

# NSF NHERI GSC: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 7, 2025 Time: 11:00 am CST Location: ZOOM

## Meeting Start: 11:02 AM CST

### Item 1: President’s Welcome (Parisa Toofani Movaghar)

- Dr. Alexandra Schueller will be presenting on November 18, 2025, for the Workshop and Mentoring Standing Subcommittee.
- Dr. Micheal Gardner will be presenting on November 21, 2025, at the NHERI GSC General Meeting.
- Dr. Nitin Tiwari will be presenting on November 21, 2025, as the Geotechnical RSR.

### Item 2: Review of Prior Minutes (Anamika Malla)

- Previous meeting minutes (October 3<sup>rd</sup>) *passed*.
- Attendance for the meeting is as follows:

Executive Position	Name	Attendance Y/N
President	Parisa Toofani Movaghar	Y
Vice President	Narayan Kumar	Y
Secretary	Anamika Malla	Y
Vice Secretary	Samir Nepal	Y
Treasurer	Safoura Safari	Y
Vice Treasurer	Burak Duran	Y
Chair Workshop & Mentoring	Alireza Mirghafouri	N
Chair of Community Engagement	Rajee Tamrakar	Y
Chair Research	Pooria Mazaheri	Y
Co-Chair of Research	Zul Kazeem	N
Chair Networking & Community	Matthew Van	Y
Chair Membership	Diako Abbasi	Y
Vice Chair Membership	Utkuhan Genc	N
Chair Social Media & Outreach	Estovio Timothy	Y
User Forum Representative	Jordan Nakayama	Y
President-Emeritus	Harman Singh	N

Additional member attendance: Ahmed Awad Ali Gaber, Sadegh Nouri, Amirreza Mohammadi, Mostafa Sameer, Mohammad Movahedi, Dain Kim, Saeid Ghasemi Gavabar, Afeez Badmus, Denise Chavez, Dilruba Akter, Amir Shargh, Christopher, Mohamed Hassan, Fouad Elazaka, Maggie Leon-Corwin, Wesam Mohamed

### Item 3: Treasurer’s Report (Safoura Safari)

- A proposal draft for funding was created for the American Association of Geographers (AAG) Conference and sent to the AAG Hazards Specialty Group.
- Hazard Risk specialty group awards for the AAG conference are available for students to apply. Check them out: [https://www.aag.org/award-grant/aag-student-travel-grants/?utm\\_content=buffer443ef&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=bufferapp.com&utm\\_campaign=buffer](https://www.aag.org/award-grant/aag-student-travel-grants/?utm_content=buffer443ef&utm_medium=social&utm_source=bufferapp.com&utm_campaign=buffer)

- An NSF NHERI GSC representative is requested to attend the AAG Business Meeting. Interested members attending the AAG Conference should contact Safoura Safari to represent the GSC.

**Item 4: NHERI Updates (Robin Nelson)**

- Dr. Maggie Leon-Corwin presented “Annual User Satisfaction Survey: GSC 2025 overview.” Findings will be available soon.

**Item 5: Standing Committee Updates (Any or all groups)**

**I. Workshops & Mentoring: Alireza ([alirezamirghafouri@gmail.com](mailto:alirezamirghafouri@gmail.com))**

- a. A mentoring workshop will be held on November 18, 2025 with Dr. Alexandra Schueller on “*Overview of Rapid Reconnaissance Efforts and Barrier Island Breach Evolution in Florida after Hurricanes Helene and Milton.*”

**II. Community Engagement Rajee ([rajee.tamrakar@siu.edu](mailto:rajee.tamrakar@siu.edu))**

- a. The webinar “*Graduate Research Frontiers in Natural Hazards & Disaster Resilience*” is scheduled for Early January. Please register at: [https://bit.ly/NHERIGSC\\_HazardsDisastersPresentations](https://bit.ly/NHERIGSC_HazardsDisastersPresentations).

**III. Research: Pooria ([mazaheri@iastate.edu](mailto:mazaheri@iastate.edu)) and Zul ([azk15@case.edu](mailto:azk15@case.edu))**

- a. Wind Engineering RSR Meeting and Geotechnical Engineering RSR will be held with November General Meeting.
- b. Abstract submissions are now open for the 2025 NHERI GSC Mini-Conference through January 16, 2026. [https://bit.ly/2026NHERIGSC\\_Mini-ConferenceAbstract](https://bit.ly/2026NHERIGSC_Mini-ConferenceAbstract)
- c. Don’t forget to register for Mini-Conference: [https://bit.ly/2026NHERIGSC\\_Mini-Conference](https://bit.ly/2026NHERIGSC_Mini-Conference).

**IV. Networking & Community: Matthew ([mlvan@udel.edu](mailto:mlvan@udel.edu))**

- a. Members attending the AAG or AGU Conferences are encouraged to contact Matthew for networking meetups and collaboration opportunities.

**V. Membership: Diako ([dabbasi@umd.edu](mailto:dabbasi@umd.edu)) and Utkuhan ([ugenc@purdue.edu](mailto:ugenc@purdue.edu))**

- a. The Fall faculty email has been sent out.

**VI. Social Media & Outreach: Estovio ([estovioo@gmail.com](mailto:estovioo@gmail.com))**

- a. Estovio continues to manage GSC posts across Instagram, LinkedIn, Facebook, and X, with updates to maintain a consistent Instagram grid layout.
- b. Key posts are now pinned and featured for better visibility on LinkedIn and Instagram.
- c. Batch and BCC email setups are now organized and functioning smoothly.
- d. If anyone has upcoming events or announcements, please share them early with Estovio for scheduled posts and coordinated reminders.

**VII. User Forum Rep and Alumni Chapter: Jordan ([jon0003@auburn.edu](mailto:jon0003@auburn.edu))**

- a. Jordan is preparing the second issue of the Alumni Newsletter, scheduled for release in mid-December 2025.

**Item 6:** AOB (Anamika Malla )

- I. Confirming Next Meeting and Speaker: Dr. Michael Gardner, Assistant Professor at the University of California, Davis, in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, will be presenting on “*Fluid-Solid Interaction: Applications in Natural and Climate Hazards Engineering*” on November 21, 2025.

**Meeting End: 11:54 AM CST**



## Notes and Action Items

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