

2014 ANNUAL REPORT

Washington Chapter

of the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute

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This report summarizes the membership and activities conducted by the Washington Regional Chapter of the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute during 2014.

MISSION & GOALS

To be the most relevant nonprofit organization in the State of Washington dedicated to seismic risk reduction and resiliency planning and advocacy.

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

The Washington Regional Chapter had a total of 85 members in 2014.

OFFICERS

The Board consisted of the following members:

Role	Name	Affiliation	Email
President	David Gonzalez	Reid Middleton	dgonzalez@reidmiddleton.com
Secretary-Treasurer	Lynn Salvati	McMillen Jacobs Associates	salvati@mcmjac.com
Director	Steve Kramer	University of Washington	kramer@uw.edu
Director	Scott Miles	Western Washington University	smiles@wwu.edu
Director	Mark Pierepiekarz	MRP Engineering	mrp@mrpengineering.com
Director	Vacant*		

*The Board currently has a director vacancy due to the resignation of a member that moved out of state. We are currently looking to fill the position, ideally with someone with policy or public service background.

In 2014, the Board had four meetings that were held at Degenkolb Engineers' office. In addition, we had a four-hour strategic planning session to determine short- and long-term goals.

BUDGET & FINANCIALS

At the end of 2014, the Washington Chapter had a positive balance of \$3,016.84 which are held by the national EERI organization. At the time of writing this annual report, there is a positive balance of \$2,318.46. There were four EERI members that elected to pay an optional \$25.00 at the time they renewed their memberships earlier in 2015.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

In addition to the board meetings, we had one general meeting in 2014, as described below:

AUGUST CHAPTER MEETING

Tuesday 19, August 19, 2014

Venue: The Daily Grill, 629 Pike St., Seattle, WA 98101

“Washington State and Oregon State Seismic Performance and Resilience of Transportation Networks”

Speakers:

- Bijan Khaleghi, State Bridge Design Engineer, Washington State Department of Transportation
- Bruce Johnson, State Bridge Engineer, Oregon Department of Transportation

Attendance: 35

2015 GOALS

We intend to complete the following overarching goals:

- Complete and implement a strategic plan that will provide guidance to the chapter's mission and activities over the next five years
- Recruit one director to fulfill the current vacancy
- Hold elections in October 2015 to transition to a new board leadership
- Reach out to graduate students at the University of Washington and other relevant higher education organizations in the region
- Form strong ties with the British Columbia chapter and other PNW regional chapters (Alaska, Oregon)
- Attend the Canadian Earthquake Engineering Conference in support of the national EERI organization and the BC chapter

Membership

- Increase membership by 25 members

Chapter Meetings and Ongoing Activities

- Host 3-4 Chapter meetings
- Hold Chapter election in October 2015
- Maintain website content and add new events/activities throughout the year

Chapter Initiatives

- Support the national EERI organization and other local chapters with the school safety program
- Start dialogue and strategy to create a student chapter at the University of Washington over the next five years