

**WESTERN STATES SEISMIC POLICY COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

**Adams Mark Hotel
St. Louis, Missouri
September 30, 2004**

MINUTES

Present were:

*Rick Allis
Andrea Brown
Gary Brown
Michael Burns
Ed Laatsch
*Dave Liebersbach
*Tim Manning
*Ken Murphy
Cliff Oliver
Patti Sutch
*Ron Teissere
Anita Vollmer

* WSSPC Director

Call to Order – Dave Liebersbach

Dave Liebersbach called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. He asked Ron Teissere to chair the meeting because he had to leave early.

Policy Recommendations – Ron Teissere

Ron reviewed each of the policy recommendations revised after the September 26th Board meeting and WSSPC Committee meetings. The Board agreed with the recommendation to the WSSPC membership to approve all of the draft policy recommendations except PR 04-5, which was tabled and sent back to Yumei Wang to shorten. Subsequent policy recommendations were re-numbered.

WSSPC White Paper – Ron Teissere

A revised and shortened draft was presented to the Board for their comments. Although it is directed to FEMA, the goal is to ultimately give it a multi-customer focus.

Suggestions were to change the title to something more jazzy, possibly eventually turn the White Paper into a brochure, include international collaboration, and stress that WSSPC policy recommendations affect more than just the western states – they affect the entire U.S.

Once the final language is decided, the WSSPC office will format it, add graphics, post on the WSSPC website, and send to FEMA.

Committee Reports at Annual Business Meeting – Ron Teissere

Ron asked to change the order of the Annual Business meeting agenda in order to place the WSSPC Committee reports ahead of the proposed policy recommendations. There were no objections from the Board.

Dave suggested that WSSPC ask Jim Mullen, Frank Navarrette or Henry Renteria to Chair the Risk Communication and Education Committee. Dave believes the Chair belongs with the emergency management side. Dave will follow up and report at December's Board meeting.

Future Annual Meetings – Ron Teissere

Las Vegas in late September 2006 was suggested for the WSSPC annual meeting.

For the 2005 Pocatello meeting, the new Basin & Range Working Group could attract scientists and emphasize field trips for the meeting.

What are the decision criteria for the meeting locations? At the December Board meeting the Board can discuss this and budget for the meeting.

Dave Liebersbach left the meeting.

New Business - Board

A number of people commented that the conference went well!

Meeting Adjourned

Ron Teissere adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia L. Sutch
WSSPC Secretary