

OSSPAC MINUTES
November 20, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. at Oregon Emergency Management.

OSSPAC Members Present:

Gerry Williams, Chair	R Brown Consulting Group LLC (Public member)
Carl Farrington, Vice Chair	(Stakeholder: multi-family housing)
James Doane	Tualatin Valley Water District (Stakeholder: utilities)
Tom Manning	Tillamook County Emergency Management (Public member)
Diane Merten	Benton County (Public member)
Autumn Rudisel	Lewis & Clark Bank (Stakeholder: banking)
Susan Steward	BOMA (Stakeholder: building owners)
Mark Tyler	(Stakeholder: school district/community college/university)
Yumei Wang	DOGAMI (State agency: geology & mineral industries)
Jay Wilson	OEM (State agency: emergency management)

OSSPAC Members Absent: (With attendance for last year)

Jason Atkinson	Senator (legislative assembly)
Peter Courtney	Senator (legislative assembly)
Rose Gentry (4 out of 7)	ODOT (State agency: transportation)
Bert Kile (4 out of 7)	ARC (Stakeholder: American Red Cross)
Richard Rogers (0 out of 2)	(State agency: building codes)
Kent Yu (2 out of 4)	(Stakeholder: structural engineer)

Vacant Positions: DLCD (State agency: land conservation & development)
Stakeholder: local government

Others in Attendance:

Bev Hall	Oregon Emergency Management
Ken Murphy	Oregon Emergency Management
Bob Simonton	Oregon University System
Sasha Pollack	Senator Courtney's Office
Al Newnam	Comm. Colleges & Workforce Development
Mike McDermott	Dept of Human Services
Sarah Jalving	State Historic Preservation Office
James Bela	Oregon Earthquake Awareness

1. Administrative Matters

1a. Welcome and Introductions

Gerry Williams, Chair, welcomed everyone and led in the introductions.

1b. Review and Approval of Minutes for September

Having a quorum, Jim Doane moved and Carl Farrington seconded to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

1c. Unfinished Business

Bylaws were tabled due to the absence of Rose Gentry. Vacancies were discussed with possible replacement for Gene Miles' position. Sasha Pollack from Senator Courtney's office will look into the status of the legislative positions.

1d. New Business

Jay Wilson shared his desire to have a website hosted by OEM for OSSPAC to be able to post information on the web. Yumei Wang moved that Jay work on that being done. Diane Merten seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Yumei said that DOGAMI is working with Al Newnam from CCWD on a seismic upgrade demonstration project at Clatsop Community College. It is an URM building built in 1909. Yumei asked for a letter of support from OSSPAC for the grant proposal to FEMA. Jim moved and Susan Steward seconded that Yumei will write a letter for OSSPAC to review and then Gerry will send it. Motion carried unanimously.

Tom Manning suggested that a letter be written to the IHMT that oversees grants that OSSPAC supports seismic upgrades to

buildings. Diane moved and Susan seconded that Tom write a letter on OSSPAC's behalf. Motion carried unanimously.

Gerry presented Jim Doane with a plaque of appreciation for his work as Chair of OSSPAC. Gerry gave Bev Gene Miles' plaque to send to him for his work on the Commission.

1e. **Events Notification**

Jay announced that on December 5, 2007 he will be attending the House Interim Committee on Emergency Preparedness and Ocean Policy meeting for a multi-agency presentation on tsunami preparedness. He will provide an update on OEM's tsunami program.

1f. **Time and Location for January 8, 2008 Meeting**

Members agreed to meet in Portland in January. Susan and Yumei both said they would look into availability of their buildings.

2. **Summary of Niigata earthquake presentation**

Yumei gave a handout from her presentation on the earthquake in Japan and recommendations to reduce the risk of damage in a similar earthquake. Yumei said the recovery effort was extremely impressive. Niigata is a city of 100,000 people and after two weeks the water systems had been repaired. Japan has a systematic plan of repairing water, gas and sewage systems (in that order). Diane asked why recovery doesn't get emphasis. Tom said that EOPs have to be in place. Jay said there is a CREW funded pilot project template. Tom also said often locals have to do bonds for implementing plans because of the money match needed.

3. **Report from ICC/WSSPC Conference**

Yumei, Tom, and Jay attended the conference. Jay reported on Oregon tsunami warning standards and said that because federal standards are being updated, OEM Director Ken Murphy asked for recommendations to be tabled for now. Tom said that committees across the nation had the opportunity to talk to FEMA about money for transportation costs and publications, and research. There continues to be interest for NEHRP to require accountability of states for earthquake funding and to support the restoration of NEHRP-specific money to states again. Jay mentioned that Yumei sits on the NEHRP National Advisory Committee and she has recommended the return of specific NEHRP funding to states.

4. **Liquefied Natural Gas Facilities in earthquake/tsunami hazard zones**

Yumei gave a PowerPoint presentation on the three proposed LNG facilities. She also handed out the Governor's position paper, and a Fact Sheet. FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) has the authority for site locations on LNG.

5. Seismic Rehabilitation of older/historic schools

Yumei gave a PowerPoint presentation of older schools with seismically vulnerable building types. Retrofit versus demolish may become an issue for the Grants Committee. Sarah Jalving gave input from the SHPO.

6. Break

7. Report on Building Codes Division meeting with OEM

Jay reported on the meeting. OEM management emphasized the important emergency role of BCD in coordinating building inspectors and maintaining an up to date database of trained inspectors. BCD representative Patrick Allen expressed concerns that BCD does not have the means to meet these expectations during an emergency. Jay mentioned that OSSPAC would like a report on their efforts regarding coordinating the ATC 20 program and the status of how Oregon's building codes conform to the International Codes Council.

8. OSSPAC Subcommittee Organization

Gerry will be assigning each OSSPAC member to a subcommittee, so anyone not on a committee needs to contact him if they have a preference. The Grants Committee will be chaired by Carl Farrington, and includes Jim, Yumei and Kent. Autumn will be the chair of the Legislative Committee. The Education Committee needed a new chair – Diane agreed to chair it with Yumei's help. Jay will be the new chair of the Strategic Planning Committee. His job will be to coordinate speakers for our meetings that we haven't heard from such as hospitals, large employers, and schools. Ultimately a report will be sent to the legislature.

Gerry would like future agendas to be set up based on the subcommittees and their agenda items.

9. Seismic Rehabilitation Grants Program/Committee

Jim Doane reported on his meeting with Ken Murphy. Steps needed are: First, make list of people we want on the Grants Committee besides the ones on the legislative list. Need buy-in from constituencies. Deadline: December. Next, scour Internet for ideas from other states. Finally, formulate a modest amount of money to request from the 2009 legislature.

January-February 2008 will be timeline for hiring a Program Manager and Administrative support person for the grants program. Later in the year money will be available for hiring an accountant and an engineer.

10. Public Comment

James Bela spoke on wanting Oregon to adopt national codes on seismic design and not weaken them. He also said that emergency response to disasters shouldn't be overly regulated so that help can get there sooner.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at noon.