



Thursday, December 18th, 2014 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Teleconference

I. OPENING BUSINESS

9:00 a.m.

- Call to Order (Robert Scher, Chairperson); Roll call: Commission members John Aho, Bud Cassidy, Mark Delozier, Ann Gravier, Laura Kelly, Rich Koehler, Jonathan Owen, Robert "Buzz" Scher and Mike West were present. Gary Carver and Robin McSharry were excused. Administrative Assistant April Woolery of the Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys (DGGs) was also present.
- Introductions-Guests: John Madden, Director of Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management
- Approval of Agenda: Commissioner Cassidy moved to accept the draft agenda for December 18th; West seconded. The agenda was accepted with minor corrections.
- Ethics Act: No violations to report.
- Commission Membership: Robin McSharry will step down early in 2015.

II. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- John Madden, Director of Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management: Discussion of DHS&EM mission and work, overview of the 2014 Alaska Shield Exercise, future goals to work with the Commission.

III. OLD BUSINESS

- Review October 28-29 2014 Meeting Minutes and action items: Commissioner Cassidy moved, Aho seconded to approve minutes. No changes, all in favor. Chair will review and update the action items list for the next meeting.
- ASHSC Policy Recommendations:
 - Update PRs 2010-1 and 2010-2: Cassidy has all that he needs for 2010-1 and will work to complete it. Aho has typed the draft for 2010-2 and will send it out for review.
- Draft Resolution 2014-1 – Scher: The resolution proposed making March 27th Great Alaska Earthquake day in perpetuity for the state of Alaska. This draft resolution was dropped as Representative Millett drafted a bill to this effect and ASHSC members have provided feedback.
- ASHSC 2014 Annual Report: Chair is working to complete this by the end of December. Members should review and provide feedback.
- Discussion of Commissioner Koehler and DGGs to update the Commission website.

IV. COMMITTEE PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

- Earthquake Scenario – Carver: Excused. Carver sent his report to the chair. Chairman Scher spoke with Tamra Biasco of FEMA and was told that the FEMA report is final and that no further changes will be made. Carver will work on getting the Kodiak scenario into final draft form.
- Education, Outreach and Partnering – Scher: Discussed under Chair's report
- Insurance – McSharry: Excused, no report.
- Response and Recovery – Gravier: Nothing to report.
- Schools – Kelly: For the Schools RVS Pilot Project, the contractor has a server up and running to store the data. Six schools have been screened and some deficiencies have been found. They will screen the high school in Wasilla, which has had many additions over the years. It is important to set a process for dealing with complex structures of that type. The contract is dealing with server/software issues. The draft report is due to arrive January 9, 2015. The chair will be out of state, so Commissioner Kelly will forward it to members for comment, as there is a short turnaround time for review.
- Chair's Report – Scher: He has sent a letter of support for the Alaska Earthquake Center's budget and will follow up to see that the letter was received by the Governor's Office.
- Hazards Identification – Koehler: He gave presentations at Gustavus and Hoonah for the new tsunami inundation maps released for those communities.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- Public Comments: None.
- ASHSC Policy Recommendations: Commission policy is to review older PRs. There are five from 2011. Chairman Scher will notify the appropriate committees to remind them to review these prior to next year.
- Future Briefings – All: Discussion of possibilities.
- Commission's Goals for 2015 – Scher: All members should forward a goal that they would like to see realized in 2015; one they would be willing to help see through.
- Other – All: Koehler suggested nominating John Madden and the DHS&EM team for their work on the Alaska Shield 2014 Exercise. Chairman Scher will send the nomination.

VI. BRIEFINGS

- Alaska Earthquake Center – West: There have been no earthquakes of significance in the past month. Closely watching the Minto area.
- Closing Alaska's Earthquake Awareness Gap – West: Budgets are tight with funding flat or reduced. The project may need to be re-scoped, and West would like a Commission representative present in that event.
- MOA GAC Activity – Scher: In process: a concept design to re-develop the port. The failed system will be scrapped and removed at a later date. The plan is to move forward by renovating the port with traditional, deep-water, pile supported docks. An updated site-specific seismic ground response study will be available soon.

VII. CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS OF INTEREST

- 2015 EERI Annual Meeting, Boston, March 31-April 3, 2015
- 2014 SSA Annual Meeting, Pasadena, April 21-23, 2015
- EERI Earthquake Workshop, UCLA, January 24, 2015
- GSA Cordilleran Section Meeting, Anchorage, May 11-13, 2015
- 11th Canadian Conference on Earthquake Engineering, Victoria, AB, July 21-24, 2015

VIII. CLOSING BUSINESS

- Critical Deadlines:
 - o ASHSC 2014 Annual Report – January 15, 2015
 - o Legislative Visit – January/February 2015 (tentative)
- Administrative Matters
 - o Budget Report (FY15) – Woolery: Currently \$6,808
- Election of Officers for 2015 – All: Postponed for full membership attendance.
- Esther Tempel will no longer be the DNR Legislative Liaison.
- Next Meeting: Teleconference, mid-February. Details TBA.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Koehler moved, West seconded, to adjourn. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.