

## SEI/ASCE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON TALL BUILDINGS

2007 Structures Congress, Long Beach, CA  
Annual Meeting, Thursday, May 17, 2007, 1:30 pm  
Westin Long Beach

**Attendees:** Ahmad Abdelrazaq, Steven Baldrige, Bogusz J. Bienkiewicz, Preetam Biswas (Guest Presenter), Brian Breukelman, Steven Camposano, Finely Charney, Xinzhong Chen, Elizabeth English, Jon Galsworthy, Peter Irwin, Ahsan Kareem, Tracy Kijewski-Correa, Robert McNamara, John Tessem, Yin Zhou

1. Meeting called to order at 1:33 pm
2. Welcome by Ahmad Abdelrazaq and overview of meeting agenda.
3. Approval of minutes from 2006 Structures Congress.
4. **Technical Presentation** on the Chicago Full-Scale Monitoring Program by Tracy Kijewski-Correa. This overviewed comparisons of wind tunnel and full-scale accelerations/displacements and predicted and observed damping and period values, as well as second phase expansions in the program.
5. **Technical Presentation** on Nanjing Greenland Financial Center by Preetam Biswas of SOM. Overview of structural system, role of aerodynamic shaping, and some of the unique requirements of the Chinese code for tall buildings, particularly for seismic (performance based) design.
6. **Subcommittee Update:** Jon Galsworthy gave brief explanation on lack of subcommittee activity for the past year and will coordinate by email some basic activities toward preparing a monograph on full-scale monitoring best practices. This prompted some discussion of issues precluding full-scale monitoring in the United States.
7. **Technical Presentation** by Ahmad Abdelrazaq presented the history of Tall Building Design and Current Trends. Overviewed the history of tall buildings and some of the strategies used over the years and today to enable projects to reach new heights. Discussion moved to the need for design to keep up with the free form architecture of today and the need of this committee to open itself to these immersing issues.
8. **Proposed Sessions:** Peter Irwin to organize a session on wind tunnel testing of new free form architecture. Ahmad Abdelrazaq to organize session on design of buildings using free form architecture. Ahsan Kareem has already proposed a session on damping in conjunction with Finley Charney. This session could be tied into the A&C conference. Proposal deadline is June 15.
9. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.