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EERI-BC Conflict of Interest Policy

EERI-BC affiliates who are in responsible charge of EERI-BC activities (Board of Directors, committee chairs, committee members, and contractors involved in decisions that result in financial remuneration) should not benefit financially in an unfair way, influence unfairly the outcome of a decision-making process, or take action that gives the appearance of financial advantage for themselves or for business and family associates. Business associates include employers, employees, partners, clients, and companies that the EERI affiliate has invested in. Family associates include spouses, significant others, parents, siblings, and offspring. EERI-BC will avoid occasions in which there are real or apparent, unfair financial benefits accruing to the affiliate and his/her business and family associates.

When the Chapter is responsible for allocating funds for projects, travel, honoraria, and other activities, written and publicly available criteria for selecting recipients will be prepared before applications are evaluated. Those chosen to decide on recipients must be able to make objective, unbiased decisions without conflicts of interest regarding the choice of recipients. Each EERI-BC member participating in Chapter activities is encouraged to consider his/her potential for conflict of interest, and to discuss such potential before decisions affecting financial allocations are made. Members with a conflict of interest should acknowledge the conflict and abstain from both deliberations and the vote pertaining to relevant resolutions affecting financial allocations.

In circumstances in which a conflict of interest is unclear to EERI-BC affiliate, a judgment regarding the potential conflict will be made by the EERI-BC Board of Directors, for which a record will be available in the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting.

EERI-BC Policy on Externally Funded Projects

In determining whether to seek/accept outside funding for projects, EERI-BC should consider the following criteria:

1. The project should contribute to the mission of EERI-BC.
2. The project should serve the membership.
3. The project should have the potential to be of use or interest nationally.
4. Participation in the project should support or enhance the reputation of EERI-BC and EERI as a multidisciplinary, nationally-focused professional body.
5. Participation in the project should not detract from EERI-BC's ability to fulfill its ongoing institutional responsibilities to its members.
6. EERI should be uniquely qualified to do the project, due to its not-for-profit nature, and its ability to offer expertise in the broad range of professions represented by its members.

In most instances, members and others invited to participate in externally funded projects will be asked to volunteer their time to the effort. However, if more than a nominal time commitment is required, EERI may offer compensation. In such cases, the compensated positions will be filled through open competition.

EERI-BC Policy Statement on Research

EERI-BC promotes cooperation and collaboration between researchers and practitioners in the earth sciences, engineering, the planning and design professions, and the social sciences. EERI-BC convenes national and international workshops and seminars on research progress, on implementation of results, and on timely research issues of concern to its membership. EERI-BC publications and meetings provide a means of stimulating exchanges on technical and policy issues among researchers from academia, professional practice, and government agencies; and serve as a conduit for providing information on earthquake hazard mitigation to the public and to policy makers.

EERI-BC will be an advocate for research and will advise sponsoring agencies at federal, provincial, municipal and corporate or association levels on matters of importance to earthquake risk mitigation. EERI-BC may undertake monitoring and assessment of priorities, funding levels, facilities, expertise, and activities or policies needed to advance the art and science of earthquake engineering and to define research needs and agendas from the viewpoints of multidisciplinary users.

EERI-BC will contribute to the international efforts of EERI by partaking in Institute activities, such as developing earthquake scenarios and mitigation projects. Through joint-efforts in these activities, EERI-BC

and EERI provide a forum for multidisciplinary study of earthquake effects and hazard mitigation. Findings are disseminated through publications, seminars, workshops, and conferences.

EERI-BC Policy for Access to the Mailing List

The EERI Mailing List will be released to non-profit and educational organizations for the following uses only:

- Announcement of workshops, conferences, etc.
- Announcement of publications
- General solicitation of membership, not to exceed one use in each calendar year, by any one organization

The List will not be made available for fundraising purposes by other organizations.