



**STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION OF NEBRASKA (SEAON)
BOARD MEETING MINUTES: JANUARY 7, 2009**

- 1) Attendance (present unless noted otherwise)**
 - a) Jeff Stevens (absent)
 - b) Mike Kuhse
 - c) Sandi Davison
 - d) Ken Kilzer
 - e) Richard Kotan
 - f) Rob Whorley (absent)
 - g) Jeff Ehler (absent)
 - h) Pete Vaccaro
 - i) Mike Naccarato (absent)
- 2) Treasurer's Report**
 - a) Same as previous meeting minutes.
- 3) Update on status of contacting old members (or how many arms Mike has twisted)**
 - a) Just one new member so far...
- 4) Information from Bruce Hardy concerning website**
 - a) Meet with Bruce sometime next week – Mike K. will set up.
 - b) Does it cost to have a secure website?
 - c) See attachment for potential items to include on revised website – add a sub-committee listing to the list of items so people know who to contact for each committee.
 - d) See attachment for home page of SEAoT.
- 5) Report from Jeff Ehler concerning his meeting with the city (Omaha) concerning the licensing of special inspectors**
 - a) There was an informal meeting with Susan Kelley.
- 6) Mike Kuhse's email with Lincoln's Building and Safety department concerning special inspections.**
 - a) See attached.
- 7) Pete's article for the Board of Engineers on special inspections**
 - a) Will be published in the next newsletter from the State Board.
- 8) Procedure for sending out seminar information from vendors**
 - a) Send information to Mike K. or Adam and they will email to our members.
 - b) use "blind copy" so members don't receive the entire contact list.
- 9) E-week is coming up, do we want to try and get something for this event?**
 - a) Discussed having a booth and decided against it.
 - b) Possibly donate some money.
- 10) Newsletter**
 - a) Dinner meeting, national & local licensing issues, membership renewal notice, letter from Mike K.
 - b) Membership renewal – the renewal cycle will be from June to June so that we have time to get information together for submitting to National.
- 11) Committee Items**
 - a) No discussion.

12) Programs

- a) No discussion.

13) Upcoming dinner meeting

- a) Next dinner meeting: January 22, Pete will speak about licensing, location to be determined.

14) Codes & Standards

- a) No discussion.

15) Licensing

- a) As of April 2011 the structural exam will be one 16 hour exam.

16) Any new business?

- a) None discussed.

17) Next Meeting

- a) February 4th

Submitted by: Sandi L. Davison, SEAON Secretary

SEAON Website

Potential Items to Include

1. SEAON General Information
 - a. Mission statement?
 - b. Board Members
 - c. Contact Information
 - d. SEAON ByLaws
 - e.
2. SEAON Calendar
 - a. Board Meetings
 - b. Board Meeting minutes
 - c. Upcoming events
 - d. News
 - e.

sub-comm. info listing
3. SEAON Membership
 - a. Membership applications
 - b. Dues information
 - c. Renewals (online)
 - d. Member listing/status
 - e.
4. Vendor Directory
 - a. Vendor listing
 - b. Add your name
 - c. Advertising information
 - d.
5. Professional Resources
 - a. Technical Papers
 - b. Software/spreadsheets
 - c. Links to other technical resource sites
 - d. Legislative Issues and documents
 - e. PDH/CEU – upcoming events, seminary, links to online PDH resources



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- RYOURLINE
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- AMM (required joining)

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- **New Fort Worth Chapter - watch this web site for more details**
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About the Association

The Structural Engineers Association of Texas (SEAoT), the largest and most active Association of registered structural engineers and allied professionals in Texas, is a non-profit organization founded in 1982 for the benefit of the structural engineering community, including structural engineers, university faculty members, students, and associates involved in the design, fabrication and construction of structures.

Chapters Across Texas

The Association has six chapters - Austin, Corpus Christi, El Paso, Houston/Gulf Coast, North Central Texas and San Antonio. A seventh, Fort Worth Chapter is currently being established, and Structural Engineers in the Fort Worth area are encouraged to become inaugural members. Chapters hold regular meetings at which topics of professional interest are presented and discussed. In addition, the Association holds an annual two-day Conference in the Fall. SEAoT members and other structural engineers are welcome at these meetings.

Membership

Membership offers numerous benefits to professional structural engineers, as well as the associated engineering professions, engineering companies, contractors, university professors, and engineering students. Professional presentations, technical publications, forums, conferences, advisory meetings with the State Board of Registered Professional Engineers, and personal interaction keeps SEAoT members abreast of professional developments, new technology, legislative issues, changes in code standards and much more.

Meeting Licensing Renewal Requirements

SEAoT can really help you meet the Texas Board of Professional Engineers' license renewal requirements under which PEs are required to accomplish 15 hours of professional development hours (PDHs). As a SEAoT member you will have ample opportunity to meet these requirements. If you are not yet a member of SEAoT, please consider joining. If you would like to be added to our electronic database, please click here.

The State Board, headquartered in Austin, meets quarterly and coordinates the Association's activities. The board consists of elected members and representatives from each Chapter.

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San Antonio Meeting

PROFILE DATABASE

Kuhse, Mike

From: RBurton [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 06, 2009 3:47 PM
To: Melinda.Pearson [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Special Inspections

Melinda,

For this Friday's Board Meeting:

Perhaps this subject would be more applicable among an adhoc group of structural engineers who have expressed concern regarding this issue. Never-the-less, I would like to ask the board's advice regarding the implementation of Special Inspections. While enforcement is my job, I believe you can give me some insight with regards to the potential reactions among the design professionals.

As you know, the city of Lincoln subscribes to the International Building Code.

2006 IBC, Chapter 17, "Structural Tests and Special Inspections" requires that the Owner or Design Professional in charge - acting as the Owner's agent - hire one or more Special Inspectors (third party agency such as Terracon or DBI).

My opinion is that this does not apply to most projects but there are a few engineers - such as Dean Prochnow and Rick Voss - who have questioned "why" Building & Safety does not enforce this part of the code. Building & Safety is getting pressure from a few concerned engineers who want Building & Safety to require building owners to abide by the law. Without enforcement by Building & Safety, engineers do not have any leverage to force this issue with their clients.

Omaha B & S claim that they require special inspections on a number of selected projects and I have seen a list of pre-qualified special inspectors.

Soils testing for compacted backfill is the most common example. And I believe that structural masonry and structural welding should be given some attention.

Chapter 17 of the code has been required for some time now. However, it is a well-known-fact that Special Inspections are not being enforced in Lincoln because Building & Safety does not have a clear set of criteria for enforcement... until today.

Without going into any more detail, I am simply asking your advice regarding, "What is the best approach to implementing Special Inspections?"

I hope that this matter could be added to Friday's agenda during which time the NBEA can provide any comments or suggestions.

Thank you,

Richard Burton, AIA, NCARB, ICC, CSI
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Plan Review Engineer, ICC Certified
City of Lincoln - Building & Safety Dept.

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