

# Structural Engineers Association of Ohio (SEAO)

## Annual Report to NCSEA

### Fiscal Year 2003-2004

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**Submitted by:** Robert C. Rogers, Past-President, Director

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**(2003-2004 Fiscal Year)**

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Robert Rogers	Past President

**Year of Formation:** 2003

**Total Number of Members:** 63 (as of July 31, 2004)

**Annual Dues:** See Loose Attachment, Membership Form

**Meeting Schedule:** Quarterly

**Delegate:** Greg Sliger

**Alternate Delegate:** Steve Schaeffer

**List of Active Committees:** Building Code Committee  
Annual Conference Committee  
Website / Public Relations

**Previous Year's Activities:** See Attachment 2, Summary of Quarterly Meetings  
2 Pages (Pages 2 & 3) Dated 07/31/04

# Attachment 2 – Summary of Quarterly Meetings

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November 19, 2003: Presentation: Special Inspections  
Presenter: David MacGregor, PE  
Simpson Strong-Tie Facility  
Columbus, Ohio

A presentation on Chapter 17, Special Inspections, of the Ohio Building Code, from one firm's perspective was provided. At the end of the presentation a moderated discussion was held to discuss other firms' approaches to this aspect of the building code. Discussion of SEAO's efforts to develop a baseline for uniform enforcement throughout the state also occurred.

Simpson Strong-Tie presented an overview of their products and provided a plant tour following the main presentation.

February 11, 2004: Moderated Forum / Discussion: Hot Topics  
Moderator/Presenter: Robert C. Rogers, PE  
Builder's Exchange  
Columbus, Ohio

Several "hot topic" issues were discussed by the membership at the February meeting. Major issues on the agenda that were discussed were:

Certification / licensing of Structural Engineers nationally, what does the future hold and how will it affect Ohio?

Code application / enforcement process as it relates to Structural Engineering in Ohio, are there really any checks & balances in the system and does the need for better self-policing exist?

The "Business" of Structural Engineering, H1-B outsourcing, lack of true mentoring, and the "commodity" approach to the art of structural engineering, what about the future of our profession?

The increasing complexity associated with the art of Structural Engineering, is it necessary?

B-Line Systems provided a product overview and specific product seismic bracing applications following the main presentation.

