

Seismic Advisory Board

OVERVIEW

The Seismic Advisory Board (SAB) is a group of independent structural and geotechnical engineers with seismic expertise appointed by the UC Office of the President to provide technical seismic advice to the university. The SAB provides guidance on seismic design, performance ratings and rehabilitation associated with UC's facilities. The SAB's responsibilities include assessing seismic risk, advising on seismic priorities, and providing policy revision recommendations.

MEMBERS



Mason Walters

Mason Walters is a charter member and chair of the University of California Office of the President Seismic Advisory Board. Mason is a senior principal at Forell/Elsesser Engineers, Inc. and has been with the firm for over 34 years. He serves as the firm's technical director, providing coaching and mentoring, and working with technical staff to determine optimal design approaches to practically achieve the best possible relationship between structural performance and construction efficiency. Mason's extensive experience in seismic analysis and design of structures includes diverse project types, such as university classroom and research facilities, mission-critical buildings and lifelines, highway and pedestrian bridges, historic building and bridge restoration and rehabilitation, hotels, office buildings, high-security manufacturing facilities and numerous others. Mason was inducted into the Academy of Distinguished Alumni by the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department at UC Berkeley in 2018. In 2019, Mason was awarded the H.J. Brunnier Lifetime Achievement Award for Outstanding Achievement in Structural Engineering by the Structural Engineers Association of Northern California.

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Ronald O. Hamburger

Ronald O. Hamburger, SE, senior principal with Simpson Gumpertz & Heger in San Francisco, CA has more than 45 years of structural engineering design, education, construction and failure investigation experience. Ronald has been engaged in development of earthquake engineering design standards and building code provisions for more than 30 years. He is chair of the ASCE 7 Standards committee, a past-chair of the NEHRP Provisions Update Committee, past member of the NEHRP Advisory Board, a past-President of the Structural Engineers Association of California, and the National Council of Structural Engineering Associations. In recognition of his work in developing and improving the nation's building codes, he has been awarded NCSEA's James Delehay award, SEI's Walter P. Moore award and Newmark Medal. He was elected to the National Academy of Engineering in 2015.



Bret Lizundia

Bret Lizundia is an executive principal of Rutherford + Chekene. He has led many of R+C's most innovative and structurally complex projects. His portfolio of work includes the structural design of new laboratories, museums, academic centers, healthcare facilities and office buildings; seismic evaluation and rehabilitation of existing buildings; peer review and plan checking; and applied research and guideline development. Bret's seismic expertise, innovative capabilities, and high standard of excellence have earned him and his projects many prestigious awards and keep him at the forefront of the industry and the minds of his clients. Bret is a former president of the Applied Technology Council and the Structural Engineers Association of Northern California. He is a member of the UC San Francisco Seismic Review Committee, a member of the California Geological Survey's Strong Motion Instrumentation Advisory Committee, and the chair of its Buildings Subcommittee. He is also a member of the Building Seismic Safety Council Provisions Update Committee which authors the *National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Recommended Seismic Provisions for New Buildings and Other Structures* that serves as the basis for seismic provisions in the United States.



Maryann Phipps

Maryann Phipps has over 40 years experience evaluating, designing and renovating buildings in California. Throughout her career, Maryann has worked with academic and hospital clients to design facilities capable of serving their communities immediately after an earthquake. Her hands-on experience has made her a recognized expert in the field of nonstructural design. She serves on the CSU Seismic Review Board, is the chair of the UCSF Seismic Review Committee, and has served on the California Hospital Building Safety Board. Maryann is president of Estructure, a boutique structural engineering firm located in Oakland. She was inducted into the Academy of Distinguished Alumni by the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department at UC Berkeley in 2016.



Holly Razzano

Holly Razzano has more than 30 years of engineering experience. As a Degenkolb Engineers principal, she serves as leader of the firm's education practice. Her diverse new design and retrofit experience includes university facilities and community colleges, laboratories, medical office buildings and historic structures. Holly is an active member of the Structural Engineers Associate of Northern California. She is actively involved in the conference planning committee. She is also an active member of the Society for College and University Planners. Since the 1990's, Holly has performed design and evaluation work for several University of California campuses including Berkeley, Davis, and Santa Cruz.



Thomas A. Sabol

Thomas A. Sabol, a principal at Englekirk, specializes in structural engineering of institutional projects, structure seismic rehabilitation and tall building wind engineering. He earned his undergraduate degree from Cal Poly, SLO and graduate degrees from UCLA. He is a registered structural engineer and licensed architect. Thomas is adjunct professor in UCLA's Civil Engineering Department, teaching courses on tall buildings and structural steel. He is a member of AISC's Seismic Systems, Specifications and Research committees and the CSU Seismic Review Board.



Jonathan P. Stewart

Jonathan P. Stewart, Ph.D., P.E. is a professor of Civil & Environmental Engineering at UCLA. His technical expertise is in geotechnical earthquake engineering and engineering seismology. He serves in the NEHRP Provisions Update Committee, the EERI Board of Directors, the National Seismic Hazards Mapping Program Steering Committee, and the Advisory Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction for the National Institute of Standards and Technology. His work has been recognized with a Fulbright Scholarship, the UCLA Distinguished Teaching Award, the Bruce Bolt Medal and the Joyner Lecture from EERI and SSA, the Huber Prize and Casagrande Award from ASCE, the NSF CAREER Award, and several best paper awards.



Nabih Youssef

Nabih Youssef is a registered civil and structural engineer and is a recognized expert in seismic design. He is a leader in the field of earthquake engineering, development of standards and innovative concepts. Nabih founded the firm, Nabih Youssef Structural Engineers (NYA), an internationally recognized structural engineering firm with offices in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Irvine and South Carolina in 1989. Nabih has been a leader for the concept of Performance Based Design, base isolation and the use of steel plate shear-walls in areas of high seismic risk.