

**WESTERN STATES SEISMIC POLICY COUNCIL  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING  
Adams Mark Hotel  
St. Louis, Missouri  
September 26, 2004**

**MINUTES**

Present were:

\*Rick Allis  
Andrea Brown, WSSPC Program Manager  
Michael Burns, Burns Business Strategies, Inc.  
\*Rich Eisner, proxy for Renteria  
Elizabeth Lemersal, FEMA  
\*Dave Liebersbach  
\*Tim Manning  
\*Ken Murphy  
Barbara Ozaeta, MVP Meetings  
Woody Savage, USGS  
Patti Sutch, WSSPC Executive Director  
\*Ron Teissere  
Anita Vollmer, FEMA

\* WSSPC Director

**Call to Order – Dave Liebersbach**

Dave Liebersbach called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. and all present introduced themselves.

**Executive Director Report – Patti Sutch**

Patti presented the income/expense statement from the beginning of the fiscal year in December 2003 through the end of August, 2004. The statement is preliminary at this time, because the conference registration accounting has not been completed. Funds remain to be billed on the three open FEMA grants. WSSPC received \$20,000 from the USGS which was applied to the final payment due on the “Living with Risk” video.

WSSPC has worked closely with the other earthquake consortia to plan for the National Earthquake Conference over the past year. Bob Bauer and CUSEC put on an excellent field trip, and one stop received media attention. Elizabeth Lemersal remarked that she was pleased with the accomplishments of the Organizing Committee in planning the conference.

WSSPC received a request from Sun Zhenkai from the Institute of Geophysics in Beijing to translate into Chinese the WSSPC publication: *Earthquake Insurance: Public Policy Perspective from the Western United States Earthquake Insurance Summit*, © 1998. He sent a proposed agreement to translate and distribute the publication and is asking for our approval.

After reviewing and discussing the agreement, the Board agreed instead to have Patti craft a licensing agreement based on the licensing agreement she has with REG Review, Inc. to license her Geology Registration Study Aids. WSSPC should retain the copyright and have a modest royalty amount. Once prepared, the agreement will be reviewed by the WSSPC Board Chair before sending it to Mr. Zhenkai.

Patti held a conference call with Roy Breckenridge, Director, Idaho Geological Survey, and Stephen Weiser, Deputy Director, Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security, about the proposed location of the 2005 WSSPC annual conference in Idaho. They wish to hold the conference at the Red Lion Hotel in Pocatello, Idaho. The dates the hotel has available are September 17-21, 2005 or September 24-28, 2005. After

discussion, the Board chose the September 24-28 dates. A number of people have offered to help plan the meeting, which, it was suggested, could have a focus on field trips.

**Next Board Meeting – Board**

The December Board meeting will be held December 8 and 9, 2004 in Palo Alto, California.

**Review of Draft White Paper – Ron Teissere**

The Board reviewed the draft White Paper. Woody Savage suggested the advocacy role of WSSPC be emphasized. Ron will work with Woody, Elizabeth Lemersal, Anita Vollmer, and Patti to revise and incorporate the comments and have it for another review at the Annual Business meeting.

**Proposed Policy Recommendations – Ron Teissere**

The Board reviewed all of the policy recommendations and the comments submitted to the WSSPC office. The revisions were added to the overheads and will be incorporated into what is presented to the membership to vote on at the Annual Business meeting.

**WSSPC Committee Status – Ron Teissere**

The Basin & Range Province Committee will be reconfigured as a Working Group. The Risk Assessment, Insurance and Finance Committee is now inactive, and the Risk Communication and Education Committee will need a new Chair. The Engineering, Construction and Building Codes Committee and the Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Committee will continue.

**NEHRP Update –Anita Vollmer**

The NEHRP Reauthorization bill funding was reduced by \$1 Million in the House, and in the Senate was kept the same as last year. The earmark language in the bill was changed from \$3 million to 10%, which may not be a problem for the consortia.

**USGS Report – Woody Savage**

The USGS is considering two competing initiatives for FY '07. One is a Water initiative, which has a number of organizations and agencies supporting it, and the other is Natural Hazards initiative. A decision by Director Chip Groat is expected soon.

The 2005 appropriation for ANSS is tied up between the House and Senate. The total funding may be \$5.75 Million. The National Research Council is conducting a cost/benefit study of ANSS, which is expected to be positive and encouraging of ANSS.

**Adjournment – Dave Liebersbach**

There being no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia L. Sutch  
WSSPC Secretary