



# Structural Engineers Association of British Columbia

## Annual General Meeting Minutes March 1, 2017

**Time:** 6:09 P.M.  
**Venue:** Sutton Place Hotel, 845 Burrard Street, Vancouver, B.C.  
**Present:** **President** David Harvey (Master of Ceremonies)  
**Directors** Perry Adebar, Bill Alcock, Stanley Chan, Paul Fast, Tejas Goshalia, Adrian Gygax, David Harvey, Cameron Kemp, Kitty Leung, Surinder Parmar, Kevin Riederer, Andrew Seeton, John Sherstobitoff,  
**Okanagan Branch Representative** Meagan Harvey  
**Vancouver Island/Victoria Branch Representative** Thor Tandy  
**Webmaster** Stephen Pienaar  
**SEABC members and guests**

**Total Attendees:** 97

### 1. Welcome

President David Harvey welcomed all members and guests to the Annual General Meeting of the SEABC. He thanked this year's AGM sponsors:

- Glotman Simpson Consultants
- Gygax Engineering
- Sacre-Davey Engineering
- S-Frame
- Masonry Institute of BC
- Metrix Insurance
- COWI
- Thomas Leung Structural Engineering

Dinner commenced.

### 2. 2017 AGM

The meeting started at 7:13 p.m.

### 3. 2016 AGM Minutes

Motion to adopt the minutes of March 10, 2016: Moved, seconded. Motion carried.

#### **4. President's Report**

David gave the highlights of the President's Report for 2016, included in the package sent to all members:

- 2016 was an excellent year for the SEABC. Its membership and financial position remain strong.
- The website update is ongoing.
- SEABC maintains its close relationship with the Institution of Structural Engineers based in London, UK. Robert Jackson and David Harvey are SEABC representatives for 2017.
- The Young Members Group remains very active with its various activities and seminars. Younger members are encouraged to join the YMG and to get involved. Stanley Chan, YMG chair was available to respond to questions.
- Arrangements are advancing well for the 2017 IABSE Symposium to be held in Vancouver in the Fall.

#### **5. Financial Report: Year ending December 31, 2016**

Motion to adopt the Financial Report: Moved, seconded. Motion carried.

#### **6. Committee Reports**

Committee reports and branch activities were included in the package sent to all members. A copy of the package was made available at each table. Committee heads and representatives were present and available to respond to inquiries.

Reports of the following were included in the AGM Package:

- Communications Committee
- Education Committee
- Structural Practice Committee
- Technical Committee
- Young Members Committee
- Webmaster
- Vancouver Island/Victoria Branch

#### **7. Membership**

Membership remains strong at 804 members, with a very good number of young members.

#### **8. IABSE Symposium 2017**

Local Organizing Committee Co-Chairs Katrin Habel and Adam Lubell reported on current developments and arrangements for the IABSE 2017 Symposium, to be held on September 21-23, 2017 at the Westin Bayshore. Members were encouraged to register for the conference.

A video on the 2017 symposium was shown, highlighting the sights and activities Vancouver offers its participants. The theme of the symposium is Engineering the Future, and topics include innovations and performance-based design of buildings, bridges and other structures. The Scientific Committee of the symposium is now reviewing the 800 abstracts, 12 special session requests and 445 papers submitted.

## **9. Young Members Group Presentation Competition Awards**

David presented François Pepin, M.Sc., P.Eng., Ing., bridge engineer of COWI North America, with a cheque for \$1000 for winning the Young Members Presentation Competition. François gave a condensed version of his winning presentation, “The Story of Champlain Bridge Superbeam and Modular “.

## **10. Certificate Program Awards**

John Pao reported that the Certificate in Structural Engineering Program has found a new home at the UBC Robson Square Campus. He is grateful that the strong wi-fi reception can provide better on-line courses to its students. The CSE Program is on its 17<sup>th</sup> year and the last 3 terms has had record attendance in both its on-line and in-class courses.

John expressed his sadness at the passing away of Dr. Mahmoud Rezai last December. Dr. Rezai was a key part of the program. The Mahmoud Rezai Scholarship Fund was set up in his honour, and the following were awarded \$500 each as its first recipients:

1. Jackson Pelling
2. Emmett Burke
3. Jared Walls.

Mehrdad Jahangiri was awarded his certificate having graduated from the program last December 2016, completing 12 courses over 8 years (2008-2016).

## **11. Other Business**

The following door prizes were given out:

- From the SEABC Board of Directors, 1 prize of free attendance at one of the four IABSE 2017 Symposium pre-conference workshops.
- From the CSE Program, 3 prizes of September 2017 C13 and C12 course textbooks sets, consisting of:
  - Structural Steel for Canadian Buildings: A Designer's Guide, by A Metten
  - Reinforced Concrete Design: A Practical Approach: S Brzez and J. Pao.

## **12. Acclamation of Directors for 2017**

By acclamation, the following were elected to the SEABC 2016-2017 Board:

**President:** David Harvey, P.Eng. Struct.Eng.

**Past President:** Cameron Kemp, P.Eng.

**Treasurer:** Surinder Parmar, P.Eng, PMP

**Directors:**

Perry Adebar, Ph.D., P.Eng.

Stanley Chan

Paul Fast, P.Eng., Struct.Eng.

Tejas Goshalia, P.Eng., SE

Adrian Gygax, P.Eng, Struct.Eng.

Kian Karimi, Ph.D., P.Eng., P.E.

Kitty Leung, P.Eng., Struct.Eng.

Kevin Riederer, P.Eng.

Andrew Seeton, P.Eng.

John Sherstobitoff, P.Eng.

Thor Tandy is the Vancouver Island/Victoria Branch Representative and Meagan Harvey is the Okanagan Branch Representative.

(Note: 2016 Directors Bill Alcock and Dave Davey retired from the SEABC Board.)

### **13. Adjournment of Business Session**

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Paul Fast introduced the keynote speaker, Sam Price of Price & Myers of London, UK. His presentation was on "A Unique Structural Engineering Perspective". David thanked Sam for his interesting presentation and provided him with a gift to acknowledge his efforts on behalf of SEABC.

Minute Taker:

Cecilia Bernabe

SEABC Administrative Assistant