

OSSPAC MINUTES - DRAFT
July 14, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. in Portland at DOGAMI.

OSSPAC Members Present:

Gerry Williams, Chair	(Public member)
James Doane	(Stakeholder: Utilities)
Gary Milliman (by phone)	(Stakeholder: local government)
Michael Mumaw	(Public Member)
Richard Rogers	Building Codes (State Agency)
Autumn Rudisel	(Stakeholder: Banking)
Susan Steward	(Stakeholder: Building Owners)
Althea Turner	Oregon Emergency Management (State Agency)
Mark Tyler	(Stakeholder: school district/community college/university)
Yumei Wang	DOGAMI (State agency)
Jay Wilson	(Public member)

OSSPAC Members Absent:

Carl Farrington, Vice Chair	(Stakeholder: multi-family housing)
Deborah Boone	(Stakeholder: legislative assembly)
Rose Gentry	Department of Transportation (State Agency)
Fred Girod	(Stakeholder: legislative assembly)
Chris Shirley	(State agency: land conservation and development)
Kent Yu	(Stakeholder: structural engineer)

Others in Attendance:

James Bela	Oregon Earthquake Awareness
Paul Bodin	PNSN Manager
Bev Hall	Oregon Emergency Management
Paulina Layton (by phone)	Oregon Emergency Management
Thomas and Karen Manning	Public
Vicki McConnell	DOGAMI
Diana Schmitt	OHSU
John Vidale	University of WA, PNSN Director
Lori Webb	ODOT

1. **Administrative Matters**

1a. **Welcome and Introductions**

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

1b. **Review and Approval of Minutes for March 10 and May 10, 2009**

Having a quorum present, the minutes were approved as written unanimously.

1c. **Unfinished Business - Vacancies**

New member Michael Mumaw and returning member Jay Wilson were welcomed and shared their work experiences. Gerry presented Tom Manning with a plaque for his years of service to OSSPAC. Tom then gave a PowerPoint presentation of the Cascadia Peril Exercise in April in which he participated at Camp Rilea. The scenario was a 9.0 earthquake which resulted in no fiber optics, mostly relying on Amateur Radio communication. 940 people participated in all, including 250 citizens. (Presentation slides attached).

1d. **Events Notification**

Althea Turner reminded members of the September 28 and 29 dates for the Cannon Beach Tsunami Vertical Evacuation Building field trip and Portland workshop, sponsored by CREW (Cascadia Region Earthquake Workgroup). (Yumei Wang emailed the Internet links to register following our last meeting). Althea also said she is working on public events Dec. 26 and Jan. 26 commemorating the 5th anniversary of the Indian Ocean tsunami and the 310th anniversary of the last Cascadia earthquake.

Yumei said that the conference on lifeline engineering went well. The national conference of the Geological Society will be held October 20. Yumei will be giving a talk, along with Jay Wilson. Jay's topics are "Volcanoes and Vineyards" and "When Worlds Collide."

September 14-17 will be a joint conference with OEMA and Washington, held at Salishan.

Yumei said that the NHERP authorization bill has had one hearing so far.

1e. **Time and Location for September 22, 2009 Meeting**

Gerry asked Bev Hall to reserve Hearing Room 50 at the Capitol for the September meeting. Due to the regular scheduled date following Labor Day and the next week the OEMA conference, it was decided to have the next meeting on September 22, 2009.

2. OSSPAC Grants Committee – Jim Doane

Jim reported on the \$15 million for schools and \$15 million for emergency facilities passed by the legislature. Yumei handed out a summary of the grant program, including extra money for universities and community colleges which will be administered separately by them. Paulina Layton reported by phone about the work to be done now. Besides keeping her position, the administrative support person and Accountant 3 position are ready to be advertised. The facilities engineer position was not funded. Paulina is supporting a member of OSSPAC to be on the grant committee. Due to the bonding calendar, the money can't be spent until February.

3. OSSPAC Strategic Planning Committee – Susan Steward

Susan asked Yumei to introduce the speakers: Professor John Vidale from the University of Washington and PNSN Director, and Paul Bodin, PNSN Manager. John gave a PowerPoint presentation explaining the PNSN (Pacific Northwest Seismic Network) and what products they offer (Presentation slides attached). The talk included the types of earthquakes that occur in our area and the chance of them occurring. Also included was the various products they offer including seismic data, rapid alerts, Did You Feel It, ShakeMap, PAGER, and ShakeCast. They also outlined the projects they are planning with stimulus money. The last slide was also a handout, which lists links to more information.

4. OSSPAC Education Committee – Mark Tyler

Mark is working at getting out the information about the grants. He is looking for contacts around the state. He does have a system of notifying superintendents, but wants to be sure the information gets filtered down to others. He gave the "backgrounder" to the Oregon Schools Management Association. Mark also mentioned we should look forward to the 2009 legislative session and what we need to do to keep the program going.

Yumei announced that a three part video is being made on earthquake hazards, earthquake risks, and funding. Senator Courtney will be in the funding video. These are going to be ten minutes in length and be posted on the Department of Education website.

5. OSSPAC Legislative Committee – Gary Milliman

Gary recommended passing the remaining four policy proposals. Two changes were made first. The Tsunami Warning Visitor Assistance policy

was changed to say “**move** inland and uphill” instead of “**run**.” The Tsunami Warning Siren Standards and Testing proposal was changed from a **steady uniform blast** to a **wavering** tone. Gary then moved to accept proposals as changed. Yumei seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Gerry asked if the proposals could be updated, dated when adopted and put on the OSSPAC website. Althea volunteered to do that.

6. New Business

Althea announced that Oregon received \$85,000 from NEHRP (National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program). The money is proposed to be spent on two case studies on pre-engineering for seismic retrofitting, along with best practices on cost/benefit analysis. \$2,500 was asked for OSSPAC’s use.

Althea is also working on training in Medford for 50 professionals for Rapid Visual Screenings and developing a Train-the-Trainer program on the coast for tsunami and earthquake preparedness.

Gerry wanted to send a thank-you to the legislature for passing the seismic bills. It was decided to send an email to the entire legislature, which Gerry will do.

Jay Wilson asked about the lack of public comment time. Gerry said it was up to the chair and committee chairs.

Bev announced that Rose Gentry from ODOT will not be returning to her position on the Commission. She has decided to retire from ODOT effective July 31, 2009. Lori Webb from ODOT was present and said they will be sending a representative to OSSPAC meetings until a permanent person is chosen.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at noon.