

**Western States Seismic Policy Council
Board of Directors' Meeting
The Westin Hotel
Seattle, Washington
April 21, 2008**

MINUTES

Present were:

+ Board member or Proxy

+Rick Allis, Utah Geological Survey
+Dave Cassel, Oregon Emergency Management
David Freeborn, New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management
+Jim Goltz, California Governor's Office of Emergency Services
Dave Jackson, Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security
Amy Lewis, WSSPC
+Vince Matthews, Colorado Geological Survey
Vicki McConnell, Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries
+John Parrish, California Geological Survey
+Mark Roberts, Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management
Patti Sutch, WSSPC

Call to Order and Introductions – Rick Allis

The meeting was called to order and all present introduced themselves.

Approval of January 15, 2008 Board Minutes – Board

Jim Goltz asked that "has" be changed to "have" on page 2, No. 5 of the Minutes.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of January 15, 2008 as amended (John Parrish).

SECOND: David Freeborn.

VOTE: Unanimously approved.

Executive Director Report – Patti Sutch

- Patti introduced Amy Lewis, WSSPC's new Program Manager.
- There are seven paid affiliate members this year (same as last year).
- 2007 Affiliate members are listed in the Annual Report.
- The Annual Report handed out is a result of the Board request last year.
- We will be inviting Washington and Idaho seismic councils to join WSSPC.
- The WSSPC budget for the first quarter of the fiscal year has expended 23% of its funds.
- The FEMA Grant 2007 from August 2007 to February 2008 (7 months) spent 55% in 58% of the time.
- The Reno Conference netted WSSPC about \$27,000, adding to the reserves which are now approximately \$100,000.
- Patti and the California Seismic Safety Commission webmistress have prepared a mockup of the WSSPC Forum that is a combination long-term information repository and web-based communications forum. Patti will demo the Forum at the Annual Business Meeting.

2009 WSSPC Annual Conference – Board

The Board discussed the possibilities for the 2009 annual conference. The meeting with the Seismological Society in Monterey was put aside due to the potentially high cost of travel. Meeting with the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute (EERI) in February 2009 in Salt Lake City was suggested as an alternative, due to our many common members.

MOTION: To explore the possibility of coordinating the 2009 annual meeting with EERI (Vince Matthews).

SECOND: John Parrish

VOTE: Unanimously in favor.

Patti will meet with Susan Tubbesing to discuss the 2009 joint meeting possibility.

Policy Recommendations – Board

Draft Policy Recommendation 08-1: The revised policy recommendation approved by the Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Committee, and the added statement of the policy recommendation were presented to the Board. After discussion, the Board agreed to forward the policy recommendation to the members.

Draft Policy Recommendation 08-2: The Board accepted the policy recommendation from the Basin & Range Province Committee without changes.

Draft Policy Recommendation 08-3: The words “Real-Time” were removed from the title and the first sentence, and the phrase “provides rapid information for emergency response,” was added to the last sentence in the first paragraph of the policy recommendation. The policy recommendation was then forwarded to the members for their approval.

Draft Policy Recommendation 08-4: The Board agreed to add the phrase “as occurred in the 2008 Wells, Nevada earthquake” to the first sentence in the Background section of the policy recommendation, and referred it to the members for their approval.

Policy Recommendation 06-1: The Policy Recommendation is expiring in 2009.

New Business – Board

John Parrish suggested that WSSPC prepare a policy recommendation on earthquake scenarios that includes gathering and reporting data. Such a policy recommendation may help localities get funding for mitigation. David Freeborn mentioned that EERI’s Scenario Workshop was planned for the fall of 2008.

Adjourn – Allis

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting (John Parrish)

SECOND: David Jackson.

VOTE: Unanimously in favor.

Closed Board Session Results

The Board agreed to a 2.3% Cost-of-living adjustment to the Executive Director salary retroactive to January 1, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia L. Sutch
WSSPC Secretary