



NGSC: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: 4 Nov 2022 **Time:** 11:00 am CST **Location:** ZOOM

Item 1: President's Welcome (Holly Davies)

- I. A many thanks to the Workshop and Membership Committee leaders for their amazing work on recent endeavors (i.e., Natural Hazards Engineering Research Summit session and 1st Membership Committee meeting).
- II. Announcements by Robin Nelson
 - a. Natural Hazards Engineering Research Summit NHERI GSC Session
 - i. NHERI GSC received a lot of positive feedback on the session. Many thanks to Taylor Heath for spearheading our contribution to the Summit.
 - ii. Rakesh Salunke has built a report of the session (required by NSF). It is due on Sunday (Nov. 6th). If you participated from the Summit and can go into the document to add any information or give feedback, please do so.

Item 2: Review of Prior Minutes (Nel Rodríguez)

- I. Meeting minutes 11/4/22 *passed*

Item 3: Treasurer's Report (Elliott Nichols)

- I. We are targeting a proposal. Please reach out if you're interested in participating and gaining experience in grant writing. The money would be channeled through UTSA so Robin can help manage it.
 - a. As NSF proposals can only be submitted by faculty/officials, NHERI GSC would only receive indirect credit. We would appreciate speaking to your advisors to see if they'd be interested in being involved.
 - b. We will host a separate meeting to discuss proposal ideas.

Item 4: NHERI Updates (Robin Nelson)

- I. Please reach out to Purdue if you have any pending reimbursements.
- II. Let Robin know if you still haven't been reimbursed by ACWE.
- III. NHERI User Forum has asked for a NHERI GSC Representative. They would be elected by the NHERI GSC General Membership and would oversee communication between the Executive Committee and the Forum.
- IV. The Research Working Group Chair & Vice-Chair have been invited to the November ECO Committee meeting to share information about upcoming programming and ask for assistance from individual NHERI sites.

Item 6: Working Group Updates (Any or all groups)

- I. Research Working Group:
 - a. Meeting was held successfully last week
 - b. NHERI GSC Research Workshop will be held next Thursday at 11:00am CST
 - i. Speaker on EEUQ tool from SimCenter. Applications on structural analyses after seismic events.
 - ii. Pilot on generating opportunities for graduate students to conduct research on experimental facilities. Idea is to host a panel in which grad. students can learn how to navigate taking advantage of what the facilities have to offer.



- iii. NHERI GSC interdisciplinary research challenge group project development (the idea is to generate publishable work).
 - iv. Idea to build a small conference in spring where this research can be presented, along with other contributions from the students, where mentors and faculty are available to provide feedback.
- II.** Membership Committee
- a. Membership Meeting held last week.
- III.** Communications Committee
- a. No updates
- IV.** DEI working group
- a. Meeting held last week. Attendance was NULL.
- V.** Workshop Committee
- a. Send ideas for speakers:
 - i. Climate and Environmental Justice Researchers
 - ii. Grassroots Organizations
 - iii. Practitioners

Item 7: AOB (Nel Rodríguez)

- I.** AOB
- A.** Executive Expectations
- 1. Staying true to our mission statement
 - 2. Recent issues
 - a) Please arrange for someone to substitute for you if you cannot attend a meeting. Plan accordingly.
 - b) Commitment
 - c) Taking and giving space to speak in meetings
 - d) Participation in NHERI GSC projects
- II.** Professionalism
- III.** Confirming Next Meeting & Speaker
- A.** Niko Grisel Todorov
- IV.** Closing
- A.** Motion to adjourn *passed* (11:54 CST)

- Attendance for the meeting is as follows:

Executive Position	Name	Attendance Y/N
President	Holly Davies	Y
Vice President	Emmaleah Jones	Y
Secretary	Jordan Nakayama	Y
Vice Secretary	Nel Rodriguez Sepulveda	Y
Treasurer	Elliot Nichols	Y
Vice Treasurer	Edwin Rajeev	Y
Chair Workshop & Mentoring	Jasmine Bekkaye	Y
Vice-Chair Workshop & Mentoring	Olaniyi Afolayan	N
Chair Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion	Maggie Webb	N
Vice-Chair Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion	Harman Singh	Y
Chair Research	Taylor Heath	Y
Vice-Chair Research	Rakesh Salunke	Y
Chair Networking & Community	Saman Khedmatgozar	Y
Vice-Chair Networking & Community	Paola Rivera Gonzalez	N
Chair Membership	Faith Nnenanya	N
Vice-Chair Membership	Sasan Dolati	N
Chair Technology & Communication	Niko Grisel Todorov	N
Vic-Chair Technology & Communication	Edwin Rajeev	Y
Members in attendance	Nurullah Bekktas	Y