

NGSC Networking and Community Building Group | June Meeting

Scheduled Date: June 10, 2022 at 11AM CT | 12PM EST

Meeting Minutes

Starting time: 11:03am CT

Participants: Saman Khedmatgoozar (Chair), Paola Rivera-Gonzalez (Vice-Chair), Sina Naeimi, Faith Nennanya, Erika Rivera, Robin Nelson (NHERI coordinator)

Participant introductions - led by Saman (Chair)

Meeting expectations and agenda - led by Saman

Ideas for next group meetings - led by Saman (Chair)

- Bring graduate student and advisors speakers to talk about their research for 20-30 minutes
- Topics that Saman mentioned for future meetings (if there was any interest):
 1. Nondestructive testing application
 2. Wall of Wind (WoW), wind tunnel, and how to design structures under the wind, hurricanes, typhoons, etc. load
 3. Seismic design and recent innovation in this regard
 4. Precast structures

Open discussion on topics that are interesting to group members

- Sina was interested in all of the topics previously mentioned. Some of the attendees said they would present –or would like to, when they have results/findings – their research for 30 minutes or less.

Group activity – What is Community Building to you? & Group Expectations from Members– led by Paola (Vice-Chair)

- [A Jamboard link was shared with attendees](#)
 - They shared their ideas on what ‘community building’ means to them and in another slide they included ideas/events they would like to see in the group
 - Some of the takeaways from the expectations were:
 - Casual get togethers and hangouts between graduate students
 - Events with professionals
 - Events with researchers
 - Research and industry speakers
 - Jobs and steps after graduating college
 - Transition from college to industry and/or academia

- The activity will be shared via email to those group members that did not attend the first group meeting to still include their expectations and views on the group's future and goals.

New topics

- [Event calendar](#) is available on the NHERI website with dates to conferences and workshops
 - It is open for students to suggest any new event and conference, and it is available for edit to NGSC executive members

Closing remarks and acknowledgements for participation

Ending time: 11:42am CT