



Call for Abstracts

Structural Engineers Association of California (SEAOC)

78th Convention, September 23-26, 2009
The Westin Horton Plaza in San Diego, California

Abstracts are requested for papers to be presented at the technical sessions of the 2009 SEAOC Convention. Submissions on recent projects, best design practices, new seismic systems and components, next generation codes, advanced analysis techniques, high performance materials, sustainable design and results of recent experimental testing, are all encouraged; but any paper topic will be considered.

Abstracts of not more than 250 words are due by 5 pm March 9, 2009, and should be sent via email to the 2009 SEAOC Convention Technical Program Committee at the contact information provided below. Authors will be notified of abstract acceptance by April 3, 2009. Papers must be submitted for publication in the proceedings by 5 pm June 8, 2009. Authors will be provided with required guidelines regarding paper format after acceptance of abstract.

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Engineers and Emergency Response:

Make 'Getting Involved' One of Your New Year's Resolutions

Goals for 2009

Update the Structural Engineers Emergency Response Plan (SEERPlan) Manual: Due to changes to the DHS/FEMA documents that define emergency response and recovery protocols for public sector entities, such as the National Response Framework and the National Incident Management System, updates to the ATC-20/ATC-45 assessment methodologies, and lessons learned from recent natural and man-made disasters, NCSEA has decided to revise and update the SEERPlan Manual.

Develop Member Organization SEER teams: A nationwide campaign for SEER team development by all Member Organizations will follow the release of the Second Edition of the SEERPlan Manual.

Promote Good Samaritan legislation for Design Professionals, in every Member Organization state that doesn't have it: A new sub-committee of SEER, the Legislative Government Affairs (LGA) Sub-Committee, chaired by John Schwab of SEAoT (Texas), has been charged with organizing efforts to promote uniform Good Samaritan legislation for Design Professionals in every state.

For additional information regarding involvement with SEER, please contact your state SEA to obtain contact information for your state-level SEER director. For general SEERPlan information, to obtain committee contact information, or to order SEERPlan Manuals, please refer to the SEER Committee page on the NCSEA website (<http://ncsea.com/SEER.aspx>).

Make 2009 your year to 'Get Involved'!

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Call for Speakers

Structural Engineers Association of Arizona (SEAoA)

17th NCSEA Annual Conference, October 15-17, 2009
Radisson Fort McDowell Resort in Scottsdale, AZ

SEAoA is now accepting applications for presentations at the 2009 Annual NCSEA Conference. This year's theme is "Learning from Experience." Presentations will be focused on preferred detailing and analysis methods for various structural materials and components, including examples of unsatisfactory results when less-than-preferred methods are employed. Presentations need not focus solely on failures, but they should educate young and experienced engineers alike, based on specific incidents. 1-1.5 hours of technical material is requested.

Download a Call for Speaker's Form plus other details, including presentation schedule and deadlines, at SEAoA's website www.seaoa.org. The Call for Speakers Form must be submitted to SEAoA/NCSEA by June 1, 2009. On July 1, 2009, SEAoA will notify selected speakers. Final outline and materials will be due July 31st.

Benefits include complimentary access to the conference presentations during the day of the presentation, plus breakfast and lunch, as well as free Diamond Review of presentation.

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NCSEA Model Code of Ethics

Don't forget!

On the NCSEA homepage (www.ncsea.com), you have the opportunity to click on "Code of Ethics" in the far left column. This will take you to a page with three opportunities:

- 1) NCSEA Model Code of Ethics, which can be copied or edited.
- 2) State Member Organization (MO) Adopted Code of Ethics, which links to a tabulation of the SEA's, each listed such that there is an opportunity to indicate whether an SEA has adopted the NCSEA Code of Ethics, adopted it with revisions, or taken no action. In the SEAOC row, for example, under the "Adopted w/revisions" column, you will find a link to the "Code of Ethics for California". Please send your SEA option to the NCSEA office – execdir@ncsea.com.
- 3) ASCE Code of Ethics, which you can read and review, or from which you can cut and paste.

William Bast, NCSEA Vice President, and Chairman, NCSEA Code of Ethics Committee.

NCSEA Webinar Schedule for February – May 2009

Structural Design Webinars

February 10
March 10

Masonry Webinars

February 5 and 19
March 5 and 19
April 2 and 16

Structural Integrity Webinar

May 5

Register at www.ncsea.com

See page 13 for more information

NCSEA Membership

NCSEA recognizes and thanks its Partnering Organizations and the following companies, organizations, and individual structural engineers, for their Associate, Affiliate, and Sustaining Memberships in 2008-2009.

Partnering Organizations

SEI
Reston, VA

CASE
Washington, DC

Please see the NCSEA website for more information on contacting any of the listed companies, organizations, or structural engineers, or on becoming a member of NCSEA.

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