

Schedule

Mark Your Calendar (2003)

General Membership Meetings

(Breakfast 7:30 a.m.)

January 16
March 13
May 8
July 17
September 11

Business Practice Committee Meetings

(Breakfast 7:30 a.m.)

February 13
April 10
June 12
August 14
October 9

SEAC Board of Directors Meetings

(7:30 a.m.)

January 9
February 6
April 3
June 5
August 7
October 2

Annual Dinner Meeting

November 6
6 - 9 p.m.

MAY GENERAL MEETING

CONTRACT REVIEW FOR CONSULTING STRUTURAL ENGINEERS WHERE ARE THE PITFALLS?

A successful project starts with negotiating a fair and reasonable contract with our clients that clearly defines the roles and responsibilities of the Engineer. Without a proper contract in place, a small conflict between the Contractor, Design Professionals, and the Owner can turn out to be a protracted, expensive battle. In fact, it is possible for the Structural Engineer to perform their work throughout a project within the standard of care and still face claims at the end of the project. Investing the time in contract review at the beginning of each project can pay big dividends for all of us.

Phillip Cardi will lead our May program with an overview of contract problems he commonly experiences in the regular practice of defending Design Professionals. Phil will review the model sub-consultant agreements that have been traditionally used by Architects as well non-standard contracts that may arise with other clients. The program will touch on:

- Model contracts from AIA(C1414) and CASE
- Contracts with corporate clients that are geared towards contractors
- Purchase orders and service agreements
- Design-Build and the pitfalls of working for the Contractor
- How the contracts you sign relate to your liability insurance coverage
- A discussion period for pertinent topics brought by the audience

Phillip Cardi is a partner in the Denver firm of Jackson and Kelly, PLLC. His practice emphasizes construction litigation and professional liability defense. In addition, he has extensive experience in insurance litigation and personal injury defense. Mr. Cardi spends a significant portion of his time drafting and negotiating construction contracts. He graduated from the University of Colorado with a B.S in Journalism in 1976, and earned his J.D from CU in 1981. He is a member of the Colorado Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and a member of the panel of arbitrators for the American Arbitration Association. Please mark your calendar for May 8, and join us for this informative program. Bring your questions and "war stories" to share with SEAC's members.

Don't Miss Out Upcoming General Meeting



Date: Thurs. May 8 @ 7:30am
Speaker(s): Phil Cardi, Jackson & Kelly
Location: Renaissance Denver Hotel
3801 Quebec Street (south of the I-70 and
Quebec intersection)

Please e-mail your reservations to Caryn Bauer at:
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made By 12:00 noon on Monday, May 5,
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must be received one month prior to the next
general meeting.*

Caryn L. Bauer
SEAC Executive Assistant

President's Message

Work is coming along on getting *SEAC* organized with our new Executive Assistant **Caryn Bauer**. In addition to getting out the newsletters, dues notices, and helping to set up our meetings, Caryn has been working on preparing new content for our web site. Caryn will be present to greet all of you at the next general meeting on May 8, so please come out and say hello. It is always easier to work with someone and ask for assistance when you can put a face with a name. A big thanks to *SEAC* Member **Richard Huddleston**, who is the current webmaster of the *SEAC* site. Richard has put in many hours building the web site to a point where we can now add content and make it a great tool for all of our members. Improving our web site is a major *SEAC* goal for 2003; please log in from time to time and check our progress. We hope to be adding regular information from our active committees and have a calendar of seminars and upcoming events by the end of this year. If you have suggestions of information you would like to see on our site, please contact one of you board members.

Speaking of committees, I would like to personally invite each of you to participate in one of *SEAC*'s standing committees. This is the level of the organization where the work gets done and from where you can derive the most value. This month's newsletter features reports from the the SEERP Committee. The SEERP committee is a new committee working to coordinate the effort of *SEAC* volunteers with local officials for emergency response. The Denver Building Department Liaison Committee has taken up the issue of studying the merits of adoption of the IBC vs. the NFPA by the city of Denver. This is a hot topic today with many political organizations taking sides. *SEAC*'s position will be based on the advantages of the one code vs. another to the practice of structural engineering and to the safety and well being of the public. The Business Practice Committee is working on this issue as well. Finally, **Jullian Lineham** has taken over the chair of the Architectural Committee and is restarting that group. Since many of the *SEAC* members work primarily for Architects, it is important that *SEAC* communicate with the AIA, and the design community in general to address their needs and concerns.

Finally, I would like to give a big pat on the back to the ad hoc committee that has formed to coordinate the NCSEA convention that will be held in Denver, October 23 -25 this year. The group has put together a program of "Earth, Wind and Snow" to introduce structural engineers from around the country to the challenges of designing structures in Colorado. If you have something unique you think *SEAC* should include in the program, let a committee member know soon - time is running out. Please give a good word to committee members **Brent Norris** (chair), **Charles Keyes**, **Ben Nelson**, **Eric Hunnes**, **Paul Hause**, **Luis Estenssoro** and **Wally Prebis**, for the hard work they have put in thus far and yet to come! I look forward to seeing all of you at our general meeting on May 8.

STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

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SEAC would like to announce the formation of our newest committee. As a result of the events of September 11th, it has become apparent there may be other ways for the members of our organization to serve our communities and our local first responders. The goal of our new Structural Engineering Emergency Response Plan (SEERP) Committee will be to offer our expertise to state and local agencies and train to assist them in the event of a disaster, either natural or man-made. Following the attack on 9-11, structural engineers from SEAoNY assembled and formed teams to assess the structural integrity of hundreds of structures around the WTC site. Although their performance has been considered exemplary, having a plan and contact with the local emergency response system in advance would have made their efforts, and the duties of those they were assisting, much easier and more efficient. In such situations, efficiency is paramount. Realize that terrorist activities are not the only need for a committee such as this. Earthquakes (yes, we can experience these here!), floods, fires, and tornadoes can lead to situations where structural engineers can provide technical assistance to rescue personnel and to local authorities to help them be safer and more effective in completing their jobs. If you think you might be interested in working on this committee, please contact **Brent Norris** at

J.R. Harris and Company, 303-860-9021, or email him at brent.norris@jrharrisandco.com. A kick-off meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 21, 2003 at 3:30 PM. The location is yet to be determined, depending upon the number of participants. Please contact Brent as soon as possible so he can finalize the plans.



SEAC Wants You!

**Become a member of SEAC
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from our web site.
www.seacolorado.com or contact
Jerry Maly at 720-962-8688.**

