NHERI GSC: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: 6 Dec 2024   **Time:** 11:00 am CST   **Location:** ZOOM

Meeting Start: 11:00 AM CST

Item 1: President's Welcome (Harman Singh)

- Dr. León-Corwin – Preliminary results from the 2024 User Forum Survey with GSC focus
  - User Forum Survey was open from June 12th to October 15th, 2024.
  - Summary of graduate student-specific questions
    - Suggestions for support: funding opportunities, networking, training, and additional opportunities to access tools and sites.
    - Open-ended responses: additional support for manuscript preparation and publication support, more funding opportunities (travel, research awards, small budget socials)
  - GSC-specific questions for users who work with graduate students
    - 73% have shared information about NHERI GSC because of the graduate student connection and leadership experience as well as the professional development!
    - Reason for not sharing about the GSC: lack of resources that synthesize information, lack of consideration
  - Slides of all preliminary results will be included in the meeting minutes.
- Proposed Constitution amendments: These amendments will be voted on at the next Executive Committee meeting (January 3rd) and then sent to the General Body for an official vote for inclusion in the Constitution.
  - Changing NHERI GSC to NSF NHERI GSC everywhere in the constitution and in all official communications. The logo has been updated accordingly.
  - Under Appendix A: List of Standing Committees and their Subcommittees and Appendix F in Subcommittee Representatives section removing the Tsunami RSR (It would fall under the Coastal Engineering RSR in the future).
  - Under ARTICLE IV: Officers Section 6: Term of Office – Officers and Appointees add "Any executive committee member or appointee who does not attend three Executive Committee or General Meetings in a row without communicating with the President, Vice-President and/or NSF NHERI GSC Liaison, will automatically be expelled from their current position (but can still participate in other NHERI GSC events) and their seat will be open for an election. If expelled from an officer or appointee position, one cannot run in any future election."
  - Under ARTICLE IV: Officers Section 6: Term of Office – Officers and Appointees add, "For all officers and appointees, the term of office shall be one calendar year starting September 1 of the current academic year and ending on August 31 of the current academic year, except for the User Forum Representative which shall serve a term of two years."
  - In line with the changes above and to minimize repetition, combine Section 6: Term of Office – Officers and Appointees and Section 7: Term of Office Vice Positions and Alternates
  - Under ARTICLE IV: Section 8: Limit on Positions proposed change, "Members can be nominated for multiple executive committee positions. If nominated for more than one

position, members can accept up to two positions for nomination. However, no member can be elected to more than one position in NSF NHERI GSC. In the case of a nominee winning both elections, the nominee will be able to decide which office they choose to fill, and the runner up will be chosen in the other election."

- o ARTICLE VII: Standing Committees and Subcommittees Section 2: Standing Committee Composition and Term proposed change "Standing Subcommittee Representatives (i.e., Research Subcommittee Representatives [RSRs]) shall serve a term from September 1 of the current academic year through August 31 of the subsequent academic year and be selected (under a rubric based on merit) by the Executive Committee and then the screened nominees are voted on in the general meeting."
- o Under Appendix F: Officer, Standing Committee, & Subcommittee Leadership Job Descriptions, adding "Train the incoming Officer/Standing Committee/ Subcommittee Leadership in all duties prior to exiting your role." under each role.

Item 2: Review of Prior Minutes (Jordan Nakayama)

- Previous meeting minutes (November 1st) *passed*
- Attendance for the meeting is as follows:

Executive Position	Name	Attendance Y/N
President	Harman Singh	Y
Vice President	Richard Campos	Y
Secretary	Jordan Nakayama	Y
Vice Secretary	Anamika Malla	Y
Treasurer	Safoura Safari	Y
Vice Treasurer	Burak Duran	Y
Chair Workshop & Mentoring	Rajendra Gautam	Y
Vice-Chair Workshop & Mentoring	Benjamin Labar	N
Chair Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion	Parisa Toofani Movaghar	Y
Vice-Chair Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion	Nasimeh Rashidi	N
Chair Research	Pooria Mazaheri	Y
Vice-Chair Research		
Chair Networking & Community	Shelley McMullen	Y
Vice-Chair Networking & Community	Mujungu Lawrence Museru	Y
Chair Membership	Daniel Yahya	Y
Vice-Chair Membership	Diako Abbasi	Y
Chair Social Media & Outreach	Avipriyo Chakraborty	N
Vic-Chair Social Media & Outreach	Vishal Mishra	N
User Forum Rep	Esteban Villalobos Vega	N
President-Emeritus	Emmaleah Jones	N

Additional member attendance: Bijan Sayyafzadeh, Raimi Morufu, Jose Manuel Guerra Colque, Arezoo Bakhshizadeh, Vishnupriya Jonnalagadda, Dorian Acevedo, Samir Nepal, Mohamed Hassan, Alejandro Huaman Ruiz, Mohammad Movahedi, Erika Rivera, Aleem Ullah, Saeid Ghasemi Gavabar, Sohel Rana, Nurulla Bektas, Caleb Ogbeta.

Item 3: Treasurer's Report (Safoura Safari)

- Completed the NSF NHERI GSC Budget Proposal, which Robin will share with the NCO for potential inclusion in their official NSF renewal proposal.
- Completed the proposal for NHERI GSC member funding for the 50th Annual Natural Hazards Research and Workshop.

Item 4: NHERI Updates (Robin Nelson)

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

I. **Workshops & Mentoring**: Rajendra (rgautam.nepal@gmail.com) and Benjamin(labarbenjamin@gmail.com)

    a. Hosted a successful workshop on Careers in the Industry/Government sector, welcoming panelists from our NHERI GSC Alumni Chapter.

    b. Hosting another workshop on Career in Academia on January 10th, moderated by Anamika Malla, welcoming panelists from our NHERI GSC Alumni Chapter.

        i. Register for the event: https://bit.ly/2025NHERIGSC_AcademiaPanel

    c. Working with Bijan on the OpenSees workshop for an RSR meeting.

II. **Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion**: Parisa (ptoofani@nd.edu) and Nasimeh (nasimeh.rashidi@wsu.edu)

    a. Finalized the DEI webinar with Abigail Beck on January 24th. To register for this event: https://bit.ly/2025NHERIGSC_AbigailBeck

    b. Collaborated with the Treasurer to complete the proposal for the Annual Natural Hazards Workshop.

III. **Research**: Pooria (mazaheri@iastate.edu)

    a. Bijan has organized a Simulation and Computational Methods RSR meeting where Silva Mazzoni will present on OpenSees January 31st. To register for this event: https://bit.ly/2025NHERIGSC_Mazzoni

IV. **Networking & Community**: Shelley (shelley.mcmullen@ucdenver.edu) and Mujungu (mlmuseru@memphis.edu)

    a. Created a Google form for those attending AGU which will include members in a WhatsApp group and let them know about any NHERI GSC social events at the conference.

        i. Google Form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1WCs_q6B-b8KhJX-gDTbtf_uyKGUcDxSAHejMAPvluEk/edit.

    b. Finalizing the activities for the December meeting, the Holiday Social.

V. **Membership**: Daniel (diy0001@auburn.edu) and Diako (dabbasi@umd.edu)

   a. Developed the membership certificate and request form. Jordan will receive both, which will be included in the meeting minutes. Please email Daniel and Diako if you have any edits or recommendations.

VI.   **Technology & Communication**: Avipriyo (avipriyo.chakraborty@students.jsums.edu) and Vishal (vmishra1@ce.iitr.ac.in)

   a. Announcing the AGU presenters on social media. If you would like your information shared for AGU, email Avi with your name, the date/time/room of your presentation, the title of your presentation, and a headshot.

VII.   **User Forum Rep**: Esteban (esteban.villalobos@ou.edu)

   a. Presented NHERI GSC and the new executive committee members at the last User Forum meeting.

Item 6: AOB (Jordan Nakayama)

I.   AOB

- Confirming Next Meeting: Holiday Social hosted by the Networking and Community Standing Committee, Shelley and Mujungu.

Meeting End: 12:00 PM CST