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WSSPC NEWS

Nominations for the 2020 WSSPC Awards are now 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/>

News on 2019 ShakeOut

The Great ShakeOut was held this year on October 17th, 2019. States from across the U.S and nations from around the world participated in this international earthquake drill, all practicing Drop, Cover, and Hold On at 10:17AM.

Participation was high this year with more than 24 million people registered for the drill, whether they were at work, school, or home.

Thanks again to everyone who participated! Sharing knowledge about what to do in the case of an earthquake to our friends, coworkers, and families helps save lives when the real thing inevitably comes along.

<https://www.shakeout.org/>



WSSPC in West Sacramento for ShakeOut

While presenting the “Seven Steps to Earthquake Safety” to Cal Trans Safety Managers at the California Highway Patrol Academy, Executive Director Matthew Wall led the Shakeout drill for all those participating in the meeting. (<https://www.earthquakecountry.org/sevensteps/>)



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WSSPC in Reno

Nevada and Utah held a summit in Reno, Nevada where there were discussions on Ridgecrest and how it affected Nevada, how weather affects hazards and how we can respond to hazards, and earthquake clearinghouses.

WSSPC Executive Director Matthew Wall gave a presentation on clearinghouses, using Idaho's clearinghouse exercise as a case study. The summit ended with a discussion on URMs.



WSSPC Monthly Calls

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.

Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology New Seismic Story Map

MBMG has created a new seismic story map! In an effort to increase public awareness of earthquake hazards in Montana and educate the public about steps they can take to prepare for earthquakes, this seismic story map will give users information on historical earthquake data in Montana as well as outline earthquake preparedness tips.

To see the story map, visit: <https://mbmg.mtech.edu/storymaps/seismichazards.html>

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



We develop seismic policies and share information to promote programs intended to reduce earthquake related losses.



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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 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.

WSSPC's Annual Affiliate Membership Drive Begins!

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 for our affiliate members. Thank you to our 2019 members:

Corporate

- California Earthquake Authority
- Saunders Construction, Inc.

Individual

- Dominic Sims

Government

- City of Las Vegas Building and Safety
- Clark County Building and Fire Prevention

Non-Profit Organizations

- Applied Technology Council

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Upcoming Workshops, Events, and Conference Calls:

WSSPC Geologist/Seismic Committees and Commissions Conference Call

November 12, 2019

WSSPC Board Meeting

November 13th, 2019

Sacramento, CA

www.wsspc.org/

WSSPC Clearinghouse Working Group Conference Call

Canceled due to date conflict with the WSSPC Board Meeting, the next call will be held December 11, 2019

AGI Clearinghouse Webinar

November 14th, 2019

<https://www.americangeosciences.org/webinars/improving-earthquake-resiliency-through-earthquake-clearinghouses>

2019 National Disaster Resilience Conference

November 20th-22nd, 2019

Clearwater Beach, Florida

<http://flash.org/nationaldisasterresilienceconference/>

WSSPC Earthquake Program Managers Conference Call:

November 21, 2019

American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting

December 9th-13th, 2019

San Francisco, California

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

National Earthquake Conference (NEC)

March 4-6, 2020

San Diego, California

<http://earthquakeconference.org/>

If you have an event or workshop you would like to see on our 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**