



NHERI GSC: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: 1 Mar 2024 Time: 11:00 am CST Location: ZOOM

Meeting Start: 11:04 AM CST

Item 1: President's Welcome (Emmaleah Jones)

Item 2: Review of Prior Minutes (Jordan Nakayama)

- Previous meeting minutes (February 2nd) *passed*
- Attendance for the meeting is as follows:

Executive Position	Name	Attendance Y/N
President	Emmaleah Jones	Y
Vice President	Richard Campos	Y
Secretary	Jordan Nakayama	Y
Vice Secretary	Anamika Malla	Y
Treasurer	Natalie Coleman	Y
Vice Treasurer		
Chair Workshop & Mentoring	Rajendra Gauntam	Y
Vice-Chair Workshop & Mentoring	Benjamin Labar	Y
Chair Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion	Harman Singh	Y
Vice-Chair Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion	Samira Tafazzol	Y
Chair Research	Nurullah Bektas	Y
Vice-Chair Research		
Chair Networking & Community	Julie Elliot	N
Vice-Chair Networking & Community	Ashray Saxena	N
Chair Membership	Daniel Yahya	Y
Vice-Chair Membership	Jenny Russell	Y
Chair Technology & Communication	Avipriyo Chakraborty	Y
Vic-Chair Technology & Communication	Vishal Mishra	N
User Forum Rep	Esteban Villalobos Vega	Y
President-Emeritus	Holly Davies	N

Additional member attendance: Abdulahi Opejin, Abdullah Braik, Alireza Eskandarienjad, Amanda Voropaeff, Bijan, Burak Duran, Daniel Adeleke, Diako Abbasi, Ehsan Ahmadi Afzadi, Faraz, Himadri Sen Gupta, Islam Radwan, Jayant Paudel, Juan Jimenez Pirajan, Mahmoud Abdallah, Mohammed Eissa, Nasim Rashidi, Naveen Jeet Pal, Nischal Kafle, Omar Wahba, Peter, Rubi Bhandari, Saanchi Singh Kaushal, Safoura Safari, Samuel Daramola, Sasan Dolati, Shayan Razi, Soolmaz Khoshkalam, Sumon Hossain Rabby

Item 3: Treasurer's Report (Natalie Coleman)

- Held the first meeting of the proposal committee to create a proposal idea work flow. If you would like to be involved email Natalie.
- Next meeting for the committee will be held immediately following the executive committee meeting on 3/1/24.

- Do we want to open up the committee to all members?
 - *Recommendations:* open to all members, but have requirements for attending executive committee meetings each month, create short google form for them to fill out asking (1) why do you want to be involved, (2) what is your experience level, (3) can you attend executive committee meetings?

Item 4: NHERI Updates (Robin Nelson)

- Today is the last day to apply for the Natural Hazards Workshop funding for NHERI GSC members. You must be a registered member and have attended two NHERI GSC meetings/events since August 2023 to be eligible: <https://bit.ly/2024fundingNHW>
- Elections for Vice/Vice-Chair positions will start on Monday, nominated members have been contacted and their headshots and bios have been collected. You will receive the email on Monday with the link to vote if you are a member in good standing.
- Idea – creating an alumni board from NHERI GSC, find a way to connect you from NHERI GSC to post-graduate life.
- Need to create a way to update our registered member list for those students who have graduated and have a graduate survey. Email Robin, Daniel, and Jenny with ideas to include in the survey.
 - At the end of each semester, we could send out this survey to all members as a blanket way to update our membership and create our list of NHERI GSC Alumni.
 - This would be a way to include past members in future talks/panels/meetings.
 - Ideas for ensuring completion of the surveys: use the graduation year to target emails of students that are graduating each semester, use the end-of-semester social to recognize them and highlight their future plans.

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

Membership: Daniel (diy0001@auburn.edu) and Jenny (jrussell@uthsc.edu)

- In charge of helping out with the booth at the Natural Hazards Research Summit held May 14-15 in College Park, MD.

Research: Nurullah (nurullahbektas@hotmail.com)

- Abstracts for the NHERI GSC Mini-Conference are open until March 4th: <https://bit.ly/2024GSCSubmission>
- Register to attend the free online NHERI GSC Mini-Conference on Friday, May 31, 2024: <https://bit.ly/2024NHERIGSCMiniConference>
- Received acceptance from the keynote speaker for the Mini-Conference: Dr. Yasemin Didem Aktas from UCL, EEFIT
- Research challenge groups have started working to prepare for their presentations that will be shared at the Mini-Conference.



DEI: Harman (harmansingh1412@gmail.com) and

- Obtained funding from Lori Peak and NCO for students to attend the Natural Hazards Workshop. Poster submission have extended the deadline for poster abstract submissions to Friday, March 29, 2024. Research and practice highlights are due on June 7, 2024.-Natural Hazards Workshop and Researcher's Meeting
- <https://www.designsafe-ci.org/learning-center/nheri-graduate-student-council/explore/dei-resources/>

Workshops: Rajendra (rgautam.nepal@gmail.com) and Benjamin ()

- Had a successful workshop on Transitioning from PhD to Academia last Friday.
- Email Rajendra recommendations for a new workshop series topics.

User Forum: Esteban Villalobos Vega (esteban.villalobos@ou.edu)

- Asked to present the NHERI GSC Annual Report at the NHERI NCO meeting.
 - Requests: make a specific campaign for students from international universities, NHERI has international partners and we could target those to help expand our reach in coordination with NCO on the best way to proceed.
- Asked the organization, what are the opportunities we are missing that would help NHERI GSC grow? Email Esteban with ideas.
 - This item will be added to next month's agenda.

Item 7: AOB (Jordan Nakayama)

- I. Confirming Next Meeting & Speaker: Dr. William Ferris

Meeting Close: 12:00 PM CST



Notes and Action Items
