



**Western States Seismic Policy Council
Annual Business Meeting
Marriott Hotel
Salt Lake City, Utah
April 26, 2019**

MINUTES

Present, + indicates each Member and/or Proxy:

+Mulivanu Aimu, American Samoa Department of Homeland Security
+Leon Berrett, Utah Seismic Safety Commission
++Karen Berry, Colorado Geological Survey (and proxy for Colorado Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management and Colorado Earthquake Hazard Mitigation Council)
Lara Brodetsky, Western States Seismic Policy Council
++Bob Carey, Utah Division of Emergency Management (and proxy for Utah Geological Survey)
++Michael Conway, Arizona Geological Survey (and proxy for Arizona Office of Emergency Management)
John Crofts, Utah Division of Emergency Management
+Maximilian Dixon, Washington Emergency Management
+Rob Jackson, Colorado Earthquake Hazard Mitigation Council
Keith Knudsen, U.S. Geological Survey
+Steve Masterman, Alaska Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys
++John Metesh, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology (and proxy for Montana Office of Emergency Management)
++Chelsea Morganti, New Mexico Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management (and proxy for New Mexico Bureau of Geology & Mineral Resources)
+Kevin Miller, California Governor's Office of Emergency Services
+Kevin Richards, Hawaii Emergency Management Agency
Patti Sutch, Western States Seismic Policy Council
Matthew Wall, Western States Seismic Policy Council
++Seth Wittke, Wyoming State Geological Survey (and proxy for Wyoming Office of Homeland Security)
++Janell Woodward, Nevada Office of Emergency Management (and proxy for Nevada Bureau of Mines & Geology)
Keily Yemm, Washington Emergency Management

Call to Order and Welcome

Karen Berry called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Establishment of a Quorum – Matthew Wall

Matthew Wall called the Roll of 39 members and 21 members or proxies were present, establishing a quorum.

Approval of Minutes – Karen Berry

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the Annual Business Meeting May 4, 2018 (Kevin Richards).

SECOND: Seth Wittke.

VOTE: Unanimously in favor.

Executive Director Report – Matthew Wall

Matthew Wall reviewed the WSSPC financial status as presented in the Meetings Notebook. The independent audit was approved. There were no questions.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the Annual Business Meeting May 4, 2018.

SECOND: Kevin Richards.

VOTE: Unanimously in favor.

Election of Board of Directors – Karen Berry

Postponed. Matthew suggested to reach out in two weeks after the meeting about nominations and again in another two weeks. Once all nominations are received, he will send a ballot in one month with a vote by email.

Calls will be made for recommendations and followed up on at a later date.

Basin & Range Province Committee – Seth Wittke

The committee had been working mostly on policy 19-3 over the last year. The committee has no additional comments on the policy recommendations but have some ideas for potential new policies.

Engineering, Construction, and Building Codes Committee – Robert Jackson

The Engineering committee made comments and changes based on sentence structure and content at their committee meeting yesterday. They also commented on restructuring the history portion of the policies to be in bullet-point form.

Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Committee – Maximilian Dixon

The Committee made changes to 3 of the policy recommendations (19-1, 19-3, and 19-4). Maximilian pointed out that the group wanted to be consistent on all the policies who we were talking about in terms of agencies.

Adoption of Policy Recommendations – Karen Berry

Policy Recommendation 19-1: Rapid and Effective Tsunami Identification and Response

MOTION: To accept the policy recommendation with the changes as specified (Maximilian Dixon).

SECOND: Karen Berry.

VOTE: Unanimously in favor.

Policy Recommendation 19-3: Post-Earthquake Technical Clearinghouses

MOTION: To accept the policy recommendation with the changes as specified (Maximilian Dixon).

SECOND: Seth Wittke.

VOTE: Unanimously in favor.

Policy Recommendation 19-4: Seismic Provisions in the 2018 International Building Codes

New Mexico expressed concern over Policy 19-4, but after discussion determined to vote in favor of it.

MOTION: To accept the policy recommendation with the changes as specified (Rob Jackson).

SECOND: Michael Conway.

VOTE: Unanimously in favor.

Policy Recommendation 19-10: Joint WSSPC and EERI Policy for the Evaluation and Seismic Remediation of School Buildings

New Mexico expressed concern over Policy 19-10, but after discussion determined to vote in favor of it.

MOTION: To accept the policy recommendation with changes as specified, subject acceptance by EERI as EERI adoption is required to keep it a joint policy (Kevin Richards).

SECOND: Bob Carey.

VOTE: Unanimously in favor.

Policy Recommendation 19-11: Reliability of Lifeline Services

New Mexico expressed concern over Policy 19-11, but after discussion determined to vote in favor of it.

MOTION: To accept the policy recommendation with the changes as specified (Kevin Richards).

SECOND: Leon Berrett.

VOTE: Unanimously in favor

Policy Recommendation 19-12: Earthquake-Actuated Automatic Gas Shutoff Devices

MOTION: To accept the policy recommendation with the changes as specified (Kevin Richards).

SECOND: Seth Wittke.

VOTE: Unanimously in favor

Policy Recommendations and Committee Assignments for 2019

17-1: Improving Tsunami Public Education and Warning Procedures for Distant and Local Sources (Tsunami Committee)

17-3: Earthquake Monitoring Networks (Basin and Range Committee)

17-4 Identification and Mitigation of Unreinforced Masonry Structures (Engineering, Construction & Building Codes committee)

17-7: Earthquake Early Warning Systems (Tsunami Committee)

17-8: Seismic Design and Construction of New Schools Devices (Engineering, Construction & Building Codes Committee)

FEMA Update – Matthew Wall on behalf of David Javier

David thanked WSSPC for the opportunity to speak and thanked Patti Sutch for her community, state, and national service.

David continued by explain NEHRP's role as a national partnership of earthquake professionals and FEMA's role is to support the nation-wide implementation of the program. FEMA plans to translate research results into effective risk reduction plans, specifically through operating a state assistance grant program where they utilized Cooperative Agreements to get money into the hands of individual states and non-profits.

He went on to state that the reauthorization of NEHRP makes it easier for States to participate in the Direct State Assistance program and that it reduced the State Cost Share from 50% to 25%, while eliminating the prohibition of the use of "In Kind" contributions to meet the State Share. Unfortunately, the funding level did not change and over the next five years there is an authorized amount of \$8.7 million to fund FEMA NEHRP State Assistance Program. \$2.3 million of that is being applied to their cooperative agreements with Consortia and Earthquake Partners. FEMA has made the programmatic decision to provide more State funding by providing \$1.5 million directly to the States, a significant increase from last year.

WSSPC will be eligible for \$255,000 in base funding.

David apologized that they had not yet fulfilled their commitment to posting all their funding information on the website and will take personal responsibility to ensure it will get done in the near future.

USGS Update – Keith Knudsen

Keith Knudsen let us know that USGS's FY19 budget is favorable for the EHP program. He went into detail on the success of the Earthquake Early Warning systems being put in place in California. Keith highlighted the importance of the Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) that was tested in Oakland and the Early Warning App now available in Los Angeles, California. He went on to talk about the Anchorage, Alaska quake and how it provided important strong motion data and how the USGS released new aftershock and ground failure products. The FY20 budget is currently in the hands of congress.

Next Meetings

The next meeting will be in 2020 in San Diego, California and will coincide with the Nation Earthquake Conference as well as NEPM.

New Business

There being no new business, Karen thanked the WSSPC staff for the meetings.

Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting (Kevin Richards).

SECOND: Leon Berrett.

VOTE: Unanimously in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Wall