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1. Opening Business

- a. Call to Order 1:05 PM (*Chair*) B. Salisbury
 - i. Roll call (*Admin*) T. Harmon Present -Bryan Fisher, Natalia Ruppert, Barrett Salisbury, Dan Neuffer
 - ii. Absent -Samuel Bass, Thomas Bergey, Sterling Strait *
 - iii. Nick Murray excused.
 - iv. Guest - Aaron Baczuk, Emergency Manager, City of Valdez is interested in becoming a board member of ASHSC in the Local Government Representative position.
- b. Ethics Act (*Chair*) nothing to report <http://www.law.alaska.gov/doclibrary/ethics/EthicsInfoBC.html>
- c. Approval of the Agenda- S. Strait and B. Fisher second 2:05pm
- d. Approval of Feb. 9, 2023, Meeting Minutes -B. Fisher and S. Strait second 2:05pm
- e. Budget Update: ~\$7k remaining (still waiting on Nov. travel to clear)
- f. Public Comment - None

2. New Business

- a. Annual Report materials- *Ongoing, Salisbury will submit in April.*

3. Old Business

- a. Building Code Adoption & Enforcement & NEHRP ISEA grant (performance period 8/01/22 – 1/31/24)
 - i. Year 1 Scope of Work finalized, developing RFP to share.
The Group reviewed the study topics, timeline, and budget for this project. B. Salisbury proposed the question; What Western State(s) do we want to use for Comparison between Alaska?
It was decided to use California due to its frequent seismic activity and the work that has already been done, Washington being the closest coastal state and Idaho because of the smaller rural populations like Alaska where residents may be resistant to new rules.

B. Salisbury proposed the question; What are the minimal requirements for a proposal, so random people are not submitting ?

D. Neuffer gave a short answer of a firm that is registered to practice engineering in Alaska as part of that firm there must be a licensed professional engineer. B. Fisher reminded the group that as part of procurement there will have to be a Proposal Evaluation Committee formed. B. Fisher has volunteered to sit on the committee.

Respondents should let us know if they can meet the timeframe. There is potential for an extension on the period of performance on the grant year from FEMA and NEHRP.

- ii. Confirm funding/payment method/requirements at DGGG/DHS&EM

DGGG is aware and in touch with DHS&EM

b. 2023 Ongoing Tasks

- i. ASHSC members (*Salisbury*)

B. Salisbury is in communication with folks for the Local Government Representative seat and with the Loss Management team at Anchorage Alaska Mutual to identify someone from the insurance community.

B. Fisher volunteered to look into FEMA (make sure there isn't potential ethics issues) and Department of Defense as a possibility for Federal Agency Representative.

B. Fisher would like to endorse Aaron Baczuk due to his good qualifications and location, B. Salisbury agreed he would be a good fit.

B. Salisbury will draft the resignation letter of Laura Kelley to the Boards and Commissions.

- ii. Annual Report (*Salisbury*)

- iii. Soliciting NEHRP work (*Salisbury*) This will be thru the RFP process.

- iv. Building code subcommittee ASHSC members B. Salisbury, B. Fisher, S. Strait, N. Ruppert, Invitations for additional members (*B. Fisher*)
Invitations went out to; Lloyd Nakano Alaska State Fire Marshal and Anita Baker with the Division of Community Affairs with an additional request for Ms. Baker to present at a future meeting regarding HUD block grant program disaster recovery. B. Fisher has already heard back from Insurance Industry Director Lori Wing-Heier who has agreed to work on the building code subcommittee. Still need to connect with Alaska Housing Finance Corp. B. Salisbury will reach out to Jake Horazdovsky, John Thornley, and Scott Hamel. The May meeting will be a good opportunity to discuss the new subcommittee.

4. Briefings

- a. Alaska Earthquake Center (*Ruppert*)- *Nothing new to report only that there was interest from the media after the Turkey/Syria Earthquake*
- b. AK Div. of Geological & Geophysical Surveys (*Salisbury*) – *Nothing new to report but was also approached with questions after the Turkey/Syria Earthquake*
- c. AK Div. of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (*Fisher*) Listed workshops and events.
 - *Rural resiliency workshop was held a few weeks ago.*
 - *Next week is a Tsunami Operations workshop in Kodiak.*
 - *April 18.19 & 20 is Emergency Management conference in Anchorage.*
 - *This week has been a rehearsal of concept drill with FEMA, the Coast Guard and DHS&EM. A 65x65 foot map of south-central Alaska was used to look at how to move life sustaining resources across these communities following a major disaster. This week’s meetings will help with a larger rehearsal of concept drill in April of 2024. Invitations will be extended to the ASHSC members. B. Fisher is hopeful to have a virtual option to participate in the meeting.*
- d. ~~AK Dept. of Transportation~~ & Public Facilities (*Murray-excused*)

5. Closing Matters

- a. Next meetings
 - i. May 11-12, 2023, in-person mtg, Fairbanks
 1. 11th- New Business agenda items
 2. 12th – visit AEC
- b. Ad hoc, Attendance (*Salisbury*) - *Some of the members attendance records are down. This is an important issue because the Boards of Commissions will ask why this has not been addressed. B. Salisbury will reach out to those members to address the issue.*
- c. Ad hoc, Opinion Paper (*Ruppert*) – *Can we use the new interest in earthquakes since the Turkey/Syria incident as leverage for introducing and drawing parallels with some of our own unsafe building practices? N. Ruppert is willing to oversee the*

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opinion paper with information from B. Salisbury and to share with the rest of the commission. Many talking points are in the building code adoption policy recommendation 2020-1. D. Neuffer can contribute to talking points.

- d. Ad Hoc (Strait) - ASHSC may have the ear of Representative Donna Mears Anchorage District 21. She is interested in helping the commission.

-Meeting Adjourned at 2:15pm