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NEWS

NEW TIMES SET FOR L.A. DINNER MEETINGS

The times for the monthly SEAOSC L.A. Dinner Meeting have been changed to help members avoid traffic and "get home before the evening is totally gone."

New Times

Social hour: 5 p.m.
Dinner: 5:30 p.m.
Program: 6:30 p.m.

Old Times

Social hour: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.
Program: 8 p.m.



No more excuses not to do that networking you've been promising yourself. You can obtain the latest technical information and still get home in time to tuck the kids in bed. Also, don't miss the Practical Design and Detailing Seminars scheduled for March and April prior to the Dinner Meetings.

Practical Design & Detailing Seminar Apr. 4

Apr. 4: *Guidelines for Seismic Retrofit of Existing Buildings and Update on L.A. City Division 91* by David Chang; *Classification and Design of Tilt-Up Shear Walls* by John Lawson; and *Precast Building System Design Techniques Based on Current Findings of the PRESS Research Program* by John Stanton and Suzanne Dow Nakaki

From 3 to 5 p.m. prior to the dinner meeting. See peach insert in this newsletter for details.)

L.A. Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, April 4

Program: Precast Seismic Structural System (PRESS) Research

Speakers: *John Stanton*, U. of Washington; and *Suzanne Dow Nakaki*, S.E., Nakaki Bashaw Group.

Location: Luminarias Restaurant, Monterey Park

Menu: Pepper steak (Vegetarian meal available if requested by Noon Apr. 2)

Time: 5:00: Social time
5:30 Dinner **NOTE NEW TIMES**
6:30 Program

Cost: \$24 (Full-time, undergraduate students: \$10)

(See blue insert for reservation form and details.)

Tri-Counties Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, April 11

Program: Roundtable Discussion on Structural Engineering Issues

Moderator: Fred Schott

Location: Big Yellow House Summerland (6 miles south of Santa Barbara on Highway 101)

Time: Social hour: 5:30 p.m.; Dinner: 6:30 p.m.; Program: 7:30 p.m.

Cost: \$24 (Full-time undergraduate students: \$10)

(See green insert for reservation form and details.)

April Calendar

3	2 p.m.	COLA/UCI Subcommittee of Testing Standards Com.	SEAOSC Office, Whittier
4	Noon	SEAOSC Board Meeting	Luminarias Restaurant, Monterey Park
	3 p.m.	Practical Design & Detailing Seminar	Luminarias Restaurant, Monterey Park
	5 p.m.	L.A. Dinner Meeting	Luminarias Restaurant, Monterey Park
10	2 p.m.	Quality Assurance Committee	SEAOSC Office, Whittier
	4 p.m.	Existing Buildings Committee	SEAOSC Office, Whittier
11	5:30 p.m.	Tri-Counties Dinner Meeting	Big Yellow House, Summerland
21		SEAOC Board Meeting	LAX hotel to be determined

SEAOSC Awards \$5,000 in Scholarships



The Ninth Annual Student Awards Program of the SEAOSC Auxiliary was held at the Feb. 7 Dinner Meeting. Engineering universities of Southern California nominated an engineering student outstanding in leadership and engineering studies. Scholarship recipients submitted a letter of recommendation, a resume and a short letter describing his or her interest in structural engineering. A committee of SEAOSC members reviewed the materials and selected the winners. Each nominee received a one-year membership in SEAOSC including all the benefits of membership.

Scholarship recipients were Paul Choy, UCLA, \$2,000 Gold Merit Scholarship, presented by Doug Thompson; Richard Garcia, Cal Poly Pomona, \$1,000 Black and Veatch scholarship, presented by Alina Nasatir; Liping Zhou, Cal State Los Angeles, \$1,000 Holmes and Narver scholarship, presented by Carl Sramek; and Gabriel Hurtado, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, \$1,000 James S. Lai scholarship.

Special thanks to the following for underwriting the scholarship program: ASL Consulting Engineers, Black & Veatch, EQE International; Hess Engineering; Holmes & Narver, James S. Lai; Martin W. Johnson; Morley Builders; Nabih Youssef & Associates; Saiful/Bouquet Consulting Engineers.

Those who received one-year SEAOSC memberships were Bryan Wert, USC; Maria Pavlovsky, Loyola Marymount; Liping Zhou, Cal State Los Angeles; Paul Mun Hon Choy, UCLA; Gabriel Gaytan, UC Irvine; Gabriel Hurtado, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo; Antoinette Acosta, Cal State Northridge; and Richard Garcia, Cal Poly Pomona.

Thanks also to the faculty sponsors from each school: Prof. Eric Kasper, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo; Prof. Michael Manoogian, Loyola Marymount; Prof. Rupa Purasinghe, Cal State L.A.; Prof. John Wallace, UCLA; Prof. Gerard Pardoan, UC Irvine; Prof. Hung Leung Wong, USC; Prof. Nazaret Dermendjian, Cal State Northridge; and Prof. Lisa Wang Cal Poly Pomona.

Structural Engineers Auxiliary Corner



The Year 2000 was a busy, successful year of activities for the Structural Engineers Auxiliary. These events included the Annual Spouse/Student Night, the Ming Dynasty exhibit at the Bowers' Museum, the 1998 SEAOC Convention Committee Thank You Party; the Summer Party at the Dobrowolski's home; the Farewell Luncheon for Sharon Bockemohle; the Pizza/Card Party at the Cochran's home; and, of course, the Annual Holiday Party at the Jonathan Club.

More good news this past year: For the first time in our history, the Auxiliary selected an *honorary member* — Don Kay was honored for all his effort and support of the auxiliary over the years. Also, the Auxiliary would like to welcome Mary Emani as its newest member.

The Auxiliary was saddened to bid farewell to Sharon and Lynn Bockemohle who moved to Sun Valley, Idaho. Sharon and Lynn have been an active supporters of the SEAOSC Auxiliary for 20 years. They have been especially giving in the planning of the

SEAOSC Auxiliary Holiday Party at the Johnathan Club. They are missed tremendously.

For the Year 2001, the Auxiliary has scheduled for April an architectural tour at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena with a luncheon in the Athenaeum. Also, on the calendar is an outing to see the "FOLLIES" in Palm Springs in November. Other activities will be scheduled throughout the year.

Individuals interested in attending these events must be member of the SEAOSC Auxiliary. For membership information, call Millie Stockinger, Auxiliary President, at (909) 596-0840.

If you are a SEAOSC member, please share this article with your spouse and suggest joining the Auxiliary. It's a great way to network and meet new friends with similar interests.

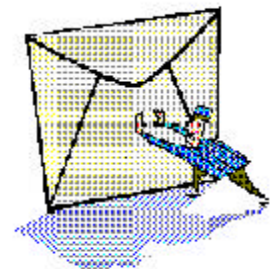
Letter to the Editor

To the Structural Engineers Association of Southern California,

I would first like to say thank you for your generosity. I am deeply honored to receive one of the Gold Merit Scholarship Awards". Without organizations such as yours, I would not be able to attend the University of California, Los Angeles.

As an out-of-state student, originally from the state of Hawaii, I find it difficult to cover the increased tuition even though I receive some financial aid and work part-time. The scholarship you have graciously awarded will be put to good use to cover tuition, academic fees, and books. With the help from your scholarship, I hope to continue my standing at the top of my class.

Once again, thank you for your generosity. I am sorry that I could not make the dinner meeting, but I look forward to meeting you in the future. Please feel free to contact me.



Thank you,
Paul Choy
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Tall Buildings Council To Meet May 4

The Los Angeles Tall Buildings Structural Design Council is preparing for the 2001 Annual Meeting May 4, 2001, and requests final abstracts from interested presentors before the end of March. Exhibitors are also encouraged to contact the LATBSDC before the end of March.

Meeting topics: Challenges in tall buildings in wind and seismic regions; improvements and innovations in seismic design of tall buildings; performance based design, lessons learned in tall building design and performance from recent earthquakes; trends in tall building research; research and performance of connection details, and guidelines for analysis and design of tall buildings in Los Angeles.

Please forward inquiries concerning abstracts, presentations, exhibits, etc. to Los Angeles Tall Buildings Structural Design Council, 1660 W. Third Street, Los Angeles, CA 90017; Tel.:(213)484-8950; Fax: (213) 483-5550; **E-mail:** bj@bjase.com

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SEAOSC Nominations Announced



The SEAOSC Nominating Committee, chaired by Senior Past President James Lai, has announced the following nominations:

Robert Bachman, Lauren Carpenter, Michael Cochran and Ifa Kashefi for two Member SE positions on the Board of Directors; Amer Soudani and John Wallace for one Member position on the Board; Martin Johnson for one Member SE for Tri-Counties position on the Board.

Additional nominees may be submitted by the membership by Apr. 20 per the procedures outlined in the SEAOSC Bylaws Article VI, Section 2. For more information, contact Don Gilbert at the SEAOSC office.

Officers, according to succession procedure, are Jack Bruce, President; Daniel Novak, President-Elect; and Richard Hess, Treasurer.

Members will vote on these nominated offices during the month of May.

2000 - 2001 SEAOSC Officers and Committee Chairs

Get involved! Members and interested parties are invited to join a SEAOSC committee. Contact the chairperson for information on current projects and meeting times, dates and locations.

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