

# Arkansas Governor's Earthquake Advisory Council



## **History:**

Governor Bill Clinton's Proclamation in December of 1984 formed the Arkansas Governor's Earthquake Advisory Council (ARGEAC). It meets twice a year; the summer meeting, is held in Central Arkansas. The winter meeting is held in Northeast Arkansas. The careers and professions of its members reflect the Council's cross-sectional representation. These members are volunteers. The members work to achieve seismic and mitigation program implementation in the state.

## **Council Rules:**

The council follows these general rules:

1. There are to be at least 2 meetings per year; winter meetings will be held in Northeast Arkansas, summer meetings will be held in Central Arkansas.
2. Meeting dates should coincide with the chairperson's available schedule and the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management's Director's schedule, taking into account holidays and academic calendars. The winter meeting should be during or near Earthquake Awareness Week, if possible.
3. Attendance to meetings is by invitation or as the guest of a member only.
4. Elections for chairperson are held at the winter meeting; Arkansas' Earthquake Program Manager is the secretary for the council.
5. Membership will be terminated after a member misses three consecutive meetings. Proof of attendance is the sign in sheet. After the second missed meeting the member will be reminded by an email, sent to the last email address known to the ARGEAC Secretary, that a third missed meeting will result in termination of membership. Membership can be reinstated by nomination and a majority vote. See item 6.
6. Membership is through nomination- a current member nominates a candidate then the present members vote, a majority vote is needed.
7. A brief will be provided to the ADEM Director, and if needed, sent to the Governor after each meeting informing him/her of the topics and recommendations from the council.
8. Certificates will be given to members who attend meetings for professional credit, when applicable. Members are required to sign in and stay for the duration of the meeting to receive their certificate.