

**ASCE TCCP Database  
and Information Management Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, June 18, 1996, 6:00pm  
Disneyland Hotel, Anaheim, California

**Attendees: (9)**

Claude Bedard	Concordia University
Yvan Béliveau	Virginia Tech.
Thomas Froese	University of British Columbia
Craig Howard	Design Power
Kincho Law	Stanford University
Glenn Orenstein	Stone & Webster
Kent Reed	NIST
Mirosław Skibniewski	Purdue University
Iris Tommelein	University of Michigan

**1. Overture**

- i. Meeting was called to order, 6:15pm.
- ii. Introduction of attendees
- iii. Review and approval of the minutes of the 6/2/95 meeting in Atlanta.  
The revised mission statement of the committee are to be added (action CH, TF)  
The minutes were accepted by the committee.
- iv. Overview of the agenda
- v. Closing discussion of 2nd Congress on Computing, 1995.

**2. Discussion of Database Symposium at the Third Congress**

- i. Recognition of session chairs.
- ii. Attendance for the symposium sessions

T1 Interoperability I	25
T2 Interoperability II	25
T3 Interoperability Panel	15 (plus 7 panelists)
- iii. Format and discussion of the symposium

The overall conference attendance seemed to be well down from previous years. Concerns were expressed over the venue, the rooms were spread out and there were many “distractions”. The AEC Systems show seems to continue to draw people away from the conference.

### **3. Subcommittees.**

i. Symposium session organization, 4th Congress, Philadelphia.

Some sessions for the 4th conference were proposed. These include:

- Internet issues
- Java and related issues
- Internet security (the darker side of the web)
- Interoperability, Industry Alliance for Interoperability, product modeling, etc.

ii. Nominations

Nominations for committee positions depend upon the future direction of the committee. Some possible options are coordinating or combining efforts with the AI and Expert systems committee or with a proposed electronic communications committee (particularly in the area of internet-related issues). Craig Howard will discuss options with these groups and will then pursue recommendations for positions (Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary) (action CH)

iii. Web Site

Thomas Froese has established a WWW site for the committee at <http://www.civil.ubc.ca/usr/asce-tccp-db/> He will communicate with wmarlowe@dc.asce.org re: use of ASCE name and logo and will update the committee name (action TF)

v. Publications

The special issue on product and process modelling of the Journal on Computing in Civil Engineering will come out in July. 11 papers were received, 6 were accepted, 3 were reviewed as possible award quality. The committee thanked Kincho Law and Annette Stumpf for coordinating the special issue.

The possibility of a special issue on internet-related issues was raised.

### **4. Information Items**

i. Update on PDES/STEP directions.

Kent Reed reported on the status of STEP, Standard for the Exchange of Product Model Data, and the IAI, Industry Alliance for Interoperability.

ii. Other activities.

The Computing Congress will likely combine with the general ASCE conference starting in 1998 in Boston.

The following conferences were announced:

- ISARC 96 at Carnegie Mellon University in June, 1996.
- Construction Congress in Minneapolis in 1997.
- CIB W78 conference in Australia in 1997.

**5. Next Meeting**

Details of the next meeting are pending (action CH)

**6. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted

Thomas Froese, Secretary

Craig Howard, Chair