



I. OPENING BUSINESS 9:00 a.m.

- Call to Order (John Aho, Chairperson); Roll call: Commission members John Aho, Gary Carver, Gay Dunham, David Cole, David Miller, Laura Kelly, Rod Combellick and Mark Roberts were present. Commission members Roger Hansen and Gayle White were excused. April Woolery of the State Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys was present.
- The meeting agenda was approved.
- Introductions-Guest: Lisa Witzleben, Emergency Management Specialist III with the Alaska Department of Military & Veterans Affairs (DMVA) and Coordinator for the Alaska Partnership for Infrastructure Protection (APIP).
- Review and Approval of Minutes for the September 9, 2009 meeting: The minutes were approved with amendments. April Woolery still needs the presentations from the October 1-2, 2008 meeting so that she can post them on the website. Please send to April or to Commission member Combellick.

II. BRIEFINGS 9:10 a.m.

- Overview of APIP-Lisa Witzleben: APIP is a cooperative effort between local, state, and federal governments and the private sector in Alaska. APIP enables members to share information so that they can coordinate their responses following a seismic event. Now in its sixth year, APIP had problems early on with members being unable or unwilling to share proprietary information. The DMVA has since been able to protect information by hosting the APIP website on the Homeland Security Information Network so that no one can see it without authorization. Ms. Witzleben and her colleagues have worked to build trust among members and to keep APIP beneficial to the private sector. There are regular meetings via webinar to allow for statewide access. Members now check in via the website after a seismic event to give status updates. APIP polls members to find out what information they need so that it can be provided. Ms. Witzleben will let APIP members know that the ASHSC is willing to share seismic hazard information.
- Recent Seismic Activity of Interest-Hansen: Absent, no report.
- Health of the Alaska Seismic Networks-Hansen: Absent: no report.
- Shake Map Update-Hansen: Absent: no report.
- Preparedness Training Conference Report-Roberts: The training was well-received. Commission member Kelly gave an excellent presentation on the ASHSC and the U.S. Coast Guard's use of rapid visual screening and mission dependency indexing, and how schools relate to operations. She reported that she has received several follow-up calls from various communities. Commission member Combellick talked about the State Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys (DGGS) and their role in hazard issues. Commission member Hansen discussed seismicity issues.
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program-Roberts: Disaster mitigation funds can be used for seismic projects. FEMA has shown reluctance to fund assessments with this money, but Commission member Roberts will try to get them to approve this use of the funds.

Commission member Combellick asked about the status of the FEMA grant to be used for completion of the Alaska Active Fault Database. Commission member Roberts reported that the money would be available in a week or so.

- Municipality of Anchorage Geotechnical Advisory Commission Activity Update-Cole: There was no meeting this past month, so nothing to report.
- The 2011 AEG Meeting will be held in Anchorage. Commission members Carver and Combellick will be involved in the meeting.
- DGGs Natural Gas Pipeline Corridor Briefings-Combellick: He gave two briefings on this. The first was to local, state, and federal pipeline coordinators in Anchorage. It was set up by the state AGIA Coordinator, Mark Myers. The second presentation was to a meeting of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration. The second meeting was also located in Anchorage and included people from around the country.

### III. OLD BUSINESS

9:40 a.m.

- MMI USGS/NEHRP Proposal-Combellick: Unfortunately, NEHRP did not fund the proposal. Commission member Combellick will find out if MMI plans to resubmit this proposal next year so that ASHSC can assist them.
- Action Items:
- Commission member Hansen should compose a letter thanking ACS for their donation of DSL lines for seismic monitoring.
- Chairman Aho sent thank you e-mails to both Ian Shennan and Jeff Freymueller for their presentations at the face-to-face meeting in September.
- Summaries are still needed from committee chairs for the Annual Report. These are due by December 1.
- Now that he has an answer on the MMI/NEHRP proposal, Commission member Combellick will contact Susan Tubbesing of EERI.

### IV. MEETINGS OF INTEREST

9:50 a.m.

- ATC/SEI, Improving Structural Performance of Existing Buildings, San Francisco, December 9-11, 2009
- DHS & EM Seismic Training & Summit, September 28-October 2, 2009, Anchorage
- Earthquake Program Managers Meeting, Boston
- American Geophysical Union, San Francisco, December 14-18, 2009
- ANSS National Implementation Committee Meeting, Berkeley, November 4-6, 2009
- NTHNP Meeting, Pasadena, January 1, 2010
- Association of Engineering Geology, South Lake Tahoe
- IRIS Instrumentation, Palm Springs, November 10-12, 2009
- Earthscope, Snow Bird, Utah, October 7-8, 2009
- Geological Society of America, Annual Meeting, Portland, November 18-21, 2009
- EERI Annual Meeting, February 3-6, 2010, San Francisco
- WSSPC Annual Meeting, July 10-13, 2010, Broomfield, CO
- 2009 National Conference on Community Preparedness, August 9-12, 2009, Alexandria, VA

- 2014 National Earthquake Engineering Conference-Anchorage

V. CRITICAL DEADLINES 10:00 a.m.

- ASHSC Report to WSSPC: The report should be summarized (one to two pages) to match the WSSPC newsletter format.
- 2009 Report to Legislature-Committee chairs will provide a half-page to a page on their activities for this report. Draft paragraphs should be turned in by early December so that the completed report can be turned in by mid to late January.

VI. NEW BUSINESS 10:05 a.m.

- Future Briefings
  - Mat-Su Prison Presentation
  - MOA Emergency Operations Center Tour
  - Monitoring of Large Earthquakes
  - Utilities Risk Mitigation Approaches
  - Alyeska Pipeline Seismic Instrumentation
  - DOT inventory of bridges: photo inventory of types and weaknesses
  - Gas Pipeline potential investors: TransCanada, Denali and Enstar all have projects going related to the planned gas pipeline
  - Richard Koehler field work presentation
  - Warning and Coordination Meteorologists from NOAA
  - Other suggestions should be forwarded to Chairman Aho

VII. REPORTS 10:10 a.m.

- Chairperson
  - Chairman Aho has filed the third quarter ethics report for the Commission: no ethics violations reported.
  - Commission members should forward suggestions for filling Robert Hicks' open seat on the Commission to Chairman Aho. Commission member Carver pointed out that it would be good to get someone who, like Robert Hicks, has expertise in drafting legislation.
- Committee Reports
  - Insurance-White: Absent, no report
  - Schools-Kelly: The draft of the memo and map to be sent to the Commissioner for the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development (ADEED) is complete and will be sent following review and revisions. The memo and map can be used by ADEED to prioritize schools by seismic risk. Once these have been completed, Commission member Kelly will work on the goals and metrics for the committee.
  - Earthquake Scenario-Combellick: The committee has not met since the last Commission meeting. Committee chair Combellick has sent out goals and metrics for the committee to members. Dave Cole has returned his comments, and the other committee members still need to do the same.
  - Education & Outreach-Aho: As interim committee chair, John Aho would like to see more focus on making the public aware of what the ASHSC does.

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- Hazards Identification-Carver: He is working on a draft white paper and has sent the committee goals and metrics out to members for comment.
- Response, Recovery/Post Earthquake Planning-Roberts: The committee has not met since the last Commission meeting. Commission member Roberts has re-sent the Incident Command System (ICS) training links. He is working on completing goals and metrics for the committee.
- Partnership-Aho: He is working on completing the goals and metrics for the committee. Commission member Combellick suggested that the ASHSC form a partnership with APIP.

VIII. GENERAL DISCUSSION 10:40 a.m.

- Public: None

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS 10:45 a.m.

- Budget Report-Woolery: Following travel expenses for the September face-to-face meeting, the ASHSC budget is now \$5,008.00.
- ASHSC Web Site Update Status-Woolery: The website is mostly up-to-date. Chairman Aho will send the Legislative presentation and the Joyner Lecture to be added to the site. The PowerPoint presentations from the October, 2008 face-to-face meeting are still needed.
- Committee goals and metrics are due by December 1, 2009.
- Next Meeting Date: Teleconference on Thursday, December 3 at 9:00 am.

X. ADJOURNMENT 10:55 a.m.

- Commission member Cole moved, and Commission member Miller seconded to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.