

# **Minutes of the General Assembly of Delegates of IAEE**

Time: Thursday 5 August 2004, 12:30-17:00

Place: Room 19 and 20, Vancouver Convention Center, Vancouver B.C., Canada

## **1. Opening of the Meeting**

There being a quorum of more than 28 Delegates present, the meeting was opened at 12:30pm and presided over by Luis Esteva, President of the Association.

## **2. Roll Call of the Delegates and others attending:**

The Secretary General called the roll of Delegates. Responding were a total of 45 registered Delegates: Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Italy, Japan, Korea, Macedonia, Mexico, Myanmar, Nepal, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Serbia and Montenegro, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Chinese Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, USA and Venezuela.

The Secretary General observed that this was the largest General Assembly of the Association, and thanked the Delegates for attending. Also attending were:

President	L. Esteva
Past-President	S. Cherry
Vice-President	D.L. Anderson
Secretary General	H. Iemura
Honorary Member	R. Park
Directors	J. Eisenberg, P. Gulkan, D. Hopkins, S.K. Jain, L. A. Wyllie
Recorder	C. Scawthorn
Teller	K. Meguro

## **3. Prayer for Past Honorary Members**

President Esteva asked for and the meeting engaged in a minute of silent prayer for three Honorary Members who had passed away: S. Okamoto, R. Yarar and J.A. Blume.

## **4. Introduction of New Members**

President Esteva welcomed new member National Organizations of Bangladesh, Myanmar and Ukraine.

## **5. Adoption of Agenda**

The agenda of the meeting was adopted.

## **6. Report of the Chairman of 13WCEE Steering Committee**

Prof. Donald Anderson, Chairman of 13WCEE Steering Committee, presented a report on the 13WCEE. Items of note were (a) that as of this morning, approximately 2,530 delegates had registered, there were over 400 students attending, and that 2,350 papers were contained on the conference proceedings DVD.

## **7. Report by the President, and Secretary General**

According to the agreement at the joint Old and New Executive Committee meeting in February 2000, Prof. Luis Esteva has been posted in the place of the President to succeed Prof. Sheldon Cherry from the first of May 2002 (According to the IAEE Statutes, amended April 1999)

With Dr. Tsuneo Katayama's wish to retire from the Chair of the Secretary General, Prof. Hirokazu Iemura was nominated as the new Secretary General by the Japanese National Committee on Earthquake Engineering. The nomination was approved and confirmed by the Executive Committee effective on the first of May 2002.

IAEE Executive Committee members now are as follows:

President	Luis Esteva	(From May 2002)
Past-President	Sheldon Cherry	(From May 2002)
Executive Vice-President	Hiroyuki Aoyama	
Vice-President	Donald L. Anderson	
Secretary General	Tsuneo Katayam	(From August 1988 to May 2002)
Directors	Hirokazu Iemura	(From June 2002)
	Hugo Bachmann	
	Jacob Eisenberg	
	Luis E. Garcia	
	Polat Gulkan	
	Pedro Hidalgo	
	David Hopkins	
	Yuxian Hu	
	Sudhir K.Jain	
	Alain Pecker	
	A.V. Rutenberg	
	Loring A. Wyllie, Jr.	

Three of the above listed, namely Hopkins, Garcia and Rutenberg were selected by the Joint Meeting of the Old and New Executive Committee held immediately after 12WCEE to improve the geographical distribution of the Directors.

The report by the President and the Secretary General were combined and summarized. The activities during the period for February 2000 to July 2004. (refer to *Appendix 1*)

### **8-1. EESD**

EESD General Editor A. Chopra joined the meeting, and presented a report on the status of EESD. A significant action has been that IASC, which since 1996 had co-sponsored EESD together with IAEE, had grown such that it had started its own journal, and would no longer be co-sponsoring EESD. EESD's Aims and Scope had therefore been revised to re-focus on earthquake engineering in all its dimensions including practical applications. Papers on base isolation, and other structural control systems related to earthquake engineering would still be welcomed. Prof. Chopra concluded his presentation by inviting and encouraging contributions to EESD by all – that EESD was your journal.

## **8-2. WSSI**

T. Katayama joined the meeting to report on the World Seismic Safety Initiatives (WSSI). WSSI activities are now in their second decade. For the last four years WSSI has had a strong interest and activities in Myanmar, such as the current activity to write a building design code. Another very important activity has been the interdisciplinary effort following the Bhuj Earthquake. A unique reconnaissance team was assembled, with great success but at a huge effort, required the 21 persons from 13 countries to visit 11 sites in 8 days. Another excellent project has been the SAFER Cities project, which has recycled seismometers for lesser developed countries, with great benefit. However, the problem WSSI encountering is money – it can't continue its activities without a stable budget. The WSSI BOD met last Sunday in Vancouver, with 13 of 15 Directors attending. ([www.wssi.org](http://www.wssi.org))

## **8-3. IAEE-IASPEI JWG**

Prof. J. Bielak next provided a brief summary of the IAEE-IASPEI Joint Working Group (JWG) investigating earthquake ground motion and topographical effects. ([www.seismo.com/iaspei](http://www.seismo.com/iaspei))

## **8-4. New Initiatives – report of the Ad Hoc Committee**

The report of the Ad Hoc Committee was summarized by Director Jain in a brief power point presentation. In summary, IAEE has only a modest budget, which was a factor in the identification of three broad points where possible initiatives might be undertaken: sensitization towards earthquake mitigation issues, development of human resources, and dissemination of information. A number of New Initiatives, emphasizing feasibility, low cost/high value approach, were described, an implementation strategy was suggested where each director of IAEE be responsible for one initiative in a country other than their own. Director Jain concluded by urging that all the New Initiatives which he'd just summarized should be considered by each National Organization, for implementation. President Esteva asked each Delegate to read the full report, noting that the version provided to the Delegates was a draft still undergoing minor edits. (*on the IAEE website*)

## **8-5. WEEL**

Secretary General Iemura presented a report on the IAEE World Earthquake Engineering Links (WEEL) website – the point being that the WEEL website was a portal to each IAEE member National Organization website, whereby individuals could then access many more earthquake related links, if only member National Organizations provided those links on their websites. However, while more than 40 links has been identified for the Japanese and US link, most other countries have a few to none. The Secretary General encouraged each National Organization to create a linked website, and inform the Central Office of the link, since WEEL has huge potential. Discussion ensued, with the general observation that this was an excellent initiative. (*on the IAEE website*)

## **8-6. World Housing Encyclopedia**

Prof. S. Brzev joined the meeting to report on the World Housing Encyclopedia (WHE), which was started in 2000 under EERI and IAEE sponsorship based on a concept by C. Arnold. Until today, the WHE has been web-based, with 100 reports by 120 contributors from 34 countries. If printed, the entire WHE would be 3,500 pages. Therefore, Prof. Brzev displayed a WHE Summary Report to the IAEE BOD, which was a book and enclosed CD. EERI/IAEE has been very pleased with the WHE, and now would like to compile an even more comprehensive database on vulnerable housing, with information on weaknesses, mitigation efforts, etc. She concluded by informing Delegates of the WHE website: [www.world-housing.net](http://www.world-housing.net) .

#### **8-7. Regulations for Seismic Design – A World List 2004**

The 2004 edition was published just before 13WCEE. A CD was given to each member of the General Assembly, and copies of the book were passed around. Appreciation for the efforts of the Editorial Committee in compiling all the regulations was expressed, and it was clarified that the newly published book only contains regulations that have been revised. Secretary General Iemura suggested that, due to cost (current price USD 200), that this be the last hard copy to be printed. (on IAEE website)

#### **9. Membership Fees**

President Esteva then reviewed the issues associated with membership fees, which amounted to the fact that the Central Office host country (Japan) was no longer able to fully subsidize all expenses, and that the solution had been arrived at to add a surcharge of 3-5% to the WCEE registration fees. This required amendment to the Statutes.

#### **10. Revision of Statutes Article 13**

President Esteva then presented the following amendment to the Statutes Article 13 to the General Assembly, for their vote:

#### **MOTION re Revision of Statute Article 13:**

Add a sentence to the end of Statute 13-2: **A small percentage of registration fees from World Conferences, as set by the Executive Committee, shall supplement these operating expenses.**

Following brief discussion, President Esteva asked if there were any objections – there being none, the General Delegates approved the Amendment by acclamation.

#### **11. Selection of the host country for 14WCEE**

President Esteva then moved to the selection of host country for 14WCEE. There were four countries applying: Chinese Taiwan, China, France and India, each of which would be given 15 minutes for a presentation to the General Assembly, followed by a few minutes for questions. The order of presentation was selected by random draw:

- **Chinese Taiwan** presented first, providing a handout. It proposed the 14WCEE be held in Taipei in June 1-6, 2008, with registration fee less than USD 600, allowing for 100 free registrants. Questions and responses concerned the possibility of an earthquake in Taipei, the weather in June, and visas.
- **France** presented next, proposing 14WCEE be held in Nice in June 29 to July 4, 2008, with registration fee less than Euro 550 (best estimate Euro 400), allowing

for 100 free registrants. Questions and responses concerned the fee, whether it included the 3% surcharge IAEE would be levying, and the weather.

- **China** presented next, providing a handout. It proposed the 14WCEE be held in Beijing in August, 2008, following the Olympics, with registration fee less than USD 400. Questions and responses concerned the possibility of providing an interval between the conference and the Olympics, the weather in August, and visas.
- **India** presented last. It proposed 14WCEE be held in New Delhi in December 14-19, 2008, with registration fee less than USD 600/400/200 for countries categorized as A,B,C by the World Bank based on per capita income. Questions and responses concerned the fee, the weather, and the proximity of 14WCEE to 6WCEE in India.

The ballots for selection were distributed and collected, with the following result:

	<u>Votes</u>
• Chinese Taiwan	3
• France	10
• China	27
• India	5

President Esteva announced the result, that China would host the 14WCEE. Discussion ensued, with the consensus being that timing of 14WCEE vis-à-vis the Olympics was critical, and some interval between the two events, to facilitate easier travel and lower costs, was desired by IAEE. China indicated it would take this consideration under advisement.

## **12. Report of the Nominating Committee**

President Esteva moved to the nomination and election of new Officers and Directors. He presented the slate developed by a Nominating Committee and approved by the Executive Committee, consisting of:

- President: T.Katayama
- Executive Vice-President: P. Gulkan
- Directors(8)
  - M. Belazougui      • D. Hopkins
  - E. Faccioli        • S.K. Jain
  - P. Fajfar           • T.C. Pan
  - L.E. Garcia   • L. Wyllie

a) Ktayama (Japan) and P. Gulkan (Tuekey) were unanimously elected as the President and Executive Vice-President, respectively.

b) For the Directors, eight persons on the slate of nomination were introduced by the Secretary General, and the following five persons were additionally nominated for this position from the floor: M. Garevski, R. Meli, J. Pique, V. Smirnov and K. Toki. Those consequently elected by the ballot of the National Delegates were as follows:

M.Belazoughi (Algeria)      D. Hopkins (New Zealand)

E. Faccioli (Italy)	S.K. Jain (India)
P. Fajfar (Slovenia)	T.C. Pan (Singapore)
L.E. Garcia (Colombia)	L. Wyllie (U.S.A.)

### **13. Election of Honorary and Consultative Members**

President Esteva proposed the following persons for Honorary Members: H.Aoyama (Japan), V.Bertero (U.S.A), S. Cherry (Canada), A Chopra (U.S.A), T. Katayama (Japan) and J.Kuroiwa (Peru). These were approved as Honorary Members, by acclamation.

### **14. Adoption of Resolutions**

President Esteva then presented the list of acknowledgements and appreciations for adoption, there being four in number (to Canadian Association for hosting 13WCEE; to WSSI and WHE; for donations to the President's Fund; and to ADEP for support of the Central Office. These were approved by acclamation.

President Esteva then stated that one additional acknowledgement had been omitted, acknowledging the IAEE-IASPEI JWG, and this was approved by acclamation.

### **15. Other Business**

Prof. Otani presented each Delegate a CD on recent work in Japan, on behalf of JAEE and also a brochure on improvements in disaster protection. The Secretary General informed the Delegates of the Symposium to be held in Kobe in January 2005, on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1995 earthquake.

### **CLOSING.**

There being no other business, President Esteva closed the meeting at 17:00.

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### ***Appendix 1***

#### **(a) New Membership**

Since 12WCEE, Myanmar, Bangladesh and Ukraine has become a new member of IAEE. The total number of member country/region now is 56.

#### **(b) Approval of the Slate of Nominations**

President Esteva asked S. Cherry and Jakim Petrovski to form a Nominating Committee to prepare a slate of nominations for the Offices of President, Executive Vice-President and eight Directors to the Secretary General. These nominations were discussed by the Executive Committee to be sent to the General Assembly of Delegates for their consideration.

#### **(c) Investigation for the Next World Conference**

Four official invitations have been filed to the Secretary General. They are China, Chinese Taiwan, France and India

#### **(d) The Official Journal of IAEE and IASCM**

JSCM, the official journal of IASCM was newly established as a sister Journal of EESD, Professors Esteva and Chopra will explain details of the issue.

(e) **World Seismic Safety Initiatives (WSSI)**

The President of WSSI now is Dr. T. Katayama who will explain its recent activities.

(f) **IAEE ad-hoc Committee**

The report of ad-hoc Committee” New IAEE Initiative for Assisting Developing Countries” was published on September 2002.

(g) **Publications**

1) **Regulations for Seismic Design – A World List 2004**

2004 edition was published just before 13WCEE. CD-Rom volume covers 54 countries or area in total.

2) **Guide Lines for Earthquake Non-Engineered Construction**

The first edition of “Guide Lines for Earthquake Non-Engineered Construction” was published by IAEE in 1986. It consisted in a revised and amplified version of the original document, “Basic Concepts of Seismic Codes, Vol. I, Part II, Non-Engineered Construction”. IAEE authorized the National Information Center of India (NICE) to publish Hindi translation of this Guideline in 2003, and also authorized NICE to publish English edition in 2004. An electronic version of the document was made available at the website ([www.nice.org](http://www.nice.org))

(h) **Endorsement for EERI’s Plan**

IAEE endorsed EERI’s proposed science and engineering plan. “Securing Society Against Catastrophic Losses: A Research and Technology Transfer Plan for Earthquake Engineering for the Next Two decades, in 2003.

(i) **IASPEI-IAEE Joint Working Group of the Effect of Surface Geology on Strong Motion (JWG-ESG)**

IASPEI wishes to co-operate with IAEE on this joint working group, and hopes that the present interaction between our two association will be further enhanced through the good function of this JSG. The proposal was accepted by the electronic vote of the Executive Committee members.

(j) **Finance of the Central Office**

The activities of the Central Office was supported by the Japanese National Organization through the Japan Association for Earthquake Disaster Prevention. The operation expenses for the last four years totals 5,759,188 Yen (US\$52,836)

The yearly breakdowns are as follows:

1,452,002Yen for fiscal 2000.

1,439,211Yen for fiscal 2001.

1,489,515Yen for fiscal 2002.

1,378,460Yen for fiscal 2003.

(k) **Membership Dues**

At the Informal meeting of the Executive Committee in London, dedication of a small percentage of the registration fee of each WCEE to contribute to support the Central Office was proposed. This proposal was approved by the electronic vote among the Executive Committee members to start from the 14WCEE. The percentage 3 or 5 shall be discussed by the Executive Committee.

(I) **Links of Home Page of IAEE and National Delegates**

WEEL (World Earthquake Engineering Links) was established on the home of IAEE.