

Geosynthetics Technical Committee

Minutes

Wednesday September 6, 2023; 2-3 PM EST

Remote Teams Meeting

1. Welcome by Mark Wayne, TC Chair
 - Mark started meeting as scheduled
 - Daniel Alzamora to take notes
 - Dustin Taylor –
 - Committee website - <https://www.geoinstitute.org/committees/technical-committees/geosynthetics>
2. TC Membership – Report by Daniel Alzamora TC Secretary
 - There are 61 members on the roster
 - Check the online roster and let Daniel know if you are not included in the list
3. Feedback from the TCC
 - Geotechtools and Creep reduction factor scaling work completed
 - Jie Han and Mike McGuire gave updates on Geobridge design Spreadsheet as well as the submittal to G-I as a GSP. Waiting on TCC review, Mike to follow-up
4. TC Geosynthetic Activities for the 2024 Geo-Congress
 - Vancouver, British Columbia February 25-28, 2023
 - Would like ideas for some presentations at the geocongress TC meeting.
 - May use some ideas for future web-based meetings or for the annual winter (December) G-I webinar
5. ~~TC Geosynthetic Activities for the 2024 Geo-Congress~~ - Duplicate
6. Outreach
 - IGS Job shadowing opportunities in north America
 - Raise awareness of young engineers about geosynthetics
 - On Day – office, distribution, construction,
 - **Need sites for this activity**
 - <https://www.geosyntheticsociety.org/about-us/job-shadowing/>
 - Geo-wall and prediction competition
 - Need volunteers for judging this activities at Geocongress
 - **Contact Ben**
 - Upcoming International Conferences
 - 12th ICG 2023 September 16-21 Rome, Italy

- 5TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TRANSPORTATION GEOTECHNICS - <https://www.issmge.org/events/5ictg>
- Canadian Geotechnical Conference, <https://geosaskatoon2023.ca/>
- 9th Hellenic Conference Geotechnical Engineering: <https://www.erasmus.gr/microsites/1272>
- Geoamericas Toronto (2023)
- Geotechnical Frontier (2025)
- GeoSaskatoon (2023) - <https://geosaskatoon2023.ca/>
- IGS
 - Sustainability Calculator - Rome conference
 - Educate the Educator - Toronto

7. Working Component

- No presentations

8. Possible additional TC Funded Projects

- Deadline by 9/25/2023
- Geotech tools
- Tools for practitioners
- Webinars
- Reconnaissance trips
- Regional chapter presentations – support
 - Develop list of example presentations
 - Allow for other presentations not listed for local chapter specific interest
 - If interested send presentation titles to Ben L.

9. Funds for FY24 Projects

- Speaker Forums – discontinued by G-I

10. Award Nominations

- Jie covered briefly the awards
- There are still opportunities for award nominations this year.
- Deadlines approaching soon

11. Other Business

- 8th Annual Web Conference presentation on Harnessing the Potential of Geosynthetics – Performance Testing for Optimized Roadway Design Thursday Dec 7 11AM-1PM EST