NHERI GSC Membership Working Group Meeting — October 28, 2022

NHERI GSC Members,

Thank you to all, who were able to attend the first meeting of Membership Working Group on 28th October, 2022.

The meeting was held online on Zoom and started at 11:00 a.m. CST.

The Chair of Membership welcomed everyone present followed by general membership introductions. The meeting progressed following the agenda as outlined in the meeting slides (see attachment).

Membership Status Report for our first year (October 2021-September 2022) was presented by the Chair. The report showed that the Council has a total of 218 registered members.

Based on attendance to general meetings, 43 members (20%) are in good standing* while 175 (80%) are inactive. On average, the attendance to general meetings is around 40 persons.

Also presented were the NHERI GSC Membership flyer and sample of recruitment letters, which Membership Chairs have begun distributing to recruit new members.

Key suggestions given for growing and strengthening our membership were (1) to have representatives in each institution, who will canvas for new members; (2) to emphasize the benefits of membership in our recruitment letters, and (3) to have stress breaker events at least once a semester.

We had some members (Sasan and Rakesh) share their membership experience of NHERI GSC and how being a part of this amazing natural hazards group has benefited them from being sponsored to attend the Natural Hazards Summer Institute, Natural Hazards Summit, to research writing experience, collaborations, networking, mentoring to list a few. Our NHERI Liaison, Robin, announced that application for the Natural Hazards Summer Institute 2023 is open. She shared some useful information about applying as a member of NHERI GSC, which she will also communicate same to the entire membership.

The meeting closed with vote of thanks by the Chairs.

Below is the meeting attendance:

Robin Nelson Sasan Dolati Faith Nnenanya MUSTAFA CETINKAYA Rakesh Salunke ASHRAY SAXENA Sina's iPhone Nurullah Bektas Avipriyo Chakraborty

We look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting to be announced at a later date.

Warm Regards, Faith Nnenanya (NHERI GSC Chair of Membership)





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NHERI GSC Meetings

General Meetings 3rd Friday of the month, ONLINE, between 11:00 - 12:00 CST.

Executive Meetings 1st Friday of the month, ONLINE, between 11:00 - 12:00 CST.

Working Group Meetings Varies. ONLINE. Check with the Chairs for more details.

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NHERI GSC Membership Working Group

Members: Faith Intenanya (Chair) Sasan Obdi (Vice-Chair) Ayuth Bhandari Adhray Sasena Holy Davies Javier Santiago Masoud Nobahar Ma Santial Islam Rajandra Gautam Roni Faser Vishnu Sateth Jella Wilfrid Djima

Outreach to future members Membership documentation

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Membership bonding (Events/Mixers)

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NHERI GSC Membership Benefits

Belong to a **diverse** community of graduate students in natural hazards field Membership is **free** and **open** to all graduate students in natural hazards field

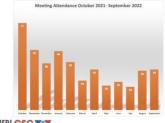
Access to NHERI network of 12 facilities across the United States

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NHERI GSC Membership Benefits

Attend workshops & conferences Funding for conference grants, travel awards Mentoring & Collaboration Peer reviewing Leadership experience

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