

# Utah Seismic Safety Commission

Meeting  
April 2, 2004

## Minutes

On April 4, 2004 a regularly scheduled quarterly meeting of the Utah Seismic Safety Commission was held at the State Office Building, Salt Lake City, Utah. Chairman Barry Welliver called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

### **Members Present:**

-Rick Allis	Utah Geological Survey
-Walter J. Arabasz	U of U Seismograph Stations
-Kerry Baum	Association of Contingency Planners
-Don E. Bush	Utah House of Representatives
-Matt Cassel	APWA
-Carl Eriksson	Utah League of Cities & Towns
-Michael Keene	Governor's Office of Planning & Budget
-Matthias Mueller	Utah Division of Facilities Construction & Management
-Nannette Rolfe	Utah Division of Emergency Services/DPS
-Barry Smith	Western Mountain Region, American Inst. of Architect
-Barry H. Welliver	Chair, Structural Engineers Association of Utah

### **Members Not Present:**

Doug Bausch	Federal Emergency Management Agency (Ex-Officio)
Cathy Howick	Utah Insurance Department (Excused)
Peter C. Knudson	Utah State Senate
Peter W. McDonough	American Society of Civil Engineers
Dave Nazare	Utah Department of Transportation (Excused)
Mark Petersen	U.S. Geological Survey (Ex-Officio)

### **CEM Staff Present:**

-Bob Carey	Operations & Natural Hazards Section, DES
-Amisha Lester	Operations & Natural Hazards Section, DES

### **UGS Staff Present:**

-Gary Christenson	Geologic Hazards Program, Utah Geological Survey
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**Guests Present/Committee Members:**

-Steven Bartlett	U of U CE Department
-Relu Burlacu	U of U Seismograph Stations
-Jane Z. Zhang	State Office of Education

➤ **WELCOME/OVERVIEW**

Utah Seismic Safety Commission (USSC) Chairman Barry Welliver welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

➤ **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Barry Welliver asked for any corrections and comments to the minutes.

**Motion:** *Rick Allis made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting held on January 16, 2004. Carl Eriksson seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.*

➤ **INFORMATION AND UPDATE ITEMS**

Barry Welliver asked for Matt Cassel and Nannette Rolfe to introduce themselves to the Commission. Barry also asked that the Commission take a moment to acknowledge the contributions that Scott Behunin made to the Commission.

**Motion:** *Walter Arabasz made a motion that the Commission acknowledge with great thanks, first, the contributions made by Scott Behunin as a member of the Commission since April, 2001 and, second, his key supportive role in advancing Utah's state earthquake program as director of the Utah Division of Emergency Services and Homeland Security. The motion was unanimously voted and approved.*

The Commission discussed the nominations for the Western States Seismic Policy Council (WSSPC) awards. The responsibility of the awards have now been transferred to the national level and will be given out at the national conference. The judging is assumed to be the same as always. The 4 nominations that the Commission has decided will be the Metro Water District, the Student Research Grant Program, the Ground-Shaking Brochure, and the Parapet Brochure.

The Commission held a discussion of the USSC 10-year anniversary. A press release of the anniversary will be issued, acknowledging the anniversary and all of USSC's accomplishments. The Commission plan to invite all past Chairperson's and Commissioners. The celebration is planned to be a separate function from the Commission meeting, although it will be held on the same day. A possible proclamation will be given to the Governor to also acknowledge the Commissions accomplishments.

Barry Welliver spoke on the July elections. He encouraged those that might be interested to come forward for the elections.

**Motion:** *Walter Arabasz made a motion to request the Commission staff to write a letter to the SEAU president to indicate our enthusiasm for maintaining Barry Welliver as a representative of SEAU to the Commission and for his outstanding leadership on the Commission. With Barry recusing from the motion it was seconded by Rick Allis and unanimously approved.*

Gary Christenson spoke on the February 2004 Utah Earthquake Conference. The conference went well. It was mainly geo-science related. Gary thanked those for helping and contributing to the conference. 150 total attended the conference.

Barry Welliver spoke on the SEAU building initiative and the International Building Code. Carl Eriksson put together a proposal for a code amendment

➤ **DISCUSS STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING RESULTS**

The Commission had a discussion on the March 16<sup>th</sup> “Strategic Planning” meeting results. Meeting results are on the attached document.

➤ **NEXT MEETING**

**DATE:** Friday, July 9, 2004  
**TIME:** 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** State Office Building  
Salt Lake City, Utah

➤ **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.