



# NHERI GSC: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: 2 Aug 2024 Time: 11:00 am CST Location: ZOOM

**Meeting Start:** 11:00 AM CST

**Item 1:** President's Welcome (Emmaleah Jones)

**Item 2:** Review of Prior Minutes (Jordan Nakayama)

- Previous meeting minutes (July 5<sup>th</sup>) *passed*
- Attendance for the meeting is as follows:

| Executive Position                        | Name                    | Attendance Y/N |
|---|-------------------------|----------------|
| President                                 | Emmaleah Jones          | N              |
| 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    | N              |
| Vic-Chair Technology & Communication      | Vishal Mishra           | N              |
| User Forum Rep                            | Esteban Villalobos Vega | N              |
| President-Emeritus                        | Holly Davies            | N              |

Additional member attendance: Mahmoud Abdallah, Alireza Eskandarinejad, Parisa Toofani Movaghar, Himadri Sen Gupta, Emrecañ Adanır, Anoop Kumar Tiwari, Ayantika, Jorge Romero Loyola, Utkarsh Gangwal, Saeid Ghasemi Gavabar, Christopher Kolade Alegbeleye, Yvonne Dadson, Erin Boyle, Vishnupriya Jonnalagadda

**Item 3:** Treasurer's Report (Natalie Coleman)

- Proposal writing committee:
  - Working to finalize the templates for conference funding/sponsorship. This will also include a standardized procedure for impartial selection of the students who will be chosen to receive funding.

- All final copies will be submitted in the NHERI GSC OneDrive and we will ask for all Executive Committee members to review them.
- Working on the conference repository to identify what upcoming conferences are happening, any abstract deadlines, and any existing funding opportunities listed on the conference's website. These will be announced in the general body meeting announcements from now on.
- If you have or are planning to attend AGU there is an existing funding opportunity you can apply for.
  - The abstract deadline for the conference has been extended to August 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM EST.
  - You must be a registered AGU student member to submit your abstract.
  - There are US based and international student opportunities. Visit the website for more details on if you meet the requirements for applying.  
<https://www.agu.org/honors/scholarships-grants>
  - Details on costs associated with registering for AUG are as follows: \$40 submission fee for abstract, \$39 fee for student membership, \$400 registration fee

**Item 4:** NHERI Updates (Robin Nelson)

- At the next General Body meeting we will announce the next round of elections. This will be for the positions of President, Secretary, Treasurer, and all Chair positions of Standing Committees.
- Thank you, Jordan, for putting together the 2024 Annual Report!
- Thank you, Julie and Shelley, for putting together and hosting graduate student socials at the Natural Hazard Research Workshop!
- The book of proceedings for the NHERI GSC Mini-Conference has been published on DesignSafe.
- Thank you Nurullah and Harman for putting together an event review paper to submit to the Journal of Disaster Studies on the NHERI GSC Mini-Conference!
- Thank you to Harman for organizing and hosting the DEI workshop for REU students !
- Thank you to all who presented to the REU students the workshop on Building your Research Brand!

**Item 5:** Standing Committee Updates (Any or all groups)

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

- Published the book of proceedings for the NHERI GSC Mini-Conference which can be found here: <https://www.designsafe-ci.org/data/browser/public/designsafe.storage.published/PRJ-4812>
- Working with Harman on event review paper of the Mini-Conference for Journal of Disaster Studies



- Nurullah will also be presenting a session about the NHERI GSC at an international conference in Italy, WCEE2024 <https://www.wcee2024.it/>

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

- Thank the volunteers who moderated sessions at the DEI workshop for the REU students.
- We will be hosting the same workshop for the GSC this fall, look out for email asking for volunteers again.

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

- International campaign:
  - We have sent emails to international universities making them aware of NHERI GSC and received a response that they would forward to their graduate students.
    - Already received 3 new members from this campaign.
- US campaign:
  - Looking to target minority institutions and working on reaching out via email these universities
- We have been looking at ways to increase membership and participation in other ways:
  - Engaging with other graduate students at conferences has been the most impactful
  - Connect with graduate student list serves at universities where we already have members at to send an email letting students know about the NHERI GSC
  - Preparing a flyer and standard email template to share with the Executive Committee members to get this process started.

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

- NHR Workshop: we sent out a google form before the conference to get students connected via WhatsApp and provided them with graduate student social opportunities
  - Informal coffee hour in the morning before the conference start
  - On the last night of the conference had a dinner at the hotel restaurant
- We plan to start using this for future conferences, like AGU
- Working on the conference database with Treasurer/Proposal Committee so that we can plan google forms to send out for future conferences

User Forum: Esteban ([esteban.villalobos@ou.edu](mailto:esteban.villalobos@ou.edu))

- Planning to schedule a meeting to discuss proposals for NCO support based on the comments/ideas emailed to Esteban. If you responded to the email with an idea, please be on the lookout for an email invitation to this meeting

#### **Item 6: AOB (Jordan Nakayama)**

- AOB
  - Jordan is working to finish the Annual Report by the general body meeting in August.
  - Nurullah will send the Member Spotlight information to our Mini-Conference presenters and RSR presenters to potentially be included in the Annual Report
- Confirming Next Meeting & Speaker – Dr. Jinyan Zhao SimCenter will present on August 16<sup>th</sup>

**Meeting Close: 11:33 AM CST**