

**Minutes of Steering Committee Kickoff Meeting
International Association of Bridge Earthquake Engineering**

Monday, January 9, 2017

2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Meeting Room “Explanada” of 16th WCEE Venue in Santiago, Chile

Attendees: **W. Phillip Yen, Chair** (*IABEE, Washington, DC*)

Alessandro Palermo (*University of Canterbury of New Zealand at Canterbury*),

David Lau (*Carleton University - Canada's Capital University at Ottawa*),

Ian Buckle (*University of Nevada at Reno*),

Jianzhong Li (*Tongji University at Shanghai*),

Khalid Mosalam (*University of California at Berkeley*),

Kuo-Chen Chang (*University of Taiwan at Taipei*)

Matias Hube (*Pontifical Catholic University of Chile at Santiago*),

Michele Calvi (*Istituto Universitario di Studi Superiori at Pavia*),

Yan (Helen) Xu, (*Tongji University at Shanghai*)

Linda Kuo (*Turner-Fairbank Highway Research Center/ FHWA at McLean VA*)

Summary: The objectives of this meeting are to: (1) meet face-to-face for all steering committee members and (2) exchange the thoughts for identifying the primary functions/ missions of this association or society should be, and (3) discuss to hold the next International Bridge Seismic Workshop on November 17-18, 2017 in Shanghai, China.

Note: Meeting Agenda is attached – Attachment 1

- **Dr. Phil Yen gave an opening remark to welcome everyone’s participation and appreciate each individual’s efforts and willingness to serve as a steering committee member of this organization. Each participant briefly introduced his/her institute’s current research interest.**

- **Dr. Phil Yen gave a short presentation on the background of forming this association/ society, and what he thought of the primary functions/ missions should be included. The presented PPT is attached – Attachment 2.**

Primary Missions:

- Promote and Exchange the Bridge Earthquake Engineering Technology
- Conduct International Workshops, Symposiums, Conferences and other Activities,
- Establish International Collaborations in Bilateral or Multilateral Format

- Provide Education Tools and Technologies in Advancing Bridge Seismic Safety

Activities Proposed:

- To hold the second International Bridge Seismic Workshop in Shanghai, China in November 17-18, 2017.
- To publish a Manual/ Handbook type of “Bridge Earthquake Engineering Common Practice in Design and Retrofitting”, including in all regions to be co-authored and published by all steering committee members.
- To hold the 8th US National Seismic Conference on Highway Bridges in late 2018.

In the discussions of the primary functions/ missions and proposed activities:

- **Suggested to use the name “International Bridge Earthquake Engineering Society (IBEES) instead of the IABEE, and Dr. Yen will look at the availability of this new name in the web and registered societies.**
- **Suggested to add the student activities, such as student blind contest, in the “Missions” to encourage students’ participation.**
- **Suggested to add “Facilitate Reconnaissance” to the primary functions of the organization.**
- **Commented on publishing the proposed Manual/ Handbook for all regions practice of Seismic Design/ Retrofitting may not be practical, and suggested to have younger researchers in the committee volunteered in providing web links of each regions’ state of practice.**
- **Suggested to add some concise write-ups of each region’s design philosophy and principles to the web links.**
- **Suggested that the association/ society can discuss with US FHWA in providing 2 international seats for the US National Highway Institute (NHI) bridge seismic related training courses and similar to other countries’ training course.**
- **Suggested to add “Recognition of the Contribution” of experts in the BEE communities.**
- **Suggested to provide connecting links and seats of US NCHRP’s Webinars related to bridge seismic engineering to all members.**
- **Suggested to add the IABEE in supporting/ sponsoring organizations of the Earthquake Engineering Symposium in Vancouver, Canada in 2017; and if possible,**

organizing a special session of the symposium. (Prof. Calvi, please correct the symposium or conference's name, thanks!)

In the discussion of the proposed plan on holding the 2nd International Bridge Seismic Workshop:

- **Prof. Li and Helen Xu gave a short background of proposing to host this workshop in Shanghai. A draft “Call for paper” of this workshop is distributed and attached at the end of this minutes: - Attachment 3.**
- **All steering committee members are cordially invited to served as a Scientific Committee Member of this workshop (Member’s registration fees will be waved)**
- **All members are asked to suggest keynote speakers for the workshop and organizing special sessions, and please contact Dr. Yen for this suggestion.**
- **1st “Call for Paper” flyer will be sent to the Bridge Engineering Communities by the end of February.**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm.