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## Organizing Committee Meeting: Agenda and Minutes

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**ORGANIZING COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Sunday, April 2, 1995, 3:00 p.m.**  
**Adam's Mark Hotel**  
**St. Louis, Missouri**

**AGENDA**

1. To Note the progress on the conference.
  - a. Publications. Two volumes of the proceedings and one preprint Volume III have been issued. These proceedings have been distributed to all the participants who have paid for their registration.
  - b. We plan to publish the Volume III by June, 1995.
2. Program of the Conference
  - a. SOA Lectures. We have 15 SOA lectures.
  - b. Invited Lectures. We have 5 invited lectures.
  - c. Kobe Earthquake. We have planned a special session on the Kobe Earthquake on April 5, 1995. Ten presentations have been planned in this session.
3. Plans for future activities.
4. Any other matters.
5. Reception

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**MINUTES**

The Organizing Committee meeting was attended by 29 participants, State of the Art Speakers, Organizing Committee members and guests.

The agenda was noted and it was commented in general that the conference appears to be extremely interesting and promising. The State of the Art Speakers are world leaders in their own right.

The Organizing Committee considered the questions of registration fee and reducing costs of future conferences. The committee recommended the following:

1. The paid registration at this conference of 210 is in fact low. One of the reasons for the low enrollment is that we have many conferences going on in the world at the same time.
2. It was suggested that we may address questions, such as "Technology Transfer, Retrofit of existing buildings, bridges and other structures against seismic risk" and other similar questions so that the themes may have an appeal to the practicing engineers and builders in our future conferences. The themes for the future conferences may include:
  - (a) "Recent Advances"
  - (b) "State of Practice"
  - (c) "Technology Transfer"
  - (d) "Retrofit" and others
3. We may target specific groups for future solicitation of contributions (about 2000 maximum) rather than sending it to general mailings which run to 15,000 or 20,000 per mailing.
4. We may seriously consider changing the venue of the conference from St. Louis to Kansas City, Missouri or even to the University of Missouri at Rolla. A large expense of staying at a hotel for the participants reduces attendance.
5. We should somehow encourage participation of young engineers, 30 years or younger, by a special break in the fees. This may turn out to be profitable in the long run because more people will plan to come to a less expensive venue and at a reduced fee.
6. We may seek financial co-sponsorship from corporations (U.S. and foreign).

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