

**OSSPAC MINUTES - DRAFT**  
**September 23, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. in the ARC/OEM conference room in Salem.

**OSSPAC Members Present:**

Gerry Williams, Chair	R Brown Consulting Group LLC (Public member)
Carl Farrington, Vice Chair	(Stakeholder: multi-family housing)
James Doane	(Stakeholder: Utilities)
Fred Girod	(Stakeholder: legislative assembly)
Diane Merten	(Public Member)
Chris Shirley	(State agency: land conservation and development)
Susan Steward	(Stakeholder: Building Owners)
Mark Tyler	(Stakeholder: school district/community college/university)
Althea Turner	Oregon Emergency Management (State Agency)
Yumei Wang	DOGAMI (State agency: geology & mineral industries)
Kent Yu	(Stakeholder: structural engineer)

**OSSPAC Members Absent (with attendance for 2008):**

Rose Gentry (2 out of 5)	Department of Transportation (State Agency)
Bert Kile (2 out of 5)	(Stakeholder: American Red Cross)
Tom Manning (3 out of 5)	(Public Member)
Gary Milliman (2 out of 3)	(Stakeholder: local government)
Richard Rogers (3 out of 5)	Building Codes (State Agency)
Autumn Rudisel (4 out of 5)	Lewis & Clark Bank (Stakeholder: banking)

**Others in Attendance:**

James Bela	OR Earthquake Awareness
Bev Hall	Oregon Emergency Management
Sandra Jimenez	High school student (shadowing Yumei)
Joe Johnson	Oregon Community College Association
Al Newnam	Oregon Community College and Workforce Development
Sasha Pollack	Senate President Courtney's Office (by phone)
Randy Prince	Citizen
Bob Simonton	Higher Education

## 1. **Administrative Matters**

### 1a. **Welcome and Introductions**

Gerry Williams, Chair, opened the meeting. Introductions followed.

### 1b. **Review and Approval of Minutes for July**

A quorum was present and the July minutes were approved as written, with Jim Doane and Chris Shirley abstaining.

### 1c. **Unfinished Business**

Chris Shirley from Land Conservation and Development was welcomed as our newest member. The Commission is now full, though Bert Kile sent news that he will be retiring and his last meeting will be the November meeting.

### 1d. **Events Notification**

Yumei Wang announced that there is a World Conference on Earthquake Engineering Oct. 12-17 in Beijing. Yumei will be speaking. Kent Yu said he is also attending and presenting a paper.

Jay Raskin from Cannon Beach will be speaking Monday at the House Interim Committee on Emergency Preparedness and Ocean Policy. He is asking for FEMA help on building a tsunami vertical evacuation building.

Yumei announced there is a Shake Out exercise in California Nov. 12-18, 2008. Also the demonstration projects have been closed out at OSU and WOU. Clatsop Community College will be next.

Gerry Williams spoke of the Cascadia Peril exercise to be held April 27-30, 2009. He would like all of the Commission members to be involved as observers.

### 1e. **Time and Location for November 18, 2008 Meeting**

Yumei suggested Cannon Beach or Portland. She will work with Gerry to finalize the location.

## 2. **OSSPAC Strategic Planning Committee –Director Dr. Vicki McConnell, DOGAMI**

Dr. McConnell spoke about the Business Continuity Plans that are mandated for each state agency. For example, Oregon Emergency Management would activate 24/7 for an emergency, Treasury would have to figure out how money would still flow through their agency, etc.

She said scenarios are very important, but people get busy and even when gaps are found, things often don't get done.

DOGAMI's answers to OSSPAC's survey was then handed out and discussed. There was a question as to who would do red tagging of buildings after a disaster. Chris Shirley said that in Vernonia it was run by the fire department and mutual aid was used from other counties.

Diane Merten told Vicki she was very appreciative of the Rapid Visual Screenings that were done. Discussion was held about the possible use of enhanced visual screenings. Vicki said that she would like to go forward with the plan as it is.

Yumei said she is a fan of enhanced screenings. Bob Simonton likes the fact that the enhanced screenings give the probability of collapse. Others said that various schools have done further studies of their buildings on their own.

**3. OSSPAC Grants Committee – Carl Farrington**

Carl said that three subcommittees have been formed: bonds, schools and emergency service buildings. Carl is working with the bonds and schools, and Jim Doane is working with schools and emergency buildings. They will meet before the next general meeting. They are working on a "Request for Information" similar to a pre-application. Jim said he will distribute the suggestions made so far to OSSPAC.

They have a meeting on October 6 to learn how to structure the grants and refine the process. OEM has asked for \$500 million.

**4. OSSPAC Legislative Committee**

No one was present from this committee, so the policy proposals regarding seismic hazards and funding sources were tabled. However, the policy on Force Majeure was passed (after striking the section on Implementation), with Yumei abstaining. Jim moved that the policy regarding secondary impacts of seismic events be struck. Susan seconded and the motion passed.

**5. OSSPAC Education Committee – Diane Merten**

Diane distributed a handout on her committee's proposed strategy through November 2009. Discussion was held regarding how to get the legislature's attention on OSSPAC's issues. Senator Girod suggested sending emails regarding Cascadia Peril 2009 and the highest seismic risk. He also suggested telling the chair of the Ways and Means Committee and said that the most information should be sent to the committee most involved with the issue.

Chris Shirley suggested emailing the legislators after each of our meetings informing them of what we learned from the speakers. Vicki McConnell suggested hand delivering information to the House Committee on Emergency Preparedness and Ocean Policy.

**Adjourn**

Due to no new business, the meeting was adjourned at noon.