

## Conference Plenary Session and Workshops

Over the past 2 years, the NCSEA Code Advisory Committee (CAC) has been actively engaged in supporting the ICC code change process as it relates to development of the 2009 I-codes. Work will begin early next year in preparation for the 2010 Supplement to the 2009 codes, and following that the 2012 codes. For the Saturday afternoon session of the Annual Conference, CAC Chairman Ronald Hamburger, and the Chairs of the CAC subcommittees, will conduct a plenary session on the purpose and direction of the CAC as it relates to future activities of the International Code Committee (ICC) and practicing structural engineers. They will also report on the outcomes of the 2009 ICC Code cycle.

The plenary session will be followed by discussions as well as Q&A, during breakouts based on the CAC Subcommittees, as follows:

2:00 PM

**Seismic Provisions** with Ronald Hamburger  
**Existing Buildings/Structural Retrofit** with David Bonowitz

**ICC Evaluation Service Advisory** with Bill Warren

2:40 PM

**Special Inspection / Quality Assurance** with Kirk Harman

**General Engineering** with Ed Huston

3:45 PM

**Wrap-up of CAC Session** with Ronald Hamburger: *Reports from each of the Subcommittee Chairs. Summary comments by CAC Chair Ronald Hamburger.*

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## Model Code of Ethics

At their August 7 Board meeting, NCSEA's Board of Directors approved a Model Code of Ethics. This Model Code was created to provide guidance and a template for NCSEA MO's. As such, it can be adopted in whole or in part, or not at all. NCSEA recommends, however, that your MO review local statutory and regulatory requirements, hold discussions with your members, and then adopt the Code of Ethics that works for your MO.

The fundamental principles of the Code state that structural engineers uphold and advance the integrity, honor and dignity of the structural engineering profession.

The Word document is available at [www.ncsea.com](http://www.ncsea.com) under "Hot Topics". If your MO votes to adopt this Model Code, please let the NCSEA office know. If your MO votes to adopt this Model Code, with some revisions, please send a copy, with the changes marked by "tracking", to Jeanne Vogelzang at [execdir@ncsea.com](mailto:execdir@ncsea.com), so that NCSEA can also post your version on the NCSEA website.

## Educational Opportunities

Please visit [www.ncsea.com](http://www.ncsea.com) to register.

### **August 21, 2008: Webinar**

*Seismic Design of Concrete Wall Buildings: Current Codes and Beyond* - Joe Maffei  
**2<sup>nd</sup> of 8 in the SEAOC Structural/Seismic Design Manual Seminars**

### **September 11, 2008: Webinar**

*The 2008 Masonry Standards Joint Committee Code and Specification: What's New, and How to Use it Effectively* - Richard Klingner

### **November 16, 2008: Webinar**

*Foundation Design Using IBC Chapter 18* - Michael Valley

### **January 23-24, 2009: Winter Institute**

Miami, FL: *Wind Engineering from Buildings and Sports Facilities to Bridges and Towers*

## Call for Committee Volunteers

To volunteer online for one of the following NCSEA committees, visit [www.ncsea.com](http://www.ncsea.com).

### 1. Advocacy Committee

- a. General Public & Media
- b. Clients & Prospects
- c. Regulators
- d. Students & Educators
- e. Website Development

### 2. Basic Education Committee

### 3. Code Advisory Committee

- a. Seismic Provisions
- b. Existing Buildings/Structural Retrofit
- c. General Engineering, Materials, Wind, Other Loads, and Family 1 & 2 Residential
- d. Special Inspection / Quality Assurance
- e. ICC Evaluation Service

### 4. Continuing Education Committee

### 5. Membership Committee

### 6. Membership Organization Development Committee

### 7. Publications Committee

### 8. Structural Engineers Emergency Response (SEER) Committee



Diamond Reviewed

New! Diamond Review Program for MOs! Details at the NCSEA Annual Conference in Cleveland. Be there or be square...

## Student Correspondent

A void that existed for structural engineers within North Carolina is about to disappear. Timothy Mays, Ph.D., PE, Associate Professor at The Citadel in Charleston, SC, is leading the initiative to begin a Structural Engineers Association of North Carolina (SEAoNC). Dr. Mays was also a key player in starting the Structural Engineers Association of South Carolina (SEAoSC) three years ago.

I am a former student of Dr. Mays', as well as his former research assistant; and I will be assisting in the organization of SEAoNC, which is already being eagerly anticipated by the local engineering communities of NC. The enthusiasm among engineers from each of five NC cities was evident in the NC kick-off meeting held at the annual SEAoSC conference in Hilton Head, SC August 8-9, 2008. One person from each city has already volunteered to be the lead contact for his or her city and surrounding area.

In addition to assisting Dr. Mays with the SEAoNC, I will begin graduate school this fall at North Carolina State University and will be writing this *Structural Connection* column, pertaining to current issues among the young structural engineering community. I highly encourage and hope that other young structural engineers and graduate students will contact me with any current important issues that may be occurring in their region, such as the consideration of required education beyond a Bachelor's degree, and how these issues are being accepted.

On behalf of Dr. Mays and the future SEAoNC, I would like to thank Mr. Ed Huston, PE, SE President of NCSEA, and Ms. Jeanne M. Vogelzang, JD, CPA, CAE, Chief Executive Officer of NCSEA, for their assistance in the SEAoNC initiative. I look forward to future correspondence with young engineers across the country and hope that, through this column, the young structural engineering community can become more engaged and more active in NCSEA.

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## NCSEA Website Walkthrough

New on the NCSEA website. Below is an image from the homepage highlighting important and new links that are useful to structural engineers. Visit [www.ncsea.com](http://www.ncsea.com) to follow the links online.

1. Review this listing of SEA seminars that met with success.
2. Nominate an engineer online for the Cornforth or Service Award.
3. Register for the NCSEA Annual Conference.
4. Add RSS Feeds to your website by cutting and pasting the RSS Feed html on to your own website.
5. Purchase recorded NCSEA webinars.
6. Board-approved NCSEA Model Code of Ethics

The image shows a screenshot of the NCSEA website homepage in a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window. The browser's address bar shows the URL <http://www.ncsea.com/>. The website header includes the NCSEA logo and the text "National Council of Structural Engineers Associations". The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Upcoming Seminars:** Lists three seminars with dates and topics, including "Seismic Design of Concrete Wall Buildings--Current Codes and Beyond" and "Foundation Design Using IBC Chapter 18".
- Other Seminars:** Lists "SJI Seminars", "SCI/CC/NCSEA Seminars", and "ACI/PCE Seminars".
- Other Education:** Lists "Recorded webinars" and "MO Seminar Ideas".
- NCSEA Board Candidates for 2008:** Lists names and titles for Vice President, Secretary, Director, and another Director.
- Engineer Employment Opportunities:** A section with a large image of a structural steel frame and the text "Welcome to NCSEA".
- NCSEA Conferences and Institutes:** Lists events such as "NCSEA 2007 Annual Conference PowerPoints", "October 23-25, 2008: NCSEA Annual Conference", and "January 23-24, 2009: NCSEA Winter Institute Miami".
- Hot Topics:** Lists "Board-approved NCSEA Model Code of Ethics" and "Licensing Blog".

Callouts with arrows point to specific features:

- 1. View topic and speaker suggestions for SEA seminars.** Points to the "Upcoming Seminars" section.
- 2. Cornforth and Service Award online nomination form.** Points to the "Awards" section in the left sidebar.
- 3. Registration for Annual Conference.** Points to the "NCSEA Conferences and Institutes" section.
- 4. RSS Feeds.** Points to the "RSS feed of Upcoming Seminars", "RSS feed of Upcoming Conferences", and "RSS feed of Hot Topics" links.
- 5. Link to a list of NCSEA webinars available for purchase.** Points to the "Recorded webinars" link under "Other Education".
- 6. New Model Code of Ethics.** Points to the "Board-approved NCSEA Model Code of Ethics" link under "Hot Topics".

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 21	Seismic Design of Concrete Wall Buildings: Current Codes and Beyond	Webinar
September 8	Annual MO report due to NCSEA in Word document	Chicago, IL
September 11	The 2008 Masonry Standards Joint Committee Code and Specification: What's New, and How to Use it Effectively	Webinar
September 15	MO Reports due	Chicago, IL
September 16	SEA of New York Annual Meeting	New York, NY
September 23-27	SEA of California Annual Convention	Kohala Coast, HI
October 7	Deadline for NCSEA Annual Conference group-rate for hotel	Cleveland, OH
October 15	SECB deadline for November cycle renewals	Chicago, IL
October 22	NCSEA Board Meeting	Cleveland, OH
October 23-25	NCSEA Sixteenth Annual Conference, hosted by the SEA of Ohio	Cleveland, OH
October 25	2008 NCSEA Excellence in Structural Engineering Awards Banquet	Cleveland, OH
October 27	SEA NM Annual Meeting	Albuquerque, NM
November 6	Foundation Design Using IBC Chapter 18	Webinar
November 6-8	SEA of Texas State Conference	Houston, TX
January 23-24, 2009	NCSEA Winter Institute	Miami, FL
February 1, 2009	SECB deadline for March renewals	Chicago, IL
June 1, 2009	SECB deadline for July cycle renewals	Chicago, IL
September 1, 2009	MO reports due	Chicago, IL
October 15, 2009	SECB deadline for November cycle renewals	Chicago, IL
October 15-17, 2009	NCSEA Seventeenth Annual Conference and NCSEA Excellence in Structural Engineering Awards Banquet	Scottsdale, AZ

See the Schedule of Events page at [www.ncsea.com](http://www.ncsea.com) for further calendar postings.

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