

SEAW - Professional Practices Committee

Purpose: The Professional Practices Committee of SEAW will consider legislation, including Building Codes that have an impact on the practice of structural engineering in the State of Washington. The Professional Practices Committee will stimulate, facilitate and conduct dialogue about issues affecting the practice of structural engineering in the State of Washington.

I. Scope of Activities:

A. Professional Practice

1. Prepare an introduction to the profession document.
2. When appropriate represent SEAW in national forums to influence national practice recommendations and/or guidelines. Resist publication of recommended practice guidelines by the national organizations (ASCE/SEI and NCSEA)
3. Review proposed changes to state licensing regulations.
4. Review and consider practice recommendations proposed by national organizations that impact our practice in the State of Washington.

B. Building Codes

1. Review proposed IBC, State of Washington and local jurisdiction code changes, including standards adopted by reference, for changes to the standard of practice in Washington.
2. When appropriate, prepare positions on proposed code changes for review and consideration by the SEAW Code Advisory Committee (CAC).
3. When appropriate, represent SEAW positions to the ICC or other appropriate hearings or forums.

II. Operations:

1. All recommendations and/or activities that are communicated within SEAW or outside SEAW shall be reviewed and approved for distribution by the Code Advisory Committee or the SEAW Board of Directors.
2. Membership on the committee shall be open to all SEAW members. The chair of the committee shall be a licensed structural engineer in the State of Washington.
3. The chair shall appoint members of the committee.
4. Members may serve for an indefinite period of time.
5. The SEAW Board of Directors shall appoint the chair, who shall serve for a period of two years. The chair may be reappointed for an indefinite number of times.
6. Meetings times and locations shall be at the discussion of the chair.