

**NHERI Council Monthly Meeting No. 4, Y-8**  
**Oct 5, 2023 2:00 – 3:00 PM, Eastern (11:00 to Noon, Pacific)**

**NHERI Council Meetings**

**Title:** NHERI Council - Fall 2023

**Location:** <https://DesignSafe-ci.zoom.us/j/99590444531>

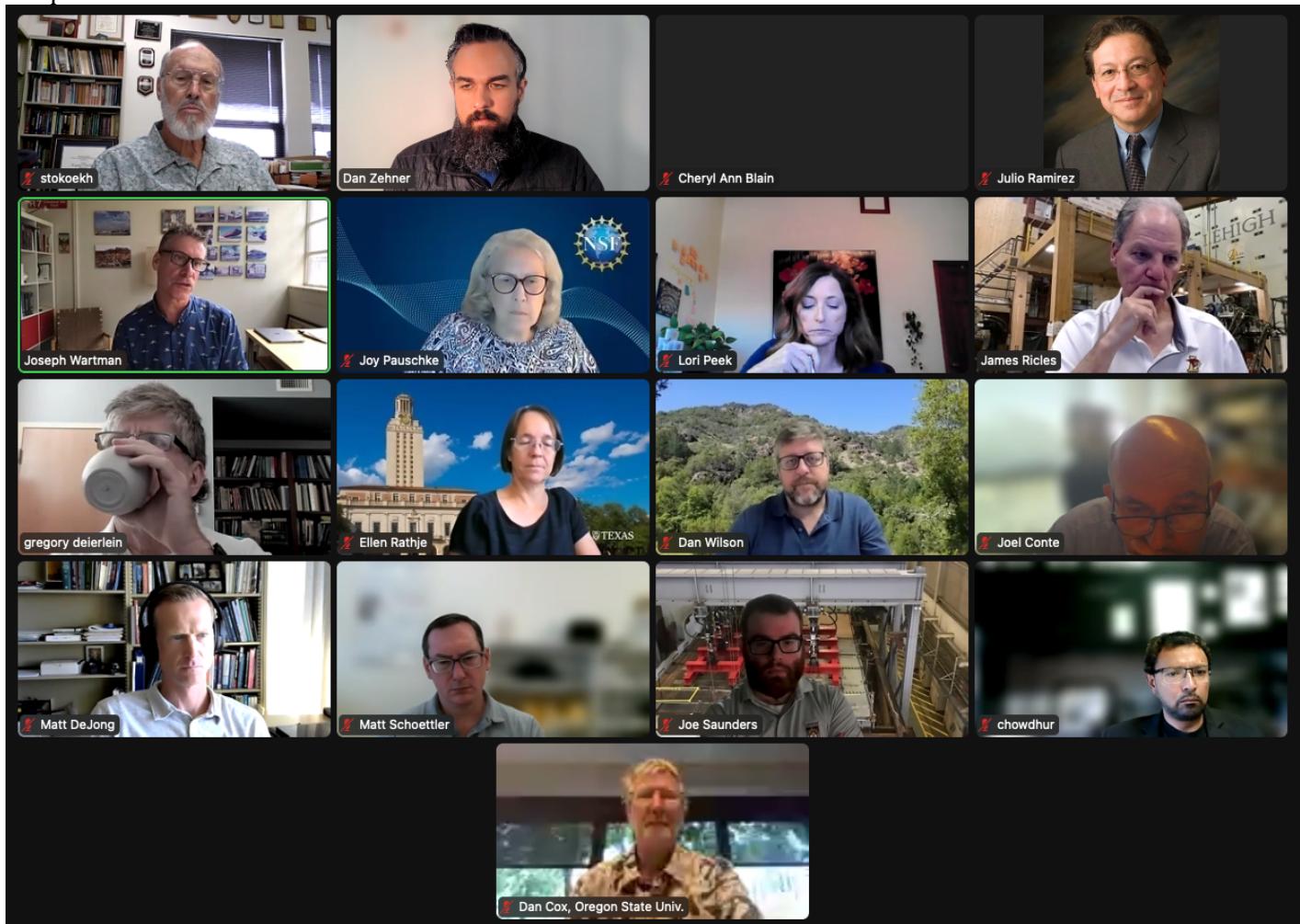
**When:** October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 to 3:00 PM Eastern

**Attending:**

- Oregon State University: Dan Cox (EF Dir.) and Pedro Lomonaco (Fac. Dir.) Hinsdale
- University of California, Berkeley: Matt DeJong (Co-Dir.), and Matt Schoettler (Assoc. Dir. – Ops), Stanford University: Greg Deierlein (Co-Dir), SimCenter
- University of California, Davis: Jason DeJong (EF Dir) and Dan Wilson (Assoc. Dir.) CGM
- University of California, San Diego: Joel Conte (EF Dir.,) LHPOST
- University of Colorado Boulder: Lori Peek (Dir., CONVERGE)
- University of Florida: Jennifer Bridge (EF Dir. and Council Chair) Powell Lab
- University of Texas at Austin: Ellen Rathje (CI Dir.) and Tim Cockerill (Dep. Proj. Dir.) DesignSafe-CI)
- University of Texas at Austin: Ken Stokoe (EF Dir.), Tricia Clayton (CoPi), and Sungmoon Hwang (syongmoon@utexas.edu) (Operations Manager) Texas Mobile Equipment Facility
- University of Washington: Joe Wartman (EF Dir. and Council Vice-Chair) and Jeff Berman (CoPI and Fac. Manager) RAPID
- National Science Foundation: Joy Pauschke (Prog. Dir, NHERI)
- Purdue University: Julio Ramirez (NCO Dir., Council Secretary), JoAnn Browning (NCO ECO Leader), and Dan Zehner (NCO Sch./Ops. Coord.)
- Florida International University: Arindam Chowdhury (EF Dir.), Ioannis Sizis (CoPI) and Steve Diaz (Site Operations Manager) WOW
- Lehigh University: Jim Ricles (EF Dir.), Liang Cao ([lic418@lehigh.edu](mailto:lic418@lehigh.edu)), Joe Saunders, (Facility Manager)
- Guests: Cheryl Ann Blain, NCO Communications Lead.

## Agenda

1. Attendance and introductions (All, 5 min)
  - a. Ken Stokoe
  - b. Julio Ramirez
  - c. Dan Zehner
  - d. Cheryl Ann blain
  - e. Joe Wartman
  - f. Joy Pauschke
  - g. Lori Peek
  - h. James Ricles
  - i. Gregory Deierlein
  - j. Ellen Rathje
  - k. Dan Wilson
  - l. Joel Conte
  - m. Matt DeJong
  - n. Matt Schoettler
  - o. Joe Saunders
  - p. Arindam



2. (5 min) Review and Approval of Minutes of 9/07/23 Meeting No. 3 in Y-8 (Joe Wartman.)

Approved Minutes posted at: <https://www.designsafe-ci.org/facilities/nco/governance/nheri-council/>  
Minutes were approved as distributed

3. (30 min) Old Business -

a. Post Summit Activities

- i. Next Summit May 14-15, 2024 College Park, MD (Dan Cox, Jennifer Bridge, Julio, 15 min)
  - Organizing Committee
  - Report
  - Facilities that wish to have activities around Summit 2024
  - Openings for 16 sessions on Day 2 (May 15).
  - Especially interested in short 'lightning talks'. Contact Dan Cox, Julio, or Jennifer for interest in giving a talk. Members of the public are encouraged to propose talk topics.
  - Lori Peek expressed interest in engaging government agencies to attend or give a talk.

**Action Item:** (i) Need assistance organizing and recruiting speakers for Day-1 by the end of October; (ii) Propose possible speakers for the keynote talk and panel of Day 1; and (iii) Recruit speakers for the lightning talks.

b. NHERI presence at conferences and professional meetings from Oct 1., 2023 to Sept. 30th, 2024.  
(Joe Wartman, Julio, 5 min)

- i. Open discussion on presence at other meetings outside of AGU
- ii. Matt DeJong suggested World Conference in Earthquake Engineering (Milan, IT)

**Action Item:** Continue discussion at the next meeting to identify the second conference.

c. Discussion/revisit of paper/data tracking (Joe Wartman, 10 min)

Tabled.

4. (10 min) New Business

a. Proposal for a NHERI Impact Collection in Frontiers (Cheryl Ann Blain, NCO Communications Lead, 10 min)

- i. Combined with item 3(c). Highlighting how the network has changed the way people practice and conduct research in natural hazards engineering. Looking for volunteers to assist editing the collection. NCO will cover the article costs of the Open Access Journal for 12 articles, one per facility. If all slots are not filled, then it will be opened to the community either with the NCO support or their own.

**Action items:** 1. Submit paper proposals for the collection. 2. Volunteer to assist in editing the collection.

b. New support for RAPID and Converge from NIH. Presented by Joe Wartman and Lori Peek.

Invitation to think about how our network can interface with the intersection of natural hazards and public health. Lori presented the new funding opportunities as well as the tabletop exercise with the CDC and the EERs.

5. Adjourn

- a. Motioned by: Julio Ramirez
- b. Seconded by: Ken Stokoe

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM ET