



NHERI GSC: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: 5 Apr 2024 Time: 11:00 am CST Location: ZOOM

Meeting Start: 11:02 AM CST

Item 1: President's Welcome (Emmaleah Jones)

Item 2: Review of Prior Minutes (Jordan Nakayama)

- Previous meeting minutes (March 3rd) *passed*
- Attendance for the meeting is as follows:

Executive Position	Name	Attendance Y/N
President	Emmaleah Jones	Y
Vice President	Richard Campos	Y
Secretary	Jordan Nakayama	Y
Vice Secretary	Anamika Malla	Y
Treasurer	Natalie Coleman	Y
Vice Treasurer	Burak Duran	N
Chair Workshop & Mentoring	Rajendra Gauntam	Y
Vice-Chair Workshop & Mentoring	Benjamin Labar	N
Chair Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion	Harman Singh	Y
Vice-Chair Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion	Nasimeh Rashidi	Y
Chair Research	Nurullah Bektas	Y
Vice-Chair Research	Soolmaz Khoshkalam	Y
Chair Networking & Community	Julie Elliot	Y
Vice-Chair Networking & Community	Shelly McMullen	Y
Chair Membership	Daniel Yahya	Y
Vice-Chair Membership	Wesam Mohamed	Y
Chair Technology & Communication	Avipriyo Chakraborty	Y
Vic-Chair Technology & Communication	Vishal Mishra	N
User Forum Rep	Esteban Villalobos Vega	Y
President-Emeritus	Holly Davies	N

Additional member attendance: Payam Gholamalipour, Rakesh Salunke, Humayra, Himadri Sen Gupta, Najiba Disha, Daniel Adeleke, Bijan, Omar Metwally

Item 3: Treasurer's Report (Natalie Coleman)

- Met on April 2nd with the Proposal Committee
 - Previously inquired what opportunities members were most interested in and the main response was funding opportunities for conferences
 - Research Subcommittee Representatives (RSRs) to identify one conference and/or industry opportunity that could benefit NHERI GSC as a whole (e.g., Natural Hazards Conference, EMI)



- Julie and Shelly have already created a repository of conferences that members have attended and will be shared with the Proposal Committee

Item 4: NHERI Updates (Robin Nelson)

- Currently delayed in selecting NHERI Summer Institute participants. Updates on this will come from Robin as soon as possible.
- Still selecting participants for Natural Hazards Workshop
 - If you have not applied, and are willing to help make selections, reach out to Robin to help
- Still working on the NHERI GSC Natural Hazards Research Summit session. All members who were selected to receive funding have been notified.
- Moving forward, the Secretary will email all members to notify that the applicants to receive conference funding have been selected, therefore, if you did not receive an email, you were not selected.

Item 5: User Forum Representative – NCO requests (Esteban Villalobos Vega)

- What missing opportunities or challenges does NHERI GSC missing in order to make the organization grow?
 - Discretionary funding for NHERI GSC to help motivate members to be more interactive
 - Supporting RSRs and organizing specific events/meetings for more discipline specific interaction.
 - Should we add a 30-minute RSR breakout room session after the general body meeting on April 19th so RSRs can meet with others who are interested in that area of research and discuss interests from the members in their specific fields
 - Create office hours for each RSR – RSRs were created to be a bridge between the members and the executive committee to allow for each area of research within NHERI GSC to be represented equally to the executive committee.
 - Need to create a training for RSRs to provide a comprehensive review of NHERI GSC and the expectations of the RSRs roles and responsibilities
 - Alumni network – support alumni students also creating a space for them to come in and present their work

Item 6: Standing Committee Updates (Any or all groups)

Social Media & Outreach: Avi (avipriyo.chakraborty@students.jsums.edu) and Vishal (vmishra1@ce.iitr.ac.in)



- If you would like anything to be posted on social media share all necessary details (pictures, bio) with Avi to be posted on our accounts.

Networking & Community: Julie (jhe@udel.edu) and Shelley (shelley.mcmullen@ucdenver.edu)

- Creating a database of popular conferences that members are going to.
 - If there are a bunch going to one conference, we could create a whatsApp group for those in attendance.
 - Planning social events for already known conferences that members will attend.

Membership: Daniel (diy0001@auburn.edu) and Wesam (wesammm2@illinois.edu)

- Sending out personalized emails to new registered members. This has helped increase the participation of new members in events.

Research: Nurullah (nurullahbektas@hotmail.com) and Soolmaz (skhoshkalam@umassd.edu)

- New website for the Mini-Conference: <https://www.designsafe-ci.org/learning-center/nheri-graduate-student-council/mini-conference-2024/>
 - Working on finalizing the Mini-Conference agenda.
 - There will be a podcast on the NHERI DesignSafe radio next week about the NHERI GSC Mini-Conference!

DEI: Harman (harmansingh1412@gmail.com) and Nasimeh (nasimeh.rashidi@wsu.edu)

- Planning a DEI meeting and have potential speaker lined up. Once confirmed more details will be shared.

User Forum: Esteban Villalobos Vega (esteban.villalobos@ou.edu)

- Esteban will send an email posing the NCO questions for NHERI GSC Executive Committee. Please take a few moments to respond with your own ideas (reply all so there is no repetition).
- Maggie Leon-Corwin will be in attendance at the beginning next executive committee meeting on May 3rd.

Item 7: AOB (Jordan Nakayama)

- I. Confirming Next Meeting & Speaker – TBD, Dr. Roueche not available.

Meeting Close: 12:12 AM CST