

**MINUTES OF THE ALASKA SEISMIC HAZARDS SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING
JANUARY 31, 2008**



I. OPENING BUSINESS

- Call to Order-Chairman Aho called the meeting to order at 9:00 am
- Roll Call – Commission members John Aho, Gary Carver, David Cole, Roger Hansen, Robert Hicks, Kathy Hosford, Laura Kelly, Dean Maxwell, Mark Roberts. Vickie Butherus and Rhea Supplee, Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys (DGGS) were also present.
- Approval of the Agenda: Commission member Cole moved to approve the minutes and Commission member Hicks seconded the motion. Chairman Aho also mentioned that all the minutes are on the web now and are up to date.
- Introductions-Guests: Craig Weaver (USGS).
- Review and Approval of Minutes for September 17-19, 2007, October 25, 2007 and December 6, 2007 Commission Member Cole moved and seconded by Commission Member Hicks. Approved.

II. BRIEFINGS

- USGS Representative Craig Weaver talked about the Seattle Earthquake Scenario. The cost was \$50K from the EERI and \$5-10K from FEMA. A tremendous volunteer effort (thousands of hours) went into this. Organizers included Don Ballantine and Dave Swanson (EERI Members), Mark Stewart (Tech Editor/Geology Background) and Steve Palmer - DNR.
- Recent Seismic Activity of Interest - Commission Member Hansen spoke about the 7.2 earthquake on December 19, 2007, located 114 miles W/SW of Adak. Commission Member Hansen also spoke of recent activity between January 14 and 20. Alaska had 344 earthquakes, two of which were of a magnitude greater than 5.0.
- Health of the Alaska Seismic Networks - Commission Member Hansen: NOAA's National Weather Service is decreasing funding for education and seismic network.
- AGU 12/10/2007 Meeting - Commission Members Hansen and Carver were both at the meeting.

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- SERC, LEPCA Meeting Juneau 1/15/2008 - Commission Member Roberts: Commission Member Freed and Commission Member Roberts will do a presentation for SERC in Anchorage in May.

III. OLD BUSINESS

- Action items
See 12/6/2007 Action Item List

IV. MEETINGS OF INTEREST

- Mark Roberts had a meeting with Homeland Security & Emergency Management personnel regarding the proposal to assess seismic stability of every public school in the State of Alaska for possible future retrofiting.
- Chairman Aho and Commission Member Combellick will hold a briefing for DNR Commissioner Tom Irwin on February 11.

V. CRITICAL DEADLINES

- None discussed

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- Election of Officers - Commission Member Hicks nominated John Aho as Chairman and seconded by Commission Member Hosford. Commission Member Carver nominated Commission Member Kelly as Vice Chair and Commission Member Hicks seconded the nomination. The motion was passed by voice vote.

VII. REPORTS

- Chairman Aho
 - Ethics report - no conflicts reported.
 - Earthquake Engineering Report - "Application to Design," by Charles K. Erday, Wiley 2007
- Committee Reports
 - Schools - Commission Member Kelly talked about the administrators and principals coming together in October for two meetings: "Alaska Council of School Administrators" and "Alaska Association of Secondary School Principals" which would give the ASHSC the opportunity to bring to the schools new information on seismic hazard issues.
 - Earthquake Scenario - Commission member Combellick was traveling and had nothing to report but Commission member Mark Roberts spoke of the major statewide exercise in 2010 that disrupts the logistic chains for the state, including damage to ports, roads, railroads and airports. It may generate a tsunami as well.
 - Education & Outreach - Commission members Kathy Hosford and Bob Hicks: The committee met on December 27, 2007 where they were able to focus on some points for projects and deliverables.

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- Hazards Identification - Commission member Carver is planning to draft a letter.
- Response & Recovery - Commission member Roberts-Planning to meet with John Aho to discuss.
- Post Earthquake Planning - Commission member Carver-Dave Cole spoke about the Anchorage Ground Failure Susceptibility Map being developed, which is in very good shape.
- Partnership - Chairman Aho asked Dave Cole to chair this committee to help locate and gain some private and public entities to assist with developing some programs. Dave declined but agreed to serve on the committee.

VIII. GENERAL DISCUSSION

- Public - no public comment
- Chairman Aho - Reviewed a new book “Earthquake Engineering Application and Design” by Chris Arnold, funded by FEMA.
- Commission members will upgrade the acronym list.

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- Budget Report - Rhea Supplee: Budget remaining \$5,616.43. FY08 Expenditures spent to date \$4,383.57.
- ASHSC Web Site Update Status - April Woolery: The web site is up to date as of today. Chairman Aho stated he would try to work on the news releases.
- Next Meeting Date - March 4, 2008 (9:00am)

X. ADJOURNMENT

- Chairman John Aho moved for adjournment and Commission Member Hicks seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:27am