



NSF NHERI GSC: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: 3 March 2025 **Time:** 11:00 am CST **Location:** ZOOM

Meeting Start: 11:01 AM CST

Item 1: President's Welcome (Harman Singh)

- I. Welcome new Executive Committee members!
 - Alireza – Vice Chair of Workshops and Mentoring
 - Rajee – Vice Chair of Community Engagement
- II. Mini-Conference in May: there will be no General Body meeting. We need to mention throughout the conference that we are changing the structure of the EC
- III. Constitution Amendments (Jordan Nakayama)
 - Proposed amendments: *all passed with an 11/11 vote.*
 - i. "Encouraging diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in hazard research" needs to be removed from the Mission Statement on the first page.
 - ii. In line with recent changes, the constitution will change the name of the DEI Standing Committee to the Community Engagement Standing Committee.
 - Defining the roles and responsibilities of the Community Engagement Standing Committee as the following:
 - i. The Community Engagement Standing Committee is responsible for fostering a collaborative, welcoming, and engaging environment within NSF NHERI GSC. This committee will work with other standing committees to
 - Welcome students from all backgrounds and perspectives who are interested in learning, networking, and engaging with experts in various fields of natural hazard research.
 - Create a space where meaningful discussions and connections thrive.
 - Create and implement workshop(s) for NSF NHERI GSC members and other related bodies (including but not limited to NSF NHERI REU Interns) each summer and fall, respectively (as necessary).
 - Work with the Workshop & Mentoring Standing Committee to create workshops that ensure NSF NHERI GSC work is centered around diverse disciplines and demographics in our research where possible.
 - Work with the Research Standing Committee and help with the Mini-Conference as necessary.

- Train the incoming Chair and Vice-Chair for all duties prior to exiting your role."

Item 2: Review of Prior Minutes (Jordan Nakayama)

- Previous meeting minutes (February 7th) *passed*.
- Attendance for the meeting is as follows:

Executive Position	Name	Attendance Y/N
President	Harman Singh	Y
Vice President	Richard Campos	Y
Secretary	Jordan Nakayama	Y
Vice Secretary	Anamika Malla	N
Treasurer	Safoura Safari	Y
Vice Treasurer	Burak Duran	Y
Chair Workshop & Mentoring	Rajendra Gautam	Y
Vice Chair Workshop & Mentoring	Alireza Mirghafouri	Y
Chair of Community Engagement	Parisa Toofani Movaghar	Y
Vice Chair of Community Engagement	Rajee Tamrakar	Y
Chair Research	Pooria Mazaheri	Y
Chair Networking & Community	Shelley McMullen	Y
Chair Membership	Daniel Yahya	N
Vice Chair Membership	Diako Abbasi	Y
Chair Social Media & Outreach	Avipriyo Chakraborty	Y
User Forum Representative		
President-Emeritus	Emmaleah Jones	N

Additional member attendance: Narayan Kumar, Dan Osborn, Arezoo, Mazaheri, Mohammad Movahedi

Item 3: Treasurer's Report (Safoura Safari)

- Updates on funding for the Natural Hazards Workshop:
 - Following the Executive Committee meeting today, we will be reviewing applications for funding (registration and meals). Anyone who did not apply for funding may stay on the assist in the review process.
 - Opportunity for additional funding may come for the five people who were chosen for initial funding. Stay tuned for updates from Robin.
- Burak and Safoura will update the slides for the General Body meeting, which announces upcoming conferences, and share them with Harman and Robin.

Item 4: NHERI Updates (Robin Nelson)

- Currently do not have guidance from NSF on the renewal for NCO. NCO would like to submit for NHERI GSC funding, but all updates are still on hold since they have yet to receive feedback/submit.

Item 5: Standing Committee Updates (Any or all groups)

- I. Workshops & Mentoring:** Rajendra (rgautam.nepal@gmail.com) and Alireza (alirezamirghafouri@gmail.com)
 - Welcome our new Vice-Chair, Alireza
 - Coordinating with Community Engagement to organize a workshop for this semester; more details will be provided next month.
- II. Community Engagement** Parisa (ptooofani@nd.edu) and Rajee (rajee.tamrakar@siu.edu)
 - Welcome to the new Vice-Chair, Rajee!
- III. Research:** Pooria (mazaheri@iastate.edu)
 - After the General Body meeting on the 21st, there will be three RSR meetings
 - i. Simulation & Computational Methods RSR: Dr. Angeliki Gerontati will present on integrating structural modeling, computational techniques, and probabilistic methods for assessing the seismic risk of power plants.
 - ii. Geotechnical Engineering RSR: Dr. Zhan Weiwei will discuss landslide hazard assessment, machine learning applications, and multi-hazard resilient infrastructure design.
 - iii. Social Science RSR: Based on her experience with R1 university hiring committees, Dr. Jennifer Johnson will provide insights on faculty job applications, interview expectations, and job talks.
 - iv. Earthquake RSR: Dr. Dash from the IIT Bhubaneswar, India University has not yet been confirmed but will present on earthquake-resistant design of structures.
 - Submit your abstract to the Mini-Conference by March 28:
https://bit.ly/2025NHERIGSC_MCAbstract. This is a great opportunity to practice your presentation and get feedback before the busy workshop and conference summer season begins.
 - Register to attend the Mini-Conference to present your research and hear about other natural hazards research: https://bit.ly/2025NHERIGSC_Mini-Conference.
 - Please sign up to review the Mini-Conference abstracts. You will review one submission in April with a reviewer guide. If you are interested, email Pooria.
- IV. Networking & Community:** Shelley (shelley.mcmullen@ucdenver.edu)
 - The committee shared a list of conferences where NHERI GSC student presence is high and will be working on coordinating networking events for each.
 - i. EMI and ACWE are in May, and the Natural Hazards Summit is in July.
- V. Membership:** Daniel (diy0001@auburn.edu) and Diako (dabbasi@umd.edu)

- Began work on the University Campaign by sending out 600 emails to faculty to increase membership. So far, we have increased by 40 new members.
- In coordination with Jordan (Alumni Chapter Liason), the template for the Alumni Chapter Newsletter has been drafted. This will serve as a way to stay connected with those in the Alumni Chapter and inform them on what is going on in the GSC, ways the Alumni have and can be involved, and how to stay connected through social media.
- Please review the template and send Jordan feedback on ways to improve it.

VI. Social Media & Outreach: Avipriyo (avipriyo.chakraborty@students.jsu.edu)

- Will be receiving the General Body meeting social media post as well as the three RSR meetings to post on social media within the next week.

VII. User Forum Rep: Richard (filling in)

- We have sent an email to the User Forum to get access to the meetings. Robin is waiting for a response.

Item 6: AOB (Jordan Nakayama)

I. AOB

- Diaoko requested an announcement for an organization he is a part of and will share details with Jordan to send out as an announcement in the email of the meeting minutes.

II. Confirming Next Meeting: Ian Robertson will present the 3rd NHERI Science Plan on March 21st.

Meeting End: 11:43 AM CST



Notes and Action Items
