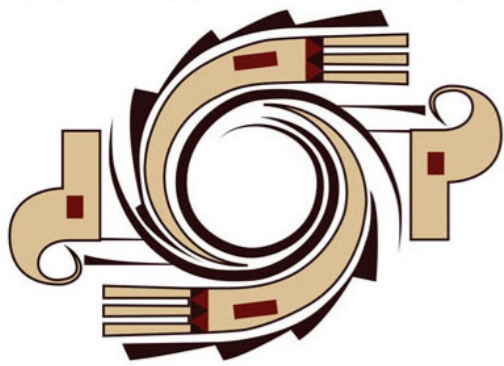


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Welcome!

On behalf of the 2012 SEAO C Convention Committee, it is our pleasure to invite you and your family to Santa Fe, New Mexico for a “traditional style” SEAO C convention where attendees will mix business and pleasure at the Southwest’s premiere vacation location. From Wednesday, September 12th, through Saturday, September 15th, the 2012 SEAO C Convention will take place in downtown Santa Fe. Convention events will be shared in the luxurious [ELDORADO Hotel and Spa](#) and the [Historic HILTON Hotel](#). These hotels, only one block from the Santa Fe Plaza in the center of town, are directly across West San Francisco Street from each other. The hotels are conveniently located near art galleries, museums, shopping, gourmet dining and many more Santa Fe sights.

Come early, stay late, and experience Santa Fe and the region’s many unique attractions, traditions and history:

- Experience the vibrant bar and restaurant scene of Santa Fe;
- Observe the natural beauty, spectacular geology and scenery of America’s Southwest;
- Learn about the over 2,000 year history of people in America at the Native American History and Culture Museums;
- Visit the Canyon Road Art Galleries – over 100 galleries – the largest national art market outside of NYC, and investigate the Center of Contemporary and Southwest Art and Crafts; and
- Dine at restaurants world famous for Southwest cuisine with internationally known chefs.

On the technical front, the Convention Committee is developing a stellar program that includes many of SEAO C’s and this generation’s best minds in structural and earthquake engineering in a thoughtful mix of invited sessions and two high-caliber technical tracks. The 2012 Technical Program will include sessions such as dealing with the use of new technologies in building design, trends and applications in seismic retrofit, the *why* and *what* of recent code updates, and tools and techniques in low-rise residential construction. For those of you who are looking for a refresher to get caught up or would just like to sharpen your technical knowledge, we are repeating the popular 2011 sessions, and have scheduled Wednesday Morning Special Topic Seminars. In addition, over 50 vendors and exhibitors will be joining us to demonstrate the tools, equipment and materials essential to structural engineering and construction.

Social and sporting events and activities include:

- Wednesday cantina welcome reception, Thursday formal art gallery reception, entertaining and dining, and Friday western line dancing BBQ;
- Santa Fe Cooking School class, make your own Southwest fired pottery, Bandolier Pueblo National Monument trip, guided Canyon Road gallery tour, Native American History Museum, and Georgia O’Keefe Museum & Gallery; and
- Golf, bike trips, tennis, swimming, and our annual entertaining SEAO C PRESIDENT’S CUP competition.

We have invited our fellow structural engineers from New Mexico to collaborate with us in the planning and organization of this convention, and we are excited by the prospect of making new friends and gaining new perspectives. We look forward to seeing you there!

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