

OSSPAC MINUTES

January 11, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Capitol in HR 50.

OSSPAC Members Present:

Gerry Williams, Chair	(Public member)
Carl Farrington, Vice Chair	(Stakeholder: multi-family housing)
Deborah Boone	(Stakeholder: legislative assembly)
Greg Ek-Collins	ODOT (State Agency)
David Holton	American Red Cross (Stakeholder)
Althea Rizzo	Oregon Emergency Management (State Agency)
Susan Steward	(Stakeholder: Building Owners)
Mark Tyler	(Stakeholder: school district/community college/university)
Yumei Wang	DOGAMI (State agency)
Stan Watters	(Stakeholder: utilities)
Jay Wilson	(Public member)
Kent Yu	(Stakeholder: structural engineer)

OSSPAC Members Absent:

Fred Girod	(Stakeholder: legislative assembly)
Gary Milliman	(Stakeholder: local government)
Michael Mumaw	(Public Member)
Richard Rogers	Building Codes (State Agency)
Autumn Rudisel	(Stakeholder: Banking)
Chris Shirley	(State agency: land conservation and development)

Others in Attendance:

James Bela	Oregon Earthquake Awareness
Joan Gomberg	USGS
Bev Hall	Oregon Emergency Management
Paulina Layton	Oregon Emergency Management

1. Administrative Matters

1a. Welcome and Introductions

Gerry Williams, Chair, opened the meeting and led introductions.

1b. Review and Approval of Minutes for November 9, 2010

Having a quorum present, the minutes were approved unanimously as amended (to show that Greg Ek-Collins and Gary Milliman tried in vain to call in to our last meeting).

1c. Events Notification

Althea Rizzo reminded everyone about the Oregon ShakeOut in Lane County January 26. So far there are 4,000 registrants, mostly schools. Lane County is the focus; however, anyone in Oregon can participate. The time of the event is 10:15, and the length is one minute. In 2012 Oregon will have a statewide drill, along with other western states and British Columbia.

Yumei Wang announced a NOVA program Jan. 12 on OPB on earthquakes and tsunamis. Yumei is part of the program as well as Chris Goldfinger from OSU. Kent Yu added that following that program, on the History Channel, is a show called "Megaquakes."

Yumei also announced that on Jan. 18 there is a luncheon panel presentation for the construction industry that she will be moderating. Kent Yu is on the panel.

Althea and Yumei will be in Newport on Jan. 27 looking at the new NOAA building site, which is in the inundation zone.

Rep. Deborah Boone suggested that legislators be sent invitations to events such as listed above, and notification of tv shows about earthquake danger in Oregon.

A draft of a letter from Gerry Williams to the Governor was distributed, for comments to be sent to Gerry.

1d. Membership

Gerry mentioned that as of July, the banking position will be open, as well as local government. Also, Gerry's Chair position will be open this fall, with elections in September.

1e. Time and Location of March 8, 2011 Meeting

Representative Boone offered to work on reserving a room at the Capitol.

2. OSSPAC Program Planning Committee – Susan Steward

Susan gave her plan for speakers for 2011. She doesn't feel the need to bring in other agencies who give gloom and doom scenarios since it is evident that the State is woefully unprepared for a Cascadia type event. She would like to be a resource and see what other states are doing. As

for speakers, she would like DAS to speak in March, since they had a mandate for agencies to have a Business Continuity Plan (BCP), but what now?

Kent then gave a PowerPoint presentation titled "Earthquake 101." It covered all aspects of earthquakes including what causes them, how they are measured, the best construction to withstand earthquakes, and examples of earthquake damage.

Joan Gomberg from the USGS in Seattle spoke about her role in their earthquake hazards program. The USGS produces three types of information: general, products like hazard maps, and situational awareness after an earthquake. Their goal is to reduce hazards from earthquakes and be an information source. A year ago they developed a program to see how people are using the USGS and their products in Washington. This helps them improve their products like brochures and maps and give them input into future projects. Joan has met with emergency managers and the private sector. She is now interested in participating in earthquake exercises, and has gone to trainings for hazard mitigation and has given workshops. Joan also handed out two brochures, one on seismic hazard maps, and the other on products and tools.

Yumei asked about early warning systems. Joan said that there is a pilot project in California. There are questions that come up with such a system – what do people do with the information, what about false alarms, etc. Joan did say that even a small amount of time can help people turn off the natural gas to their homes, trains can be stopped, etc.

Another project Joan was working with in Seattle was an inventory of URM buildings and a goal of an ordinance to deal with them. Due to the economy, that project is on hold.

Yumei said that she would like a workshop on the planned integration of the USGS risk maps into the Building Codes.

Gerry then spoke about the 2011 Commission Plan. He is stepping down as Chair in September. The vision of the Commission when he became Chair was to lessen the burden on the Chair as was in the past, and divide the responsibilities onto committees. This has been successful, however he would like all Commission members to be active and support the committee chairs, who he has empowered. Any questions or suggestions are encouraged to be sent directly to them. Gerry will send out the newest list of committees and their members. Bev will send out the bylaws and the ORS 401 sections dealing with OSSPAC.

3. OSSPAC Communication/Education Committee – Mark Tyler

Mark said for 2011 his committee plans to continue to support the seismic grant program. He has noticed that due to loss of money available, BCPs and other emergency preparedness activities have been cut.

4. OSSPAC Grants Committee – Carl Farrington

Paulina Layton gave an update on the Seismic Grant program. It is unknown at this time if the second round of bonds will be sold as planned. More will be known with the new Governor's budget.

5. OSSPAC Legislative Committee – Gary Milliman

Tabled due to Gary's absence due to a conflicting meeting.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at noon.