

**Western States Seismic Policy Council
Board of Directors' Meeting
Grand Sierra Resort
Reno, Nevada
October 3, 2007**

MINUTES

Present: ***WSSPC Board Member or Proxy**

*Rick Allis, Utah Geological Survey
Maiclaire Bolton, British Columbia Provincial Emergency Program
*Jim Goltz, California Governors Office of Emergency Services
Larry Hultengren, DHS/FEMA
Bill Lund, Utah Geological Survey
*John Madden, Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management
Vince Matthews, Colorado Geological Survey
Brent Nichols, Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management
Rebecca Ossa, Nevada State Historic Preservation Office
*John Parrish, California Geological Survey
Mark Roberts, Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management
*Paul Spengler, Lewis & Clark County (Montana) Disaster and Emergency Services
Patti Sutch, WSSPC
*Jay Wilson, Oregon Emergency Management

Call to Order and Introductions – Rick Allis

Rick Allis called the meeting to order and everyone introduced themselves.

Approval of June 5, 2007 Minutes – Board

MOTION: To approve the minutes of June 5, 2007 (Matthews)

SECOND: Parrish

VOTE: Unanimously approved.

Review of Annual Business Meeting Minutes April 2006 - Board

The Board reviewed and accepted the minutes of the 2006 Annual Business Meeting.

WSSPC Executive Director's Report – Patti Sutch

The WSSPC website now has an Earthquake Resources page linked from the home page that has state earthquake publications listed.

The last Newsletter printed was Winter 2007. We will be preparing an electronic newsletter twice a year and an Annual Report, which will include State reports.

A Directory of members and the WSSPC database was prepared and made available at the conference.

There will be an announcement soliciting nominations for National Awards in Excellence to be given at the National Earthquake Conference in April.

Financial

The FEMA Semi-Annual Report for the second half of MOD 001 of the Cooperative Agreement was sent to FEMA and included in the meeting materials.

The WSSPC income and expense statement from December 2006 through August 2007 shows expenses of \$161,087. Income in this period was \$182,589 on the accrual basis.

MOD 001 of the FEMA Cooperative Agreement (FEMA Grant 2006) has been billed through June. Preliminary assessment of July expenses shows the need for accrual of \$7476.92 to close out the grant. MOD 002 started in August (FEMA Grant 2007).

The \$10,000 USGS grant for the conference was used to pay for the field trip, pre-conference publicity, and printing of the Program Guide. To date \$7,983.14 has been spent.

The program developed for the 2008 National Earthquake Conference is provided with the Board materials. It was developed by a Committee led by Patti with the help of many others – including Jim Goltz and Maiclaire Bolton who are present. John Madden complimented the group on the effort assembling the program.

The WSSPC Annual Business Meeting in 2008 is scheduled for Tuesday, April 22 from 7-9 p.m. The Board asked if the committee meetings and Board meeting could be on Monday and the Annual Business Meeting on Tuesday at 5 pm. Patti will check if rooms are available.

Patti was asked, in coordination with British Columbia Provincial Emergency Program, to write a formal letter to Erin Deacon, Manager, Yukon Emergency Measures Organization, inviting Yukon to the conference and to encourage cooperation among Yukon, British Columbia, and Alaska.

Nomination of Directors – Allis

Directors Dan McGowan, Ken Murphy, Henry Renteria, and John Parrish accepted nominations for another term from 2007-2009.

Policy Recommendations – Allis

The Board reviewed the proposed changes to the policy recommendations that will be presented to the WSSPC membership for their approval at the Annual Business Meeting.

PR 07-1 & PR07-2: John Parrish recommended a rewrite of Assessment No. 4: “Communities being designated as a TsunamiReady community.”

PR 07-3: Bill Lund proposed line 32 addition “and the press”.

PR 07-4: Mike Mahoney and Ron Lynn will provide an update at the Annual Business Meeting.

PR 07-5: Bill Lund recommended a change in lines 4 and 5: addition of “slip rates (SR), and other seismic-hazard parameters with related uncertainties for active faults.”

PR 07-6: Rick Allis noted that the data management system policy recommendation is new.

PR-04-6: Board recommends that it be deleted.

PR 04-7: Board recommends that it be deleted.

Rick Allis reviewed the status of the 2005 policy recommendations that will be up for renewal in 2008:

PR 05-1: Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Committee wants to renew it with an update.

PR 05-2: Basin & Range Province Committee wants to renew it.

PR 05-3: Rick suggested we get an opinion from the USGS about the need for this policy recommendation.

New Business – Rick Allis

Next Board meeting is in Sacramento on January 15, 2008.

Maiclaire Bolton asked the Board to clarify whether, as a representative from British Columbia Provincial Emergency Program, she was a voting member of WSSPC. (Yes)

MOVE TO ADJOURN MEETING: Vince Matthews.

SECOND: Paul Spengler.

VOTE: Unanimously in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia L. Sutch
Secretary