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WSSPC NEWS

Nominations for the 2020 WSSPC Awards are open!

Do you know an individual or program that has shown exceptional creative and innovative efforts within the earthquake hazards reduction community? If so, write and submit a nomination! Recognize outstanding colleagues and projects that have had an impact on seismic risk reduction with a nomination for the WSSPC Awards in Excellence, Lifetime Achievement Award, or WSSPC Leadership Award. The nomination deadline is January 3, 2020. Nomination forms and eligibility guidelines can be found on the website at: <https://www.wsspc.org/awards/call-nominations/>

WSSPC Fall Board Meeting

The WSSPC Fall Board meeting was held in Sacramento, CA at the WSSPC office. Some highlights from the Board meeting include:

- Karen Berry (CO) being elected as the new WSSPC Board Chair and John Metesh (MT) and Vice-Chair.
- (USGS) Keith Knudsen's report on USGS activity with a focus on the Quaternary Fault Resources Database are now being supported by states and the agency's recent work on aftershock forecasting. Information on the aftershock forecasting can be found at: <https://earthquake.usgs.gov/data/oaf/overview.php>
- (FEMA) David Javier report on the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) and how its priorities are used as a guide by FEMA. The Annual DRRA report has been published and can be found at: https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1573222648380-b2fc54c82eb3b03c0724cbc696a94613/DRRAAnnualReport_FINAL_PUBLISHED.pdf
- A review of the 2020 WSSPC Draft Policy Recommendations initial edits by the subcommittees. The policies being reviewed can be found at: <https://www.wsspc.org/public-policy/2020-wsspc-draft-policy-recommendations/>
- Discussions on current Clearinghouse efforts and the increase in WSSPC outreach
- A discussion about Fall Board meeting location. It was proposed and approved that the WSSPC Fall Board meeting will no longer be held exclusively in Sacramento. The reasoning for this decision is based on the concepts of transparency, accountability, partnership, and outreach. Accordingly, WSSPC is looking for a "host state" for the 2020 WSSPC Fall Board meeting. Interested states are asked to contact WSSPC's Executive Director at 916-444-6816 or at mwall@wsspc.org.



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NEMA Annual Forum in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho

During October 27-29, 2019, WSSPC attended the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) meeting in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho. The forum was hosted by WSSPC Board of Directors member Brady Rich (Director of the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security) in his capacity as President of NEMA. Key topics presented looked at resilience, mitigation, public-private partnerships, supply chains, and impacts/cost to agriculture from weather events.

Of particular interest was the “Workshop: Amplifying Earthquake Resilience “ with panel members (left to right in the photo): Andrew Phelps, Director, Oregon Office of Emergency Management; Patrick Sheehan, Director, Tennessee Emergency Management Agency; Rep. Cindy Ryu, Washington State House of Representatives, and; Robert Ezelle, Director, Washington Emergency Management Division. Discussion ranged from early earthquake warning to community involvement to increasing political viability for earthquake programs and actions.



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WSSPC Monthly Calls reminder

WSSPC is hosting monthly calls for three main groups: our Member Earthquake Program Managers, our Member State Geologists and Seismic Commissions & Councils, and one dedicated to the WSSPC Clearinghouse. These monthly meetings have allowed us to communicate more regularly and create platforms where we can share ideas.

If you are not currently participating in one of these three groups, believe that you would be an asset, and would like to join, please email Matthew Wall at mwall@wsspc.org.

You can Provide Input for our Resources Webpage and Social Media Page!

We are currently updating our resources and reports page on our website! We are looking for input on what you would like to see in our resources page and any specific articles, studies, or projects you would like referenced there.

We have also been expanding our social media. With efforts like #FableFriday, we are working to give more attention to earthquake safety. If you have any ideas for legends for #FableFriday or any other content you would like to see us start posting, please reach out with ideas!

If you have any thoughts, either on the concept for the page or possible content, please email our Executive Director Matthew Wall at mwall@wsspc.org

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WSSPC Program Manager Lara Brodetsky Resigns

Readers, I am letting you know that I will be resigning from my position as Program Manager at WSSPC. I have chosen to go back to school to follow my original path of pursuing teaching. Although I have had a wonderful time here at WSSPC as the Program Manager, It is important for me to pursue the career I am most passionate about and go back to school for a master's degree in education.

My last day will be November 15th, 2019. If you have anything you need from me before my last day, please let me know so that we can get it taken care of.

It has been a pleasure working at WSSPC over the last year, as well as having the opportunity to work with all of our members, colleagues, and associates. Thank you all for making being the Program Manager here at WSSPC a fun and rewarding experience.

Lara, we appreciate your time and work here with us. Thank you! - Matthew

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WSSPC's Annual Affiliate Membership Drive Continues!

WSSPC is starting our annual Affiliate Member Drive November 1st! WSSPC welcomes all members who share the common goal of reducing losses from earthquakes. In November, WSSPC will be sharing the benefits of being an affiliate member with the seismic safety community.

The benefits of being an affiliate member include:

- Recognition and appreciation of support with your organization's link on WSSPC's website and social media platforms
- Opportunities to participate on WSSPC Committees
- Potential opportunities to exhibit and sponsor activities

Thank you or your support!

Thank You 2019 WSSPC Affiliate Members!

We at WSSPC would like to show our support and appreciation to our affiliate members. We recognize and value your support !

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Upcoming Workshops, Events, and Conference Calls:

WSSPC Members Conference Calls

December 10, 2019—State Geologists and Seismic Safety Commissions/Councils

December 11, 2019—Clearinghouse Work Group

December 19, 2019—Earthquake Program Managers

American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting

December 9-13, 2019

San Francisco, California

<https://www.agu.org/Fall-Meeting>

Quaternary Fault Parameters working group

February 4, 2020

Salt Lake City, Utah

National Earthquake Conference (NEC)

March 4-6, 2020

San Diego, California

<http://earthquakeconference.org/>

FYI—the Spring 2020 WSSPC Board and Annual Meeting will take place on March 6th

NEMA 2020 Mid-Year Forum

Alexandria, VA

March 27-31, 2020

NEMA 2020 Annual Forum

Cleveland, OH

September 24-27, 2020

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