

Research Committee

1.0 Name

This group shall be called the Research Committee.

2.0 Purpose

The Research Committee is a standing committee in the SEM organization, responsible to the Executive Board through the Technical Activities Council. The primary responsibility of the Committee is to provide a forum for research level work (or work in progress) as well as novel topics not covered by other committees but beneficial to the SEM as a whole and presented at SEM National Meetings.

3.0 Officers & Duties

3.1 **Chair** - The Committee shall have a Chair who is appointed by the SEM President-Elect. The Chair customarily serves a two-year term. The Chair is a member of the Technical Program Planning Committee. The Chair attends the National Meetings Council and the Technical Activities Council. The Chair is responsible for organizing the Research Sessions for SEM's National Meetings.

The Chair shall inform committee members of times and places of meetings, prepare agendas and conduct the business at said meetings.

3.2 **Vice-Chair** - The Vice-Chair of the Research Committee shall be appointed by the Chair President-Elect. The Vice-Chair shall work actively with the Chair in organizing the Research Sessions for SEM's National Meetings and act for the Chair in the absence of the Chair.

3.3 **An Executive Board Representative** shall be appointed by the President-Elect from at-large Executive Board members and shall serve two years.

4.0 Membership

The general membership of the Committee is appointed by the Chair and should include members pursuing research work in all fields of experimental mechanics, representing education, industry and government.

5.0 Activities

The activities of the Research Committee focus on the presentation of research level material at SEM's National Meetings and include:

National Meeting Sessions - The Committee, under the direction of the Chair, reviews abstracts and extended summaries of research papers submitted for presentation at National Meetings. The accepted papers are then organized into appropriately related research sessions. The Research Committee also coordinates the research level sessions sponsored by the technical committees. The Committee works with the Technical Program Planning Committee in organizing the technical program of National Meetings.

Technical Scope - The Committee periodically reviews the research work going on in the field of experimental mechanics and determines that the papers received, for presentation at National Meetings, are representative of the current research efforts. If a particular area is not being covered on the program at National Meetings, the committee can take action to determine why this is happening. The Committee can then recommend a course of action that might be taken to alleviate the discrepancy.