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Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM®) Program

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Highlights from the Past Year:

- CBOR continues to work on the 5-Year Strategic Plan.
- In the past 12 months the CFM® exam has been offered 133 times.
- Currently we have over 5,900 professionals who have been designated as CFMs. This represents CFMs accredited by ASFPM and the six accredited states; Arkansas, Illinois, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma and Texas. The certification program continues to grow. Due to this increase in growth, the Executive Office hired an additional full-time person to assist in the operation of the program.
- At last year's ASFPM Conference in Reno, the Certification Board of Regents (CBOR) met with representatives from the six Accredited States to discuss issues regarding the Accredited States and the National Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) Program. Both the Accredited States and CBOR felt this meeting was very beneficial and rewarding. Another meeting is planned for this year's ASFPM Conference to ensure the Accredited States and CBOR can discuss policy issues, training opportunities, and general concerns of CFMs.
- CBOR has produced a training module entitled "CFM Refresher." The purpose of this training module is to provide an opportunity for those individuals that are preparing to take the CFM® Exam to confirm and/or refresh their minds about the topics that will be covered on the exam. It is not intended to teach the exam questions or to teach or train new floodplain managers, but to provide that additional information and study opportunity to be better prepared. The training module notebook, with Instructors Guide, Study Guide, and PowerPoint has been provided to States and Chapters.
- New training opportunities continue to be developed for Continuing Education Credits (CECs) for CFMs. Floodplain Management 101 is in final revision and will be distributed in the near future. This training module will have an Instructor Guide, Student Manual with exercises and resource documents, and a PowerPoint. This training module will be sent to State Floodplain Managers and State Chapters.

- Another training module “Building Public Support” has been piloted three times and should be ready for distribution this summer. Two other training modules, “NAI 101” and “Floodproofing Workshop for Community Officials” are being developed and should be completed by the end of this year.
- ASFPM and CBOR entered into a contract to have the National CFM® Exam and Certification Program tested for Reliability and Validity to ensure that the exam and program accurately and consistently measure the benchmarks of professional floodplain management knowledge and best practices in the field. By having this testing done, it will ensure the credibility, continued relevancy, and quality of the certification program. This project will be completed with a report issued by the end of 2009.
- CBOR and PDC will be conducting an Early Bird Session in June at the 2009 Conference in Orlando. This is an opportunity for CFMs and non- CFMs to find out more about the program, how to obtain CECs, and the advantages of being a CFM.
- CBOR developed roles for the five CBOR Committees this past year. These roles help focus the committees during the year. The roles along with the responsibilities of CBOR can be found on the ASFPM web site.
- CBOR and ASFPM completed an audit of the Texas Floodplain Management Association Certification Program.
- CBOR held two two-day meetings this past year. In October, CBOR met in Forth Worth, Texas hosted by Halff Associates. The second meeting was held in March 2009 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Special thanks to the ASFPM Executive Office and FEMA for their logistical support of our conference calls and meetings.
- We get inquiries from individuals who want t more information on training. ASFPM and CBOR are continually looking for ways to provide more avenues for CFMs to obtain training, in turn obtaining the necessary CECs.
- The certification exam schedule is updated weekly on the ASFPM web site. We are continually encouraging States and Chapters to provide opportunities for individuals to take the CFM® Exam. You must be a CFM to proctor the CFM® Exam. If you are interested in proctoring the CFM® Exam, please contact Anita Larson at (608) 274-0123 or at cfm@floods.org.
- CBOR welcomed new members and said good-bye and Thank You to others. Debi Heiden, CFM, Washington, representing ASFPM Training and Outreach Committee moved to the Professional Development Committee and was replaced by Heidi Carlin, CFM, Texas. Michael Borengasser, CFM, Arkansas, represented ASFPM Chapters was replaced by Desiree Companion, CFM, Florida. Cindy Crecelius, CFM, Ohio, represented State Government, was by replaced by Tom Morey, CFM, Kansas. Bob Freitag, CFM, Washington, represented Academia, was replaced by Warren Campbell, CFM, Kentucky.

- The CBOR members are listed below. Feel free to contact any of the members if you have questions, comments, thoughts, or concerns about the ASFPM Certification Program.

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