Members in attendance:
Annie Kwok (UCLA), Wassim Ghannoun (UCB), Christine Goulet (UCLA), Won Lee (Stanford), Judith Mitrani-Reiser (Caltech) and Eric Nguyen (UCB).

Minutes prepared by Judith Mitrani-Reiser.

Meeting in session at 5:00pm.

1. **Announcements**
   - Seismic Design Competition was a huge success! Thanks to the co-chairs, Melissa & Jose and the organizing committee, Dongdong, Wassim, Ben, Won, Shin-Tai (Eddy), Tyler, and Dongyu.
   - We discussed the future of the seismic competition. Eric said during the conference call that NEES, and Shirley Dyke specifically, would be interested in making this into a national competition (like ASCE’s concrete canoe competition). Judy followed up with Scott Ashford about this and thinks that EERI will likely take it over and that the teams will be responsible for funding themselves to participate in the competition. This conversation will likely continue at our meeting during the retreat.
   - Eric also mentioned that some teams from the other centers felt excluded from the competition because their centers only sent one team. Judy verified with Scott Ashford that PEER funded one team from MAE and MCEER, but more teams were welcomed to participate as long as they could fund themselves.

2. **BIP Seminar Series**
   - There is money available for 2-3 more BIP seminars this summer. However, we agreed that the summer time is not ideal for organizing BIP seminars because too many people are out of town and the seminars would not be well attended.

3. **Middle School Outreach Programs**
   - Since our last teleconference, Stanford organized a middle-school shake-table competition on April 26. The event was a great success!
   - We discussed existing programs at the other universities that would be good opportunities for the SLC to promote earthquake engineering. Eric said that there is a program at Berkeley for high school students this summer that might could potentially be a new SLC outreach program next year. He will look into it and email Judy regarding the details.

4. **Officer updates**
   - Internet Chairs – Thanks to Christine for maintaining our great website! All photos, agendas, minutes, and other info now available online.
   - Secretary – Thanks to Hyung-Suk for preparing our meeting notes.
   - Historian – Thanks for documenting all of our recent events, especially the seismic competition.
   - SWOT Chairs – Thanks to Case, Curt, and Tyler for administering the SWOT surveys and thanks to Curt analyzing the survey data for the annual report.
   - Industry Liaison – Thanks to Griffin for managing the BIP seminars.
• Outreach Chair – Curt and Case, thanks for leading our outreach programs this year at Stanford and at Caltech.
• Annual Retreat Co-Chairs – Eric & Vivian, thanks for organizing our retreat.
• VP and Seismic Competition Co-Chairs – Thanks again to Wassim, Jose, and Melissa for organizing an amazing competition this year.
• We agreed that each officer should write up a short list of their important contacts, lessons they learned over the past year, or any relevant information about their role in the SLC. These documents will be distributed to the next generation of officers. This will be a great continuity tool, especially since so many of our members are graduating this year.
• We discussed the different SLC programs over the past year and decided which ones we would like to retain for next year. Also, we brainstormed some new ideas for SLC programs for next year and/or for other SLC’s. Everyone agreed that the two most successful programs are the seismic design competition and the BIP seminar series. One suggestion for expanding the seismic competition was to organize it at various levels (i.e., middle school, high school, undergrad, etc.). One interesting future program discussed is a PEER mentoring program, where undergrads are paired with grad students who will serve as their mentors. The one downside of PEER that we discussed was the lack of a sense of community amongst the PEER students outside the SLC. Judy discussed this with Scott Ashford and he believes that this is simply a bi-product of a multi-campus center.

5. Summer Annual Retreat
• Location: Sunriver Resort near Bend, Oregon (August 10-12, 2006).
• Lodging: condos that sleep up to 4 people.
• Meals: most meals will be prearranged.
• Guests: are always welcome but those who wish to bring a guest must pay for their guest's portion of the room charges and any expenses for optional tours or recreational activities that require a fee.
• Preliminary Agenda: arrive Thursday and participate in REU reception on Thursday evening; SLC’s administrative meeting on Friday morning, spelunking with Prof. Scott Ashford on Friday afternoon, and group dinner on Friday evening; recreational activity on Saturday morning and depart by Saturday evening.
• Alternative Agenda: arrive Thursday and participate in REU reception on Thursday evening; recreational activity on Friday morning, lunch, then spelunking with Scott Ashford on Friday afternoon, and group dinner on Friday evening; SLC’s administrative meeting on Saturday morning and depart by Saturday afternoon/evening. The students who will be participating in the tri-center trip need to leave the retreat pretty early on Saturday. Also, some students seemed concerned that there would be too many physical activities for one day with this schedule, but Judy checked with Scott Ashford and he said the caving is pretty low-key. Therefore, this retreat agenda might be best to accommodate everyone’s schedules.
• We voted on the extra recreational activity and biking and canoeing/kayaking received the most votes.
• So far we have 9 people definitely attending the retreat, 3 maybe’s, 8 no’s and 5 that have not yet responded to Linda’s email.

6. Future Meetings
• The next in-person meeting will be at the annual retreat.
• PEER Annual Meeting: January 19-20 in San Francisco, CA.