

OFFICIAL BALLOT
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER
EARTHQUAKE ENGINEERING RESEARCH INSTITUTE

October 2010

Introduction

On behalf of the Northern California Chapter Board of Directors, thank you for voting in this election. This ballot contains a brief description of Board membership, a description of the proposed revision to Article III of the chapter bylaws, voting instructions, a ballot and a brief biographical sketch of the qualified slate of candidates.

The Board would like to thank the Nominating Committee of Laura Dwelley-Samant, Chair, Alan Kropp, Joan MacQuarrie, and Catherine Westphall for proposing an excellent slate of Candidates for the Chapter's consideration.

The following table summarizes the current and future Board positions.

Position	2009-2010 Board of Directors	2010-2011 Board of Directors
President	Tom Tobin, interim	Janiele Maffei
Past President	--	Tom Tobin
President Elect	Janiele Maffei	--
Secretary/Treasurer	Heidi Faison	Heidi Faison
Director	Christopher Barkley	Christopher Barkley
Director	Keith Kelson	Keith Kelson
Director	Ayse Hortascu	Ayse Hortascu
Director	Dick McCarthy	Open
Director	Justin Moresco	Justin Moresco
Director	Marko Schotanus	Marko Schotanus

Candidates

The two candidates nominated for the 2010 election are Jennifer Donahue and Dick McCarthy. Their bios are included at the end of this document.

Revision to the Bylaws

Recent turnover of members serving on the EERI NC board of directors has resulted in a board full of new and enthusiastic participants. Currently six directors (5 at large directors and one president-elect) were elected from the 2009 slate of candidates and have served less than one year. Additionally the other three board members have served for less than two years (president, secretary-treasurer, and 1 at-large director). In the 2008-2009 term the board was also missing a past-president. With such fresh board members and without the historical legacy that a past president is intended to provide, the board is proposing to alter a few director at-large terms so that the current board can continue to develop traction and remain consistent for another year. Additionally this new version of the bylaws removes the appointed position of Vice President, clarifies the term lengths for all Board members, and clarifies the procedures for board member vacancy replacement.

The proposed changes are as follows.

(1) Revision to the succession plan.

Article III, item 2 of the current bylaws states that “Each elected Director at-large shall serve a term of two years.” Article III, item 2 of the current bylaws states that “Terms of office shall be staggered in order to assure continuity within the Board of Directors.”

With the necessary election of 6 new board members in the 2010 election (to replace board members who stepped down for various reasons), there has become a conflict with these two items. If all five at-large directors elected in 2009 served two-year terms, there would be a drastic change to the board in 2011, which would result in excessive disruption to the board.

Thus, the current board proposes to have three of the current at-large directors finish their two year term (ending in Fall 2011), and to extend the term for two of the current at-large directors to a 3 year term (ending in Fall 2012). The two at-large directors selected to have an extended three year term will be determined at random. This revised succession plan is shown in Figure 1. This approach will reintroduce the stagger in the at-large board seats, as intended in the bylaws, so that there are 3 at large directors positions slated for election every year. Additionally it will allow the current board members to continue to develop traction on the board and allow it to remain strong and active. This change is listed in Article III, item 14 of the version of the bylaws up for voter approval in this ballot.

(2) Removal of the role of Vice President.

The current bylaws contain a board member position of “Vice President.” Article III, item 2 of the current bylaws states that “The Vice-President shall be chosen by the Board of Directors from among the Directors at-large.” This was a result of a 2004 bylaw change that changed vice presidency from an elected position to an appointment. According to the current bylaws, “The only prescribed duty of the Vice President is to fill in for the President when the President’s office is vacant and there is no President-Elect.” With this as the only purpose of this position, the current board feels that this position is unnecessary because in the case of such a vacancy, one of the directors at-large could be selected to fill this position. Based on this reasoning, the position of vice president has been made redundant. The current board proposes that the role of “vice president” be removed from the board, and the version of the bylaws proposed for voter approval have been updated to remove this position from Article III, item 1.

	Fall 2009 - Fall 2010	Fall 2010 - Fall 2011	Fall 2011 - Fall 2012	Fall 2012 - Fall 2013	Fall 2013 - Fall 2014
President Elect	P2	--	P3	--	P4
President	P1	P2	P2	P3	P3
Past President	--	P1	--	P2	--
Secretary/Treasurer	ST1 (year 1)	ST1 (year 2)	ST2 (year 1)	ST2 (year 2)	ST3 (year 1)
Director A	DA1 (year 1)	DA1 (year 2)	DA1 (year 3)	DA2 (year 1)	DA2 (year 2)
Director B	DB1 (year 2)	DB2 (year 1)	DB2 (year 2)	DB2 (year 1)	DB2 (year 2)
Director C	DC1 (year 1)	DC1 (year 2)	DC1 (year 3)	DC2 (year 1)	DC2 (year 2)
Director D	DD1 (year 1)	DD1 (year 2)	DD2 (year 1)	DD2 (year 2)	DD3 (year 1)
Director E	DE1 (year 1)	DE1 (year 2)	DE2 (year 1)	DE2 (year 2)	DE3 (year 1)
Director F	DF1 (year 1)	DF1 (year 2)	DF2 (year 1)	DF2 (year 2)	DF3 (year 1)

Figure 1: Proposed new board member succession plan showing proposed 3 year terms for two current at-large directors to reintroduce stagger into the board member election cycle.

(3) Clarification of the member terms and vacancy replacement.

Current confusion over how to replace board member vacancies has lead the board to clarify each board member term as well as how to deal with mid-term vacancies in board member positions that are likely to occasionally occur due to the volunteer nature of board membership. Revised items 3, 4 and 5 clarify the terms of each board position and the number of subsequent terms that any particular board member can serve in each position. New items 8, 9, and 10 clarify the process by which mid-term vacancies should be filled for each board position.

The text of the proposed version of Article III and the current version of Article III are both printed below for your reference. To read the full text of all articles in the bylaws, visit:
http://www.eerinc.org/?page_id=16

If the proposed version of the Bylaws is NOT approved by the EERI NC Voters, then the results of the one at-large director position will be voided and another election will take place in January 2010 to elect three at-large directors to the board. In this case, two of the existing five at-large directors who were elected in 2009 will be selected at random to conclude their current terms. Both of these board members will be allowed to run for re-election in January with the two candidates from the October 2010 election and any other candidates required to fill the slate.

PROPOSED VERSION OF ARTICLE III AND REMOVAL OF ATTACHMENT 2 FROM THE BYLAWS:

Article III. Officers and Directors

1. *The Officers of the Northern California Chapter shall be a President, a Secretary/Treasurer, and a Past-President or a President Elect. The Officers and six Directors at-large shall constitute a Board of Directors in which the government of the Chapter shall be vested.*
2. *The Officers and Directors shall be elected by Members eligible to vote.*
3. *The President-elect shall serve a term of one year. In addition, the President-elect shall serve a two-year term as President and a one-year term as Past-President.*
4. *The elected Secretary/Treasurer shall serve a term of two years. The Secretary/Treasurer is eligible to serve one additional two-year term.*
5. *Each elected Director at-large shall serve a term of two years. Directors at-large are eligible to serve one additional two-year term.*
6. *All terms start at the opening of the Board of Directors meeting immediately following the election and continue until successors are elected and assume offices.*
7. *Terms of office shall be staggered in order to assure continuity within the Board of Directors. An Officer Succession Plan that show the terms of all Officers and Directors shall be maintained by the Secretary/Treasurer and shall be approved annually at the Board of Directors meeting immediately following the election.*
8. *The President-elect shall automatically become President in the event of a vacancy in the office of President. Time served as President in this event will not affect the length or start date of the two-year term as President to which the President-elect would otherwise succeed. When there is no President-elect, an Acting President shall be chosen by the Board of Directors from among the currently elected Board members for the duration of the presidential term. The position vacated by the selected Board member shall be filled in accordance with these Bylaws.*
9. *In the event of a vacancy in the office of Secretary/Treasurer, an Acting Secretary/Treasurer shall be chosen by the Board of Directors from among the Directors at-large for the duration of the term. The Director at-large position vacated shall be filled in accordance with these Bylaws.*
10. *In the event of a vacancy before the end of term of a Director at-large, the vacancy shall be filled for the duration of the term by an appointment made by the Board of Directors. An Acting Director will serve as a voting member of the Board of Directors. An Acting Director remains eligible to serve two two-year terms as an elected Director.*
11. *Ex officio (non-voting) Directors may be appointed by the Board of Directors to head specific activities for specified terms not to exceed two years unless reappointed by the Board of Directors.*
12. *The Board of Directors shall oversee the preparation of an Annual Report that shall be submitted to the Institute.*
13. *At meetings of the Board of Directors, a majority of the Officers and voting Directors shall constitute a quorum.*
14. *The terms of two at-large board members elected in November of 2009, will be extended to a three-year term to achieve the stagger in the at-large director positions intended by these Bylaws. These terms will be revised to end in November 2012. These two Directors at-large will remain eligible to serve one additional two-year term. The two at-large directors chosen to have an extended three year term will be determined at random from amongst the five at-large directors elected in 2009. The remaining three directors elected in 2009 will have a typical two year term that will end in November 2011.*

CURRENT VERSION OF ARTICLE III AND ATTACHMENT 2:

Article III. Officers and Directors

1. *The Officers of the Northern California Chapter shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary/Treasurer, a Past-President, and a President Elect. The Vice-President shall be chosen by the Board of Directors from among the Directors at-large. Members eligible to vote shall elect six Directors at-large. Ex officio (non-voting) Directors may be appointed by the Board of Directors to head specific activities for specified terms not to exceed two years unless reappointed by the Board of Directors. The Officers and Directors shall constitute a Board of Directors in which the government of the Chapter shall be vested.*
2. *Each elected Director at-large shall serve a term of two years. The term shall start at the opening of the Board of Directors meeting immediately following the election and continue until successors are elected and assume offices. Directors at-large are eligible to be nominated for one additional two-year term.*
3. *The President-elect shall serve a term of one year. In addition, the President-elect shall serve a two-year term as President and a one-year term as Past-President (as shown in the attached Officer Succession Plan). All terms start at the opening of the Board of Directors meeting immediately following the election of new Directors at-large.*
4. *Terms of office shall be staggered in order to assure continuity within the Board of Directors. (Attachment 2 shows the current Officer Succession Plan).*
5. *The President-elect shall automatically become President in the event of a vacancy in the office of President. Time served as President in this event will not affect the length or start date of the two-year term as President to which the President-elect would otherwise succeed. When there is no President-elect, the Vice-President shall automatically become President in the event of a vacancy in the office of President. Other vacancies may be filled for the duration of the term by appointments made by the Board of Directors.*
6. *The Board of Directors shall oversee the preparation of an Annual Report that shall be submitted to the Institute.*
7. *At meetings of the Board of Directors, a majority of the Officers and voting Directors shall constitute a quorum.*

Attachment 2: Officer Succession Plan

The following plan was established by approval of revised Bylaws in October 2004.

Position	Election date							
	10/03	10/04	10/05	10/06	10/07	10/08	10/09	10/10
President-elect		P3		P4		P5		P6
President*	P2		P3		P4		P5	
Past President*	P1		P2		P3		P4	
Vice President**	...	VP2			VP/D**		VP/D**	
Secretary / Treasurer	ST1		ST2		ST3		ST4	
Director at-large	...	DA2		DA3		DA4		DA ...
Director at-large	...	DB2		DB3		DB4		DB5 ...
Director at-large	DC		DC2		DC3		DC4	
Director at-large	DD		DD2		DD3		DD4	
Director at-large	DE1		DE2		DE3		DE4	
Director at-large		none		DF1		DF2		DF3 ...

* Position is not elected but filled by succession from separate office.

** Position is not elected but appointed from among the six Directors at-large. (In October 2004, Bylaw III.1 was approved. It changed the number of elected Directors from five to six, and instructed the Board of Directors to appoint the Vice President from among those six. The only prescribed duty of the Vice President is to fill in for the President when the President's office is vacant and there is no President-Elect. VP2 is thus the last elected Vice President. DF represents the sixth Director at -large.)

Voting Instructions

Please cast your vote for the one (1) open position on the Board of Directors of the Northern California Chapter of EERI and for your approval of the proposed changes to Article III of the bylaws for the Northern California Chapter of EERI. If you wish to cast your vote for a write in candidate for the Board of Directors, please mark the box and enter the person's name in the space provided.

The 2010 EERI NC Chapter election will only accept ballots submitted online. At the start of the election period, all current EERI NC Chapter members will receive an email with a link to the anonymous members-only online ballot. You must submit your online ballot by 5:00 PM, Friday, October 29, 2010.

Election results will be announced by email on Monday, November 1, 2010.

Questions

If you have questions, please contact your Chapter Secretary, Heidi Faison at (510) 912-6702 or hfaison@berkeley.edu.

SAMPLE BALLOT

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For the Office of Director:

Please vote for one (1) candidate. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to the office of director for a two-year term.

_____ Jennifer Donahue

_____ Dick McCarthy

_____ Write-In Candidate: _____

Revision of Article III of the EERI NC Bylaws:

_____ Yes, I approve the proposed changes to Article III of the Bylaws for the Northern California Chapter of EERI (as shown in the text below).

_____ No, I do NOT approve the proposed changes to Article III of the Bylaws for the Northern California Chapter of EERI (as shown in the text below).

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CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES

For the Office of Director

Jennifer Donahue

Jennifer Donahue, PE, is a Project Engineer at Geosyntec Consultants. A graduate of U.C. Berkeley, she obtained her Masters and PhD while specializing in geotechnical earthquake engineering. Her experience includes evaluation of liquefaction and settlement potential of sites, site characterization, analysis and back-analysis of landslides, selection of foundation systems, and development of design criteria. As an active member of GEER (Geo-Engineering Extreme Events Reconnaissance), she led the reconnaissance team to American Samoa directly after the September 29, 2009 Mw 8.0 earthquake and subsequent tsunami. Jennifer also has 16 years of active and reserve duty as a Civil Engineer Corps officer with the U.S. Navy. As a board member of the Northern California Chapter of EERI, she hopes to bring her technical knowledge and practical experiences to bear to educate and prepare the local communities for future earthquakes.

Dick McCarthy

Richard McCarthy has served as the Executive Director for the California Seismic Safety Commission since 1995. The California Seismic Safety Commission was established by legislation in January 1975 to set goals and priorities for earthquake safety. The Commission advises the Governor and the State Legislature on earthquake risk reduction issues. In addition, the Commission is responsible for developing and maintaining the California Earthquake Loss Reduction Plan. This document is a comprehensive strategic plan that sets forth statewide policy and direction in pursuit of the vision for a safer California.

Prior to joining the Seismic Safety Commission, Mr. McCarthy worked as the senior engineering geologist for the California Coastal Commission from 1979 to 1990. This Commission regulates development within the California Coastal Zone. From 1975 to 1979, Mr. McCarthy was a production geologist with Getty Oil Company in Ventura, California. Between 1973 and 1975 he was a staff geologist with Fugro Inc. in Long Beach, California and participated in site identification for nuclear power plants in California, Arizona, and Puerto Rico.

Mr. McCarthy is dedicated to the reduction of earthquake risk to the people and property in the State of California. He has published numerous articles and reports and has served on many scientific committees and federal/state task forces.