

**MINUTES OF THE ALASKA SEISMIC HAZARDS SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING  
HELD April 25, 2007 (via teleconference)**



**I. OPENING BUSINESS**

1. Call to Order - Chairman Aho called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.
2. Roll call - Commission members John Aho, Gary Carver, Rod Combellick, Linda Freed, Roger Hansen, Robert Hicks, Kathy Hosford, Laura Kelly, Dean Maxwell, Scott Simmons, and Dennis Nottingham were present. Vickie Butherus, Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys (DGGS) was also present.
3. Agenda was approved
4. Commission member Combellick MOVED, seconded by Commission member Maxwell to approve the Minutes of the March 23, 2007 meeting with the following changes. Page 2, New Business, Bullet # 2, LAPC should be LEPC. Chairman Aho requested that the logo be added to the top of the meeting Minutes. All in favor.
5. No guests present.

**II. BRIEFINGS**

- Commission member Hansen presented the monthly seismicity report. There were 1,427 events in March, 2007. Commission member Hansen noted that there is a short report on the events in the Brooks Range on the AEIC web site under notable earthquakes.
- Commission member Hansen updated the Commission on the Advanced National Seismic System (ANSS), AK Region. The strong motion array instrument at the fire house on farmers loop in Fairbanks has to be moved due to the building being demolished. A new facility was built about a half kilometer away from the Fire House. Permission has been granted to reinstall at the new facility this summer. Delaney Park Downhole array - everything is coming in; we are in pretty good shape there. Some of the equipment in Anchorage is starting to migrate to real time. Station K210 was reinstalled at one of the schools and we are moving to get the rest of the schools, which now have Ethernet connection, to real time also. The national strong motion program had a change of leadership. Roger Borchert is now the head of that group. Commission member Hansen requested that Chairman Aho contact Bill Lieth with his comments about funding for the Fairbanks array. Commission member Hansen is preparing a document that he would like to share with the Commission on the Accomplishments and Shortfalls of the ANSS Program.
- Commission member Hosford updated the Commission on the Southeast Conference. The Red Cross presented a Power Point presentation about health and safety services that could be helpful to the Commission's education and outreach program. For disaster preparedness the Red Cross has programs that they offer free of charge, including some CD's which can eventually be incorporated with our own tools.
- Commission member Hansen updated the Commission on the SSA Meeting. Mark Myers, the Director of USGS, was the Keynote speaker. He mentioned Alaska many times comparing the state of Hawaii with the high quality networks of Alaska and California

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- Commission Member Simmons updated the Commission on the USAR PDDA Meeting. Ervin Petty was introduced as the new Tsunami Program Manager and Brent Nichols is the new Earthquake Program Coordinator.

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

- The Action Item list was reviewed

**IV. MEETINGS OF INTEREST**

- 14<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Earthquake Engineering 10/12-10/17/2007 Beijing, China
- ATC64 Report Review Meeting 5/10/2007 San Francisco
- NTHMP 5-Year Review Meeting 5/15-5/17/2007 Seattle
- American Geophysical Union 5/22-5/25/2007 Acapulco
- Anchorage SERC Emergency Planning/Tri-Annual Meeting 5/23-5/24/2007 Anchorage
- WSSPC annual Meeting, Reno, NV 9/30-10/3/2007 joint with the International Code Council
- International Union of Geodesy & Geophysics meeting in 07/07 Italy
- SERC Meeting in Anchorage 5/23-5/24/2007

**V. CRITICAL DEADLINES**

- ASHSC Chairman Budget Discussions 10/07–11/2007
- FY09 Governor's Budget to Legislature 12/15/2007
- FY08 Report to the Legislature 1/01/2008
- 2014 National Earthquake Engineering Conference

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- Commission member Combellick commented on the FY08 budget approach. The Commission's focus should be on involving the Chairman in the budget discussions at the DNR level, as well as focusing efforts on getting the budget through the administration. Commission member Combellick suggested inviting Melanie Lesh to the next face to face meeting in May to discuss with her the process, and how the Commission can be better positioned to get a budget increase request through the administration. The DNR Budget discussions are held in early to mid September
- Commission member Hosford suggested creating a new Committee to work on budget and legislative issues. Chairman Aho agreed, and appointed himself, Commission member Carver, Commission member Hosford, Commission member Hansen, and Commission member Combellick to form that Committee.
- Tsunami Readiness Survey-Commission member Freed scanned and sent out the final survey form to all the Commission members. The form is a second round survey. Once the universities finalize both the raw results and their analysis of those results the Commission will get copies.
- Future Presentations and Briefings suggested. UAF Geophysical Institute (Natasha), Anchorage Port Expansion, MOA Geotechnical Advisory Commission, MOA Ground Failure Study, FEMA, HAZUS, Tsunami Expert (Elaina Suleimani), Alaska Division of Insurance, ShakeMap Implementation, Scenario Team Briefing.

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**VII. REPORTS**

1. Chairman
  - Legislative correspondence
  - <http://earthquake.usgs.gov/regional/status/historical.mag.php>
  - <http://earthquake.usgs.gov/learning/teaching.php>
  - Natural Hazards Review May 2006 Issue
  - Special issue on multi-hazards loss estimation and HAZUS
  
2. Committee Reports - Chairman Aho has requested that all Committees come up with Power Point presentations for the face to face meeting May 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - Insurance-Dean Maxwell
  - Schools-John-Aho
  - Earthquake Scenario-Rod Combellick meeting set for May 22<sup>nd</sup> 9am.
  - Education & Outreach-Kathy Hosford
  - Hazards Identification-Gary Carver
  - Response, Recovery, & Loss Estimation-Scott Simmons
  - HAZUS Task Force
  - Budget and Legislative Issues-John Aho

**VIII. COMMISSION MEMBER GENERAL DISCUSSION**

1. Vickie has accepted a new position as Administrative Manager at DGGs, her future with the Commission is uncertain.
2. Chairman Aho asked the Commission members to start thinking about what would make the Commission valuable if an earthquake happened tomorrow, what do we need to have in place to be helpful if that should happen.
3. Chairman Aho confirmed Commission members to activate the HAZUS task force Committee. Commission member Simmons, Combellick, and Freed will be on that Committee.

**IX. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

1. Budget: GCI conference call invoices have not come in yet. The Commission will be short a minimum of \$646.00 after the next meeting. Commission member Freed and others, if you have paid for expenses out of their own pockets, or by their employer, please get copies to Vickie or Rod prior to June 30.
2. Public Comments: None
3. Next meeting will be May 30-31, 2007, 10:30 a.m. in person.
4. New logo put on the website

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

1. Commission member Hansen MOVED, seconded by Commission member Hosford to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.