

MINUTES OF THE ALASKA SEISMIC HAZARDS SAFETY COMMISSION
August 2, 2012 Meeting



I. OPENING BUSINESS

- John Aho (Chair) called meeting to order approx 9:10 a.m. Commission members John Aho, Bud Cassidy, Ann Gravier, Laura Kelly, Rich Koehler, and Robert Scher present (quorum established); Gary Carter and Gayle White excused; Roger Hansen and David Miller absent (see Old Business, Commission Roster). April Woolery, DGGs Administrative Assistant, excused (see Administrative Matters).
- Agenda approved (no additions)
- Guests: Sam Kito (ADEED)
- Draft minutes from the April 5-6, June 7, and July 7 meetings not available (see Old Business and Administrative Matters).

II. BRIEFINGS

- No reports of: seismic activity for July 2012; the health of the Alaska seismic network; status of resolving issues pertaining to the maintenance of the Anchorage strong motion network; or the July 23 Tsunami Hazards Workshop in Seward (Hansen absent).
- No report on the MOA-GAC (Scher noted GAC did not meet in July).

III. OLD BUSINESS

- Action Items from June 7 meeting: Items a-c, l, m, p, s, and x-z complete; Aho and Scher agreed to prepare draft minutes for the April 5-6, June 7, July 7, and Aug 2 meetings (items e-g; see Administrative Matters); the State Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) has not responded to any of Cassidy's attempts to contact them (item l); document complete (item n), Kelly moved (Cassidy seconded) Commission approve document for publication by DGGs, all in favor, Koehler will notify when available; item cc to Aho for signature; suggestion to move items c, d, h, i, and j to list of "ongoing action items"; all other items continuing (see other Old Business and Reports for additional information).
- ASHSC Strategic Plan: Aho will 'finalize' and submit the plan to the Governor's Office prior to the Sep meeting, recognizing the plan is dynamic in nature and always open to change.
- Commission Roster: Governor's Boards and Commissions Office has letters requesting reappointment from Aho, Hansen, and Miller; has application for Robin McSharry (Insurance Representative); Gravier to submit application and resume; still opening for 'Local Government Representative'.

IV. MEETINGS OF INTEREST

- ASHSC Face-to-Face Meeting, 11-12 September 2012, Anchorage
- 15th World Conf on Earthquake Engineering, 24-28 September 2012, Lisbon, Portugal
- DMVA Non-Structural Seismic Mitigation Training, October 2012, Anchorage (*specific date not yet scheduled*, Gravier)

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- DMVA Tsunami Operations Workshop, November 2012, Cordova (*venue changed from Seward, Gravier*)
- 3rd International Workshop on Active Tectonics..., 19-24 November 2012, Morelia, Mexico (Koehler)
- 10th U.S. National Conference on Earthquake Engineering and EERI Annual Meeting, July 20-26, 2014 – Anchorage (Aho)

V. CRITICAL DEADLINES

- ASHSC Report to WSSPC - TBD
- ASHSC Strategic Plan – Final draft to Governor's Office August 2012 (Aho)
- 2012 Report to Legislature – 1 February 2013
- Legislative Trip - TBD

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- Future Briefings: (see Reports)
- DGGS Publication Policies: Koehler briefed Commission of the types of DGGS publications and policies for review. DGGS Miscellaneous Publications only subject to DNR's internal review – all other types of publications subject also to external reviews. White papers or other reports prepared by the ASHSC would most likely be candidates as DGGS Miscellaneous Publications, subject to their theme and content.
- Discussion of background information to be provided new members: e.g. the Commission's Strategic Plan, relevant Alaska Statutes, charter, rules and procedures, etc. Tabled.

VII. REPORTS

- Chair: Aho again highlighted upcoming presentation by Lloyd Cluff on 11 September; reminded committee chairs they are responsible for a one-page summary of their committee's activities for the ASHSC annual report; distributed a memo assigning responsibilities of a 1-2 page white paper for each of the Commission's 'Policy Recommendations', by year end; Commission's September meeting will include a joint sessions with the MOA GAC to discussion common interests and goals; no news regarding 2014 EERI meeting/conference in Anchorage.
- Schools Committee: Kelly will present a briefing of the new RVS procedure at the Commission's Sep meeting; and spoke with Professor Christine Theodoropoulos (University of Oregon), who conformed she will be available to participate in the Sep meeting (via teleconference) to discuss her project using students to perform rapid visual screening of their campus buildings. Kelly and Cassidy will continue to try to make contact with the State PTA.
- Insurance Committee: No report (White excused).
- Earthquake Scenario Committee: No report (Carver excused). Cassidy and Kelly believe FEMA's Kodiak HAZUS study substantially complete – will confirm by next meeting. Koehler thanked Kelly for providing digital files of the figures for the Commission's final Cascadia white paper, now published by DGGS.

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- Hazards Identification Committee: Koehler reported that DGGS's Alaska Quaternary fault data base has been published (i.e. digital data files).
<http://www.dggs.dnr.state.ak.us/pubs/id/23944>
- Education and Outreach Committee: Scher to attend the Alaska State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors (AELS) to introduce the Commission's considerations for requirements of seismic knowledge for licensed engineers (policy recommendation (#2011-2). Gravier highlighted the DMVA's upcoming "Alaska Shakeout" program.
- Response & Recovery Committee: Gravier intends a work session at the Sep meeting to draft the Commission's action plan following a significant earthquake.
- Partnering Committee: Nothing to report (Aho).

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- DGGS has not yet provided a replacement for April Woolery (Commission's staff representative) who went on maternity leave in June – Aho will contact Rod Combellick (DGGS) requesting DNR staff assistance for the Commission's future meetings.
- No report on the Commission's FY 2012/13 ending balance, or budget for FY 2012/12; no update on status of website
- Next Meeting Date (*Face-to-Face*) – 11-12 September 2012 (to start at 10:30 a.m. on 11th, and 8:00 a.m. on 12th)

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Cassidy moved to adjourn, Kelly seconded; all in favor. Meeting adjourned about 11:30 a.m.