THE WSSPC 2020 NATIONAL AWARDS IN EXCELLENCE

Will be Presented on March 4, 2020 at the National Earthquake Conference 2020
immediately following the Practice Plenary

Recipients are:

- The Oregon Health Authority “Coastal Resilience Hospital Project” will receive the
  Western States Seismic Policy Council’s National Award in Excellence in the
  Category—Mitigation
- Alaska Pacific University, University of Alaska-Anchorage, and Central Washington
  University “Alaska Native Geoscience Learning Experience (ANGLE)” will receive
  Western States Seismic Policy Council’s National Award in Excellence in the
  Category—Outreach
- Peter McDonough, P.E., will receive the Western States Seismic Policy Council’s
  Award for Leadership

WSSPC News

- The 2020 WSSPC Annual Business Meeting Meeting and Spring Board Meeting will
  be held in conjunction with the National Earthquake Conference (NEC), March 4-6,
  2020 at the San Diego Sheraton Hotel and Marina in San Diego, CA. Information
  can be found at: https://earthquakeconference.org/
- Policy reviews have been completed and provided to the WSSPC Board and Voting
  Members in advance of the 2020 Spring Board and Annual Business Meetings
- The FALL 2020 WSSPC Board Meeting will not be in Sacramento. It will be in one
  of our member states. The intent behind this is to allow for increased transparency,
  outreach and partnerships. If your state is interested in hosting the meeting, please
  let me know NLT than at the Annual Business Meeting in San Diego.
- WSSPC, CUSEC, NESEC, and CREW are working to put together a Joint
  Consortia meeting at the National Earthquake Conference. The meeting is
  intended to take place on Friday, March 6, 2020 after the Spring Board and Annual
  Business Meeting. (EDIT—THIS MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED)
WSSPC Monthly Calls reminder
WSSPC hosts monthly calls for three main groups:
• Member Earthquake Program Managers,
• Member State Geologists and Seismic Commissions & Councils, and
• The WSSPC Clearinghouse. Work Group
These monthly calls allow us to communicate more regularly and create platforms where we can share ideas. If you are eligible and not currently participating in at least one of these calls, we encourage you to do so! For more information, contact Matthew Wall at mwall@wsspc.org.

News of interest:
• A research article has been published in the Journal of Geophysical Research—Solid Earth looking at the efficacy of Early Earthquake Warning (EEW) systems titled “How Often Can Earthquake Early Warning Systems Alert Sites With High-Intensity Ground Motion? (January 10, 2020)” The abstract is located at: https://agupubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1029/2019JB017718
• On Tuesday, March 10, 2020 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. PT, Bradley Bartholomew, Mitigation and Recovery Section Manager, Utah Division of Emergency Management and Sean McGowan, Earthquake Program Manager and Building Science, FEMA Region VIII will be presenting a webinar titled, “All Along the Wasatch Fault: Best Building Practices from Utah’s Earthquake Mitigation Efforts” in coordination with the Natural Hazards Center. Webinar information can be found at: https://hazards.colorado.edu/training/webinar/all-along-the-wasatch-fault-best-building-practices-from-utahs-earthquake-mitigation-efforts
• From the Alaska Earthquake Center, a video showing a full year of Alaskan earthquakes in under three minutes https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h-6-Gp28A8k&feature=youtu.be

You can Provide Input for our Resources Webpage and Social Media Page!
We are continuously 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
News of interest (cont.):

- Congratulations to the Utah Emerency Management for being a finalist in the Government Social Media, Golden Post Awards in the category of “Best Social Media Customer Service.” More information can be found at: https://gsmcon.com/2020-golden-post-awards-finalists/

- Registration for the California Earthquake Brace and Bolt (EBB) 2020 program is open. Closing date is March 19, 2020. EBB provides $3000 in grant funding to homeowners to be used toward a code-compliant seismic retrofit for qualifying houses. Mitigation works.

- “Absolute location of 2019 Ridgecrest seismicity reveals duplex Mw6.4 ruptures, migrating and pulsing Mw7.1 foreshocks, and unusually shallow Mw7.1 nucleation, Did the M7.1 Rupture Require Incitation by M6.4-Like Rupture?” with visualizations of the results will be presented at the 2020 SSA Meeting in Albuquerque. For more information see: https://seismosoc.secure-platform.com/a/solicitations/9/sessiongallery/225/application/4837

- Communicating factual information to the public at large is extremely critical in a post-event world. It supports confidence in government and leads to people making better decisions. Dr. Lucy Jones address this concept in her article “Empowering the public with earthquake science” published on January 13, 2020 at https://www.nature.com/articles/s43017-019-0007-4.

- California’s new earthquake early warning app for smartphones contains a “countdown” component to let users anticipate when the shaking will occur. This provides them a measureable amount of time to take the actions necessary. https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-02-12/californias-new-early-warning-earthquake-app-features-a-shaking-countdown

WSSPC would like to thank the following entities for renewing their Affiliate Membership status for 2020!

- California Earthquake Authority
- The City of Las Vegas, Department of Building and Safety
- Clark County, NV Department of Building and Fire Preventio
- Applied Technology Council

Remember that you and/or your organization can be an Affiliate Member! Information on how to join can be found at: https://www.wsspc.org/members/affiliate-members/
Upcoming Workshops and Events

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

Seismological Society of America (SSA) Annual Meeting
April 27-30, 2020
Albuquerque, New Mexico
https://www.seismosoc.org/annual-meeting/

National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) 2020 Mid-Year Forum
Alexandria, VA
March 27-31, 2020

Geological Society of America (GSA) - Rocky Mountain Section, 72nd Annual Meeting
May 2-5, 2020
Provo, Utah
https://www.geosociety.org/GSA/Events/Section_Meetings/GSA/Sections/rm/2020mtg/home.aspx

Geological Society of America (GSA) - Cordilleran Section, 116th Annual Meeting
May 12-14, 2020
Pasadena, California
https://www.geosociety.org/GSA/Events/Section_Meetings/GSA/Sections/cd/2020mtg/home.aspx

National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) 2020 Annual Forum
Cleveland, OH
September 24-27, 2020
https://www.nemaweb.org/index.php/forums-meetings/save-the-date

If you have an event or workshop you would like to see posted on in the WSSPC bulletins, please email us at wsspc@wsspc.org

For more information on upcoming NEHRP related events, please visit:
https://www.nehrp.gov/pdf/NEHRP_related_Events.pdf