

MEETING MINUTES

30 January 2017 (Monday), 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. DGGS

Geologic Materials Center - 3651 Penland Parkway, Anchorage

Teleconference (1-800-315-6338, Code: 50077#)

(Questions: Contact Buzz Scher, Chair: bscher@rmconsult.com; 907-952-6871 cell)

I. OPENING BUSINESS

- Call to Order-**Scher**; Roll call – John Aho, Duane Dvorak, David Gibbs, Laura Kelly, Robert Scher, De Anne Stevens, Kim Weibl, and Michael West were present. Charity Carmody and Michael Holman were excused. April Woolery from DGGS was also present. Guests: Barrett Salisbury of DGGS.
- Approval of the Agenda – Minor additions.
- Ethics Act – Nothing to report.
- Roster – Addition of Kim Weibl and Sterling Strait. Duane Dvorak will be stepping down April 30th, 2017.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- 17 November Meeting Minutes – Aho moved, Dvorak seconded, to accept the minutes. Minutes accepted with changes.
- Proposed ASHSC Policy Recommendations – Stevens, Scher: Stevens is looking into utilizing the EERI Earthquake Clearinghouse to host an Alaskan clearinghouse. Scher has been working on civil engineering licensing in the state of Alaska to include a seismic component.
- Strategic Plan Update – Aho: Scher will send an editable copy to Aho for updating.

III. COMMISSION PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

- 2017 Earthquake Workshop – West: West will continue to work with the organizers and keep the commission updated on progress.
- FNSB School District RVS Project – Kelly: The consulting firm, BBFM, has changed the methodology to use current FEMA standards as requested. Project is in progress; draft report due in late spring/early summer.
- Kodiak Earthquake Scenario Report – Stevens: Scher sent information to Stevens, which she has reviewed. Discussion of updates and changes needed to the report.
- Alaska Risk Map Program – Scher/West: Agreed that Scher will reach out to provide information to FEMA that will assist in developing effective scenarios.
- Active Faults in Alaska Paper – Stevens: Nothing new to report at this time. Stevens will follow up with former ASHSC member Rich Koehler.
- ASHSC Annual Report – Scher: 2016 report is in progress, not yet complete. Due for completion by next meeting. Aho volunteered to compile a list of ASHSC accomplishments to include.
- Chair's Report – Scher: Scher will follow up with Carmody with insurance industry question. Discussion of state adoption of 2012 International Building Code (IBC).

IV. NEW BUSINESS

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- Public Comments: None.
- Re-Adoption of ASHSC PRs 2013-2 and 2014-1 – Scher: 2013-2 Seismic Provisions for Designing Schools and Public Buildings. Scher recommended allowing this to terminate as the new IBC will cover all concerns in this PR. Aho moved, West seconded, to terminate PR 2013-2, all in favor. 2014-1 DGGs to create an Earthquake Response and Investigation Guide, a field guide to earthquake response in Alaska. Aho questioned if the guide was necessary as other guides exist for this area. Stevens concurred that other resources were available for this information. Stevens volunteered DGGs staff to research and propose a revision to this PR. Aho moved, Stevens seconded to continue to explore this PR. Discussion by ASHSC members. No vote taken – further updates at next meeting.
- EERI/WSSPC Policy Recommendations – Scher: WSSPC sent white papers from EERI out for comment. ASHSC members asked to provide feedback.
- 30th Legislature – All: Aho would like a formal request to Sam Kito whether he will be a point of contact in the legislature for the commission. Stevens asked if the commission has a list of items the commission would like him to support. Kelly agreed that such a list would be useful for Mr. Kito. Scher will add as an action item to draft a letter to request Mr. Kito's support.

V. BRIEFINGS

- Other Entities (*AEC, DHS&EM, DGGs, MOA-GAC, other*) – West reports low seismic activity for the AEC. Tsunami community reports in process. Staffing levels are low at the AEC at this time. They are currently facing both challenges and opportunities. Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS&EM): Weibl is learning her new position and will have more to report as that process unfolds. DGGs has hired Barrett Salisbury as their new neotectonics expert. Bristol Bay Native Association (BBNA) is working with DGGs to update their Tribal Hazard Mitigation plans. Salisbury and Natalia Ruppert from the AEC will assist BBNA in this effort. MOA-GAC, nothing new to report.
- Conferences & Meetings of Interest – *All*: The next DHS&EM Tsunami workshop will be in Homer in April. Details to follow.

VI. CLOSING BUSINESS

- Review/Update Action Items List – *Scher* – Review and updates on progress.
- Election 2017 Chair and Vice Chair – All: Nominations and election of new chair. Stevens nominated, Aho seconded, West for Chair. Discussion. All in favor. West moved, Stevens seconded Kelly as Vice Chair. All in favor.
- Web Site – Discussion about website formatting. Stevens will follow up.
- Staff Report – FY-17 ASHSC budget: Unable to get report, update at next meeting.
- **Next Meeting** TBA, possible face-to-face meeting in May 2017.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Stevens moved, Strait seconded to adjourn. All in favor: meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

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