

of the
STRUC. ENGINEER'S of LOS ANGELES

A meeting of the leading members of the Structural Engineering Profession was held at the University Club on the evening of February 20th 1929 to discuss ways and means of forming an organization. Those in attendance were

Messrs: Beanfield, Bowen, Derrick, DeLine, Erick
Jeffers, Mellema, Martel, Noerenberg, Noice
and Walz.

The meeting was addressed by Mr. DeLine who suggested that a temporary chairman and a temporary secretary be appointed to preside over and to record the minutes of this meeting.

Mr. Jeffers suggested that Mr. DeLine himself be appointed Temporary Chairman and Mr. Falk temporary Secretary. This suggestion was accorded general approval and was adopted.

The meeting was then called to order by the Chairman.

Motion by Mr. Beanfield - that this meeting be devoted to a discussion of the ways and means of forming an organization of Structural Engineers in Los Angeles and a discussion of the aims and purposes of such an organization; that the Chairman appoint a committee of three of the members which would be instructed to present at the next meeting, nominations for a Secretary-Treasurer and tentative regulations and by-laws for the organization.

This motion was seconded by Mr Derrick and unanimously passed.

A general discussion of the purposes of the organization then followed and some of the points brought out were:

The necessity for and the possibility of obtaining more favorable recognition for Structural Engineers in the Engineer's License Law now before the State Legislature.

The duties and privileges which would devolve upon the organization in regard to civic matters.

The need for raising the ethics and the standards of practice of both engineering and the allied professions.

The importance of having an organization in order to obtain recognition as a body fostering the highest standards of practice.

The discussion of problems arising in our daily work.

The possibility and the desirability of regulation and standardization of fees.

The opportunity for the organization to work on the revisions of the local Building Code, with particular reference to more rational requirements in structural design.

The possibility of raising the requirements for those submitting important structural designs at the City Hall and for obtaining real engineering supervision on this type of work.

The Chairman then rose and appointed Messrs. Beanfield, Bowen and Derrick as the Committee of three to carry out the instructions embodied in Mr. Beanfield's first motion.

Mr. Derrick then moved that a President also be elected. Mr. Beanfield proposed an amendment to the effect that the President shall at each meeting appoint as Chairman pro tem, said Chairman to be selected in alphabetical order from the roster.

The motion as amended was unanimously carried.

A motion was made and unanimously carried that Mr. Beanfield obtain for Mr. DeLine, copies of the Engineer's Registration Law, which he will forward to the members.

A motion was made and unanimously carried that each member contribute one dollar to defray temporary expenses of the organization. This was done and the fund given into the custody of Mr. DeLine.

Mr. Bowen then moved that the organization be known as the Structural Engineer's Association of Los Angeles County. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

It was then decided that the next meeting would be held at the University Club at 6:30 P.M. on the evening of February 27th 1929, and the meeting was adjourned.

Mark H. Falk

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Temporary Secretary
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