I. Announcements
   • See powerpoint presentation for general information on membership numbers, dues, etc.

II. Discussion – 2016 GeoCongress & Workshop
   • Sponsor session(s) in 2016 G-I SEI Combined Congress (14 – 17 Feb 2016)
     o Two sessions – one with an education focus and one with a research focus
       ▪ Session on Current Issues in Geo/Structural Design or Emerging Concerns at the nexus of Geotechnical and Structural Engineering
       ▪ Session on Combined Geo / Structural Education issues and activities
       ▪ 90 – 120 minutes each
       ▪ 1 page abstract from each participant
     o Proposal for sessions from USUCGER spearheaded by Jeff Evans (Bucknell) for April 7 deadline
   • Early career workshop at ASU Saturday and ½ Sunday prior to above conference (13 – 14 Feb 2016)
     o Half day on education, half-day on research on Saturday
     o Committee: Ed Kavazanjian (ASU, Chair), Rick Coffman (UArk), Tanya Kunberger (FGCU), Ramin Motamed (UNevada), Cassie Rutherford (Illinois-U/C)
     o Follow-up to Cambridge conference on education issues (Cassie and Rick attended)
     o Apply to NSF for funding for early career individuals (Asst Prof, upper PhD, other untenured?)
     o Technical Writing Workshop on Sunday morning
     o Education session may have to go outside USUCGER for speakers due to limited background of USUCGER individuals with EngEdu experience
     o Potential discussion topics for research session:
       ▪ What research is new and exciting
       ▪ How to secure funding
       ▪ Preparing for the tenure process
     o Development of educational ideas to transition to journal papers
   • Potential for either Conference sessions or workshop sessions as a vehicle for GSP?

III. Committees
   • Next step to reactivate Education, Research, and Awards committees
   • Awards Committee considered important focus
   • Involvement of Board Members in reactivation as well as others necessary

IV. From The Floor
   • Bill Kitch (CalPoly) What should we be teaching?
     o Ed Kavazanjian (ASU) follow-up: What can be reasonably fit into curriculum?
   • Cassie Rutherford (Illinois-U/C) Structured mentoring program for new faculty?
• Jeff Evans (Bucknell)
  o Funding towards mentoring from someone at different Institution?
  o Page on website with willing senior faculty?
  o Initiate at new education conference?