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**WSSPC Annual Business Meeting**

WSSPC's Annual Business Meeting was held on April 28<sup>th</sup> in Oklahoma City, OK. The majority of the meeting was devoted to reviewing and voting on the 2017 Policy Recommendations: 5 policies were approved, 1 policy was retired and 1 policy was sent back to the committee for further revision. More details pertaining to the policies will be available in June. Following the policy review, the WSSPC Board elections were held—Peter McDonough (At-Large-SSC), Mark Ghilarducci, (CA-EM) and Karen Berry (CO-GS) were all re-elected for another two year term (2017-2019).

**WSSPC Board Recognition**

At the WSSPC Board meeting held in Oklahoma City, the WSSPC Board of Directors acknowledged and thanked Dave Norman (Washington State Department of Natural Resources; Division of Geology and Earth Resources) for his tenure as WSSPC Board Chair in 2015-2016.



**Earthquake Program Manager's Recognition**



At the National Earthquake Program Managers' meeting in late April, Kate Long (California Governor's Office of Emergency Services) received special recognition: a certificate of appreciation from FEMA for her dedication to "advancing earthquake preparedness in California and the Nation" as well as a plaque from WSSPC on behalf of the State Earthquake Program Managers for her "indefatigable pursuit of earthquake safety".

Ed Laatsch, FEMA and Kate Long, CALOES  
Photo Credit: Alisa Nave, CUSEC

**Idaho Outreach Materials**

WSSPC partnered with Idaho's Office of Emergency Management and Idaho's Geological Survey to create an Idaho Public Awareness Campaign in support of the Southeast Idaho Four-County Earthquake Exercise that was held in mid-May 2017. WSSPC worked with Dark Horse Comics, Inc. to adapt a comic book: *Without Warning: Idaho Edition*. The comic book incorporates the correct safety techniques/guidelines that should be followed before, during and after an earthquake happens. The comic book is available at <https://digital.darkhorse.com/> Other items that were used to promote the Awareness Campaign were: printed materials, whistles, flashlights, banners and billboards in the fall and spring.



Idaho Office of Emergency Management Field Officer Mark Stephensen stated, "[The exercise] exceeded my expectations. Two of the four counties did damage assessments. Several lessons [were] learned including strong need for a full-scale, multi-state, multi-agency earthquake exercise sometime in the near future."

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**Alaska's Next Big Earthquake & Tsunami Workshop: Mitigating Impacts**



Alaska's Next Big Earthquake Workshop was held May 9-11, 2017 in Anchorage, and brought together over 100 representatives from Alaska's local, state, and federal governments and agencies; schools; financial and business sectors; health care; critical infrastructure - ports, utilities and transportation; engineers, planners, and scientists; first responders, non-profits, Department of Corrections, and other interest groups. The workshop was designed to encourage a robust discussion of the earthquake and tsunami hazard, and mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery issues between attendees and subject matter expert panelists. The second day was devoted to two facilitated exercises with a discussion of impacts to the state. The writing group

met the third morning and planned for the written report which will be printed and posted on the workshop website at <http://nextearthquake.gi.alaska.edu> later this summer. The attendee list and presentations can be viewed on the website at this time.