



# NSF NHERI GSC: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** 7 Feb 2025 **Time:** 11:00 am CST **Location:** ZOOM

**Meeting Start:** 11:00 AM CST

**Item 1:** President's Welcome (Harman Singh)

**Item 2:** Review of Prior Minutes (Jordan Nakayama)

- Previous meeting minutes (January 3rd) *passed*
- Attendance for the meeting is as follows:

Executive Position	Name	Attendance Y/N
President	Harman Singh	Y
Vice President	Richard Campos	N
Secretary	Jordan Nakayama	Y
Vice Secretary	Anamika Malla	Y
Treasurer	Safoura Safari	N
Vice Treasurer	Burak Duran	Y
Chair Workshop & Mentoring	Rajendra Gautam	Y
Vice-Chair Workshop & Mentoring		
Chair of the Data Challenge	Parisa Toofani Movaghar	N
Vice-Chair of the Data Challenge		
Chair Research	Pooria Mazaheri	Y
Vice-Chair Research		
Chair Networking & Community	Shelley McMullen	Y
Vice-Chair Networking & Community		
Chair Membership	Daniel Yahya	
Vice-Chair Membership	Diako Abbasi	Y
Chair Technology & Communication	Avipriyo Chakraborty	Y
Vic-Chair Technology & Communication		
User Forum Rep		
President-Emeritus	Emmaleah Jones	

Additional member attendance: Anoop Kumar Tiwari, Arezoo Bakhshizadeh, Peter, Mohammad Movahedi

**Item 3:** Treasurer's Report (Safoura Safari)

- Waiting to hear back for both submitted proposals (Natural Hazards Research and Workshop, NSF NHERI GSC Budget for NCO Renewal)
- The Natural Hazards Research Workshop application for funding will remain open for one more week (closing February 14<sup>th</sup>).

**Item 4: NHERI Updates (Robin Nelson)**

- Due to the Executive Order and its effects, no new information on our NHERI GSC funding proposal is available at this time.

**Item 5: Discussion of Changes to Constitution & Executive Committee Structure (Harman Singh)**

- Discussion of the January 20, 2025, Executive Order on DEI
  - Discussed ways in which NHERI GSC can meet compliance with the Executive Order and what we need to adjust/update within our organization.

**Item 6: Standing Committee Updates (Any or all groups)**

- I. Workshops & Mentoring:** Rajendra ([rgautam.nepal@gmail.com](mailto:rgautam.nepal@gmail.com))
- II. Data Challenge:** Parisa ([ptoofani@nd.edu](mailto:ptoofani@nd.edu))
- III. Research:** Pooria ([mazaheri@iastate.edu](mailto:mazaheri@iastate.edu))
  - Jamie Padgett will be the keynote speaker at the NHERI GSC Mini-Conference. We are working on the other details, which will be discussed in a future meeting. Pooria will send out a When2Meet meeting poll.
  - Registration for the Mini-Conference is due May 15<sup>th</sup>, but abstracts must be submitted by March 21<sup>st</sup>.
    - i. Register for the Mini-Conference: [https://bit.ly/2025NHERIGSC\\_Mini-Conference](https://bit.ly/2025NHERIGSC_Mini-Conference)
- IV. Networking & Community:** Shelley ([shelley.mcmullen@ucdenver.edu](mailto:shelley.mcmullen@ucdenver.edu))
- V. Membership:** Daniel ([diy0001@auburn.edu](mailto:diy0001@auburn.edu)) and Diako ([dabbasi@umd.edu](mailto:dabbasi@umd.edu))
  - The NHERI GSC Membership Campaign email will be sent out next week.
  - Working with Alumni Chapter Liaison to harness more participation and membership in our Alumni Chapter.
    - i. Alumni Chapter Liaison Update: (Jordan)
      1. We are working through a pilot test comprised of two components: (1) updating our membership email list by emailing all students who listed their graduation date as May 2025 or earlier with a survey to gauge participation interest in the Alumni Chapter and (2) distributing Alumni Chapter Newsletters twice a year to keep the Alumni Chapter up to date, thank them for their participation, and provide them with information on future involvement opportunities.
      2. The pilot test begin in May with the email to the graduated students and then the first newsletter will be sent out in August.

**VI. Social Media & Outreach:** Avipriyo ([avipriyo.chakraborty@students.jsums.edu](mailto:avipriyo.chakraborty@students.jsums.edu))

- NHERI NCO will be at GeoConference, and Avi will, too!
- Avi will create a post about his presentation and invite students to meet up.
- Amber Spears will be at the booth, connect with her as she is a part of our Alumni Chapter.

**VII. User Forum Rep:** TBD, Richard is currently filling in for this position.**Item 7: AOB** (Jordan Nakayama)**I. AOB**

- Discussion on restructuring the Executive Committee.
  - A few ideas have been discussed, but it is important to hear from more members of the Executive Committee before moving forward. Therefore, we will have an additional Executive Committee meeting this month to discuss.
  - Jordan will send out an email summarizing the discussion had thus far in terms of the Executive Order, Vice-Chair election results, and the restructuring of the Executive Committee, and Harman will follow that email with a poll on When2Meet for a meeting to be held next week.

**II. Confirming Next Meeting & Speaker:** Edward Laatsch, retired director of FEMA, February 21<sup>st</sup>.**Meeting Close: 11:59 AM CST**



## Notes and Action Items

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