COSMOS in the past to continue their support. Sequestration has made things even more difficult. The Board of Directors has decided to work harder to keep COSMOS going. He expressed gratitude to the BOD and the membership for their continued support of COSMOS.

Iwan reported the Board of Directors' election results. Donald Wells was re-elected for a second term, and Jon Heintz was elected as a new member of the Board. As part of COSMOS' on-going strategy to remain viable, the Board implemented a new three-year plan that will be presented by Vice President Savage.

### **Three-Year Activity Plan (W. U. Savage)**

Vice President Savage thanked the membership for their attendance and participation in future activities. He brought to the attention of the members a 12-page handout in the meeting packet that describes the activities of COSMOS for the past three years and future plans for the up-coming three years. They include:

1. Continued evolution and refinement of the COSMOS Standards and Guidelines – T. Shakal
2. Expansion of international activities – J. Steidl
3. Development of a COSMOS Wiki-page – J. Steidl
4. Exploring adding international members to the BOD, bringing international face to COSMOS - All
5. Conversion of SEED data from IRIS DMC from strong-motion stations for engineering use – D. Dreger
6. Continue the Technical Sessions on an annual basis. – B. Bachman
7. Identify and develop software tools for CESMD and VDC for applications to engineering needs. – C.B. Crouse
8. Develop COSMOS guidelines for structures and Tsunami inundation areas. - T. Shakal
9. Continued advocacy for monitoring programs – All

**Comments:** J. Bela asked why expand COSMOS internationally?

**Response:** Savage and Steidl both noted that part of COSMOS' mission is to be an internationally based organization. Iwan added that COSMOS is aware that there is a danger of being spread too thin and that we intend to be circumspect in any international endeavors.

### **Treasurers Report (D. Wells)**

Wells described the various sources of income for 2013 composed of largely membership dues. He reported lost continuity of membership with USACE and USBR. There were no comments on the income. Expenses for 2013 should be 14K. It is possible to operate at a loss for a few years while we expand projects and wait for financial and economic environment to improve. The budget for 2014 is estimated to be \$72K for expenses with a ~\$20K loss projected.

**Question:** J. Bela asked what do we provide to USACE and USBR?

**Response:** Wells noted that the COSMOS Standards Committee is continuing to evolve, COSMOS hosts these technical sessions, and provides access to data and the practicing community at large.

**Question:** J. Bela asked if the NRC and FERC would be agencies to approach?

**Response:** Steidl responded that they could not be considered Core Members as they don't operate seismic stations, but the issue of Core Membership might be expanded.

### **Other Business**

Iwan noted that COSMOS would be hosting a strong-motion forum at 10NCEE in Anchorage in July 2014. Other news included that the Bolt Medal was awarded to Mustafah Erdik at the EERI meeting last February in Seattle.

J. Bela suggested that a COSMOS BOD member should approach seismological/engineering organizations in Canada for participation.

**Meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm.**