

**Minutes of GEC Committee Meeting  
Sunday, May 18, 2008  
Sacramento, CA**

**In Attendance:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>e-mail</b>	<b>Member</b>
Glenn Rix	Georgia Tech	<a href="mailto:Glenn.rix@cc.gatech.edu">Glenn.rix@cc.gatech.edu</a>	Yes
Barbara Luke	UNLV	<a href="mailto:Bluke@ce.unlv.edu">Bluke@ce.unlv.edu</a>	TCC Rep.
Dennis Hiltunen	Univ. of Florida	<a href="mailto:dhilt@ce.ufl.edu">dhilt@ce.ufl.edu</a>	Yes
Michael Rucker	AMEC	<a href="mailto:Michael.rucker@amec.com">Michael.rucker@amec.com</a>	Yes
Brent Rosenblad	Univ. of Missouri	<a href="mailto:rosenbladb@missouri.edu">rosenbladb@missouri.edu</a>	Yes
Paul Michaels	Boise State	<a href="mailto:pm@cgiss.boisestate.edu">pm@cgiss.boisestate.edu</a>	Yes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with five members of the committee in attendance. Barbara Luke arrived at 8:10 PM.

The following items were discussed:

- **Discussion on Technical Activities for Conferences by GEC**
  - **SAGEEP, April 2008 in Philadelphia, PA**
    - No one in attendance was able to provide information on GEC participation at this conference.
  - **Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering & Soil Dynamics IV, Sacramento, 2008**
    - GEC member Dennis Hiltunen is a member of the Technical Program Committee for the conference
    - Dennis Hiltunen provided a report on the GEC participation at GEESD. The GEC sponsored one session (M3b) entitled “Geophysics and Dynamic Properties” with five papers.
  - **Multidisciplinary Conference on Sinkholes and the Engineering & Environmental Impacts of Karst, 2008 Tallahassee, FL**
    - No one in attendance was participating in this conference.
    - Paul Michaels indicated he thought they were still reviewing papers for the conference.

- o **SAGEEP, April 2009 in Fort Worth, TX**
  - Discussed the potential for participation in a session on “Nondestructive Evaluation of Infrastructure”
  - Michael Rucker indicated that he could submit a paper.
  - It was agreed that the scope is broad but will be advantageous for soliciting papers.
  
- o **Foundations Congress w/ADSC & PDCA, Orlando March 15-19, 2009**
  - Glenn Rix thought it was likely too late to participate in this conference
  
- o **Analysis and Design in Geotechnical Engineering, Miami , 2010**
  - Discussed possible session topics
  - A session on Karst was suggested by Paul Michaels
  
- o **Earth Retaining Structures Specialty conference, Phoenix, May 2010**
  - Discussed possible participation in this conference.
  - It was suggested to send an email to GEC members soliciting session ideas for conference.
  
- o **Geo-Risk 2011 Specialty Conference, Atlanta**
  - Glenn Rix provided information. He is helping with conference. He indicated that he would like one or more sessions on the use of geophysics to manage risk.
  
- o **Other Conferences**
  - Michael Rucker mentioned the upcoming Highway Geophysics-NDE conference in Charlotte, NC in Dec., 2008
  
- **Membership Update**
  - No changes
  
- **GEC Special Project Benchmarking of SASW Method**
  - o Dennis Hiltunen provided an update on the SASW project.
  - o Data has been collected (by Dennis and Soheil) for a variety of surface wave methods from the NGES site at Texas A&M.
  - o A website with the data has recently been completed and can be accessed at: <http://saswbench.ce.ufl.edu/>

- o Dennis requested that GEC members try accessing the site and downloading data to identify any potential problems before it is accessed by others.
  - o Paul mentioned he will add a link to the GEC website
  - o Barbara Luke indicated that all special projects funding has been allocated for this year.
- **Interaction with EEGS and Other Engineering Geophysics Groups**
    - o No comments on this from members in attendance
- **Committee Performance Criteria (How to achieve, Volunteers and timeline)**
    - o Each Committee to Submit a Proposal for 1 short Course for Sections and Branches
      - No one present at the meeting indicated an interest
    - o Each Committee to Submit a Proposal for 2 Webinars
      - No one present at the meeting indicated an interest
    - o Each Committee to submit 4 Speaker's Bureau Entries
      - It was mentioned to those present that more participation is needed.
    - o Each Committee to Develop a Mission Statement
      - Posted on website
- **GEC Webpage**
    - o [http://cgiss.boisestate.edu/~pm/geoph\\_cmtty/index.html](http://cgiss.boisestate.edu/~pm/geoph_cmtty/index.html) or
    - o <http://www.geoinstitute.org/committees/committees.cfm>
    - o Paul Michaels will continue to update and maintain the website
- **Nomination for GI and ASCE Awards**
    - o Barbara Luke indicated an effective approach is to appoint someone on the committee to be the "awards person". It was mentioned that Bill Yu previously served in a similar role by compiling a list of geophysics-related papers in ASCE publications. No one present volunteered to do this.
- **Other Business (from Barbara Luke)**
    - o Barbara is finishing her term as chair of TCC.
    - o She indicated that they will be forming a Continuing Education task force and are looking for people for the task force.
    - o There will also be a new task force on "sustainability/climate change" if anyone is interested in participating.
    - o GEC will need a new "counselor" for TCC.