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**NEWS**

The WSSPC Annual Meeting, the National Earthquake Program Managers Meeting (NEPM), and the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) Earthquake Subcommittee met in Salt Lake City April 22-26, 2019.

**WSSPC Annual Meeting**

The WSSPC Annual Meeting began with an Awards Luncheon to honor recipients of the 2019 WSSPC Awards in Excellence and Lifetime Achievement Award Winners.

- Lifetime Achievement Award— **Laura Kelly**, Co-Chairman of the Alaska Seismic Hazards Safety Commission
- Lifetime Achievement Award— **Patricia Sutch**, Executive Director Emeritus of the Western States Seismic Policy Council.
- Awards in Excellence: *Outreach Efforts*— Washington Emergency Management Division for “**Be Tsunami Siren & Evacuation Map Aware**” (Accepted by Keily Yemm)
- Awards in Excellence: *Mitigation Efforts*— Utah Division of Emergency Management for “**Fix the Bricks**” (Accepted by Audrey Pierce and Brad Bartholomew)



*Left Image: Laura Kelly, Co-Chairman of the Alaska Seismic Hazards Safety Commission. (Lifetime Achievement Award Winner)*

*Center Left Image: Patti Sutch, WSSPC Executive Director Emeritus (Lifetime Achievement Award Winner)*

*Center Right Image: Audrey Pierce and Brad Bartholomew (Award in Excellence winners for Mitigation Efforts: Utah Division of Emergency Management for “Fix the Bricks”)*

*Right Image: Keily Yemm (Award in Excellence winner for: Outreach Efforts: Washington Emergency Management Division for “Be Tsunami Siren & Evacuation Map Aware”)*

During the WSSPC Annual Meeting on April 26 policies 19-1, 19-3, 19-4, 19-10, 19-11, and 19-12 were approved and adopted as amended.



*We develop seismic policies and share information to promote programs intended to reduce earthquake related losses.*



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## National Earthquake Program Managers Meeting

The week started off with a FEMA provided training by Colin Blaney from the Applied Technology Council on P-1100 *Vulnerability Based Seismic Assessment and Retrofit of One and Two Family Dwellings*.

Bill Blanton, Angie Gladwell, David Javier, Jon Foster, Mike Mahoney, Mai “Mike” Tong, Luke Dodds, Drew Herseth, Sean McGowan, and Amanda Siok provided FEMA updates and a briefing on NEHRP Reauthorization.

Bret Lizundia and “Mike” Konstanty M. Kaminski gave a presentation on DRRA 1241/Post Disaster Building Safety Assessment and NIMS Resource Typing.

General Session presentations were done on the Great ShakeOut Campaign by Jason Ballmann, the successful use of media and social media by Maximillian Dixon, and the Utah based project “Fix the Bricks” by Audrey Pierce.

A field trip was also offered and participants were able to tour the Utah State Capitol Retrofit, see the Emergency Operations Center while viewing a documentary on the Northridge Earthquake, view Gilbert Geologic Park, and tour the University of Utah Seismograph Stations.

The 2020 National Earthquake Program Managers Meeting was discussed and will be held in conjunction with the National Earthquake Conference March 4-6 in San Diego, California.

The new 2021 NEPM Committee Chair was elected as Maximillian Dixon from Washington and the position of Vice Chair went to Jeff Briggs from Missouri.

Presentations were given by states, consortia, and FEMA Regions to highlight their ongoing work.

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**Upcoming Workshops and Events:**

**Jackson Laboratory Safety Fair**  
May 8, 2019  
Sacramento, California

**Emergency Management Leaders Conference (EMLC)**  
May 29-30, 2019  
Phoenix, Arizona  
<https://emlc.us/>

**HETAC Meeting**  
June 2019  
Honolulu, Hawaii

**Unreinforced Masonry Workshop**  
June 26, 2019  
Salt Lake City, Utah

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*A photo of all WSSPC's Award Winners  
From left to right: Brad Bartholomew, Patricia Sutch, Laura Kelly, Keily Yemm, Audrey Pierce*

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