
“California Shakin’ – What Does Earthquake Resiliency look like for my HOA?”

Participant Bios

Daniel Wallis (Moderator of discussion; President and Founder of Motus Insurance Services)

<https://motusins.com/>

Dan Wallis holds the senior leadership of Motus Insurance Services and is the creator of the “Common Interest Development Unit-owners” earthquake policy form, approved by the department of insurance in 2017. This policy finally allows condominium owners to access commercial rates and commercial coverages in the absence of a master earthquake policy. Daniel handles distribution through exclusive retailer contracts including, but not limited to: Socher, LaBarre & Oksnee, Kirk Miller and HUB International. Dan continues to work with Motus’s underwriters, insurance carriers and reinsurers to alter and improve our product offerings.

Dan Wallis has over 15 years of experience in the insurance industry and is a third generation insurance professional. Before starting Motus Insurance Services, Dan, was the Vice President of Wallis & Wallis Insurance brokerage; a family run brokerage that specializes in the needs of homeowner associations. It was in that time that Dan realized there was a growing and desperate need for a sensible earthquake product for associations – one that would ease the strain on budgets while allowing all members to make their own choice on earthquake insurance.

Dan holds the two premier designations in the insurance industry: Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) and Commercial Lines Coverage Specialist (CLCS)

Dan has helped author multiple articles on the current shortcomings of earthquake insurance in California including Risk & Insurance, Property 360, The Desert Sun, The OC Registry and Voyage LA.

He holds a bachelor’s degree from Brown University and is a Lakeside member at the Olympic Club in San Francisco.

Dr. Lucy Jones, PhD

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lucy_Jones

<http://drlucyjones.com/>

Dr. Jones a seismologist and public voice for earthquake science and earthquake safety in California.

As the foremost and most trusted public authority on earthquakes,^[2] Jones is viewed by many in California as the "seismologist-next-door," who is frequently called on to provide information on recent earthquakes.

Dr. Lucy Jones is a 4th generation southern Californian. She graduated Magnum Cum Laude in Chinese Language and Literature Brown University.

She then went on to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, earning a PhD in Geophysics.



In 1979, she was chosen to be the first American scientist to go to China after normalized relations, researching earthquakes at the Chinese Earthquake Authority in Beijing.

After her post-doctoral research at Columbia University she went to work with the U.S Geological survey stationed at the California Institute Technology.

During her 30 plus years in Pasadena she held a variety of roles including 9 years as the Scientist-in-charge of the US Geological Survey.

In 2017 she led the Multi Hazards Demonstration Project which demonstrated how hazard science can improve California's resiliency.

Dr. Lucy Jones created and implemented a new systematic approach to risk assessment which ended with "The ShakeOut" scenario which has changed the way all decision makers use scientific data about earthquake risk.

She was the chair of the California Seismic safety commission for 12 years

Dr. Lucy Jones has been on late night shows like Conan O'Brien and has been recognized with the Samuel J Heyman Service to America medal, the William Rodgers Award from Brown University, the Shoemaker Award for Lifetime achievements from the USGS and countless other honors.

Adrian Adams (Managing Partner, Adams Stirling Professional Law Corporation)

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Select Career Highlights:

Adrian is a founding member of CID Law Organization

Founding member of the critical issues think tank of National Foundation of community associations research

Board member of the Foundation of Community Associations

A member of the task force on aging infrastructure

Past board member of LA & Orange County chapters of the Community Association Institute (CAI)

Past delegate on the CAI's California Legislative Action Committee

Most notable for the creation of the Davis-Stirling website – the number one resource for all common interest developments.

Adrian's partner wrote the law that governs all residential and mixed-use developments, the Davis-Stirling act.

Cat Carmichael (President, Strategy 123)



<https://strategy-123.com/>

Cat Carmichael has been serving community associations for three decades, as a community manager and an HOA banker. She has published numerous articles and was a key contributor to the Educated Business Partners course.

Cat served on CAI's Board of Trustees for five years, including a term as the in 2019.

Glenn Pomeroy (CEO, California Earthquake Authority)

<https://www.earthquakeauthority.com/About-CEA/Leadership/Executive-Management/Glenn-Pomeroy-Bio>

Glenn Pomeroy is the CEO of the California Earthquake Authority, the largest earthquake insurer in the world. They are also the largest, or second largest, purchaser of reinsurance in the world.

Glenn was born and raised in North Dakota and after attending law school he began his career in the public sector.

After serving as a county prosecutor and assistant attorney general Glen was appointed state securities commissioner.

He was later elected to two terms as North Dakota's Insurance Commissioner. During that time he was elected by his peers to serve as the President of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

In 2001 Glenn went to work in the reinsurance industry becoming the head of Government and regulatory affairs for Employers Reinsurance Corporation.

Glen was a critical voice in the legislative process that resulted in the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act, or TRIA, in the months following 9/11.

It should be no surprise that when CEA's governing board was looking for a CEO with a background in government, insurance regulation and reinsurance... Glenn got the job.

Since 2008, Glenn has done the unthinkable. He not only stabilized the earthquake insurance market. He turned it around. Before Glenn took the role there were roughly 1mm policies in force. Today, we are close to 1.7mm policies in force, roughly a 15% take-up rate.