ASSOCIATION OF STATE FLOODPLAIN MANAGERS
Chapter Director Annual Report 2009
District 3 (FEMA Regions IV and VI)
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District 3 Chapters in FEMA Regions 4 and 6 are the following states: Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Texas

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Alabama:
Alabama Association of Floodplain Managers

After receiving the charter as an ASFPM Chapter in Reno last year the AAFM Board of Directors returned home invigorated and eager to increase membership and put on a great Fall Conference and Annual Meeting.

The fall conference held in Auburn in October had an attendance of 124, including Al Goodman, ASFPM President.

Our first annual meeting on October 21, 2008 was considered the Association’s organization meeting for the purpose of filing for 501(c)(4) tax exempt status with the IRS. The attorney is currently preparing the application for this purpose. The Agenda for the meeting included approving the Association by-laws, electing officers and the initial directors, and approving plans to hold a one-day spring seminar rather than a conference due to the economic downturn affect on most local government budgets for the coming year.

We closed the year with a membership of 126.

The Spring Seminar was held in Montgomery in March. The principal presenter was Janice Mitchell, FEMA Insurance Program Specialist. Ms. Mitchell, the FEMA Region IV point of contact for all flood insurance, related questions from property owners, lenders, and agents. Her program was designed to provide a primer on the flood insurance for local floodplain managers and to answer frequently asked questions and insurance related issues. She also covered the new Elevation Certificate changes.

The Fall Conference and Annual Meeting will be held in Auburn on October 19-21, 2009. Membership is currently 134.

Arkansas:
Arkansas Floodplain Management Association, Inc. (AFMA)

The AFMA, Inc. Fall Conference was held 21-24 September 2007 in Eureka Springs, AR. About 110 attended with 8 vendors supporting the conference. Attendees represented cities, counties, State, Federal, and professional organizations.

The AFMA, Inc. Spring Workshop will be held 16-17 April 2009 in Jacksonville, AR. Attendees will represent cities, counties, State, Federal, and professional organizations. The workshop will be centered on the education that the flood insurance maps are going “paperless”.

AFMA, Inc. has five Regions within the State of Arkansas and all are active within our organization. The Regions are: Northwest, Northeast, Central, Southwest, and Southeast.
The following AFMA, Inc. Committees are productive: Certification, Communications, Conference, and Technical, and Legislative.

The following actions by the AFMA, Inc. Board were accomplished within this reporting period:

2. State Income Tax - As a “Public Charity” AFMA, Inc. does not pay Arkansas State Income Tax.
3. State Sales Tax Exemption - AFMA, Inc. has initiated the process of “State Sales Tax Exemption”. This must be passed by the State Legislation and signed by the Governor. AFMA, Inc. State Senator Sponsor was able to obtain the Senate Committee approval and it died in the House during the 2009 Legislative Session. Action will be taken at the next Legislative Session and at that time our Board will also obtain House Sponsorship.
4. Insurance – We have renewed our liability insurance for the AFMA, Inc. Board members.

The following professionals assisted AFMA within this reporting period.

1. State Senator – Prepared the required work for the State Legislative and successfully passed the Senate Bill through the Senate Committee for the State Sales Tax Exemption.
2. Certified Public Accountant (CPA) – The CPA prepared and submitted the 2008 AFMA, Inc. Federal Income Taxes. Filing of State Income Taxes is not required in AR since we are a “Public Charity” under Section 501 (C) (3).

As a special note, AFMA officially does not exist. Since we are incorporated our organization’s proper name is “Arkansas Floodplain Management Association, Inc.” or may be referred to as “AFMA, Inc.”.

Florida: Florida Floodplain Managers Association (FMMA)

In 2008, Florida Floodplain Managers Association (FFMA) sponsored E-273 trainings in Lake Mary and Miami Gardens for Floodplain Managers in Florida. Totally, about 45 people attended these trainings. At the end of each training, examinations for Certified Floodplain Managers (CFM) were conducted. Many FFMA members individually proctored CFM examinations at various locations of Florida. FFMA also sponsored trainings to insurance agents and lenders in Tampa and Panama City.

FFMA was actively involved in the planning activities of the 33rd ASFPM annual conference in Orlando. It sent four of its officers to Reno, NV to promote the annual conference to the attendees of the ASFPM 32nd conference. FFMA worked with Georgia Floodplain Managers Association to solicit volunteers from Georgia for the ASFPM conference. FFMA officers and members have been acting as team captains for various activities associated with the conference. The volunteers helped ASFPM staff select the conference venue location, the hotel and the Thursday night event site.

FFMA supported the State’s initiatives in receiving funds from FEMA and of its plan to implement the activities outlined in its five-year plan. Our Executive Director represented the State in a Town Hall Meeting with the citizens of Debary who were impacted by Hurricane Fay.

FFMA held its Annual Conference during April 30-May 2, 2008. About 150 people attended the trainings and conference sessions. The training topics and the instructors were as follows:

- Insurance Training for Agents and Community Officials, by Ms. Lynne Magel of CSC
- Post Disaster Construction by Mr. Dan Deegan of Watershed Concepts
- Elevation Certificate by Dr. Prasad Inmula of FEMA, Region IV
- ICC Coastal Construction by Mr. Gene Henry, Gary Pailthorp, and Rebecca Quinn
- V-Zone requirements and Compliance by Dr. Prasad Inmula
- Community Buy-in: Effectively Communicating the Risk behind Levees and during map changes and other events by Bruce Bender and Kamer Davis of Floodsmart
- Floodplain Regulation Code Enforcement by Mr. Martin Duran of Sarasota County
- Effects of Map Changes on Insurance by Mr. Bruce Bender
A national perspective of FEMA Map modernization efforts was presented by Mr. Dough Bellomo of FEMA Headquarters. A regional perspective of the same was given by Mr. Brad Loar of Region IV. Mr. Miles Anderson of the Florida Department of Emergency Management spoke of the State’s initiatives to bring back NFIP to Florida. Ms. Rebecca Quinn updated the status of NFIP and Mitigation in Congress. Mr. Jack Hampson presented the latest developments in LIDAR mapping.

FFMA published two newsletters during 2008 and maintained a web site, www.ffma.net

FFMA’s board of directors met four times in 2008 and the membership count was 257.

The State of Florida has over 2 million flood insurance policies paying an annual premium of over $811 million dollars. Due to the diligent effort of floodplain managers of CRS communities, citizens of Florida enjoy over $132 million dollar reduction in their premiums. Currently, FFMA is the only organization in Florida, which voices the needs of floodplain managers to the officials of State, FEMA and to ASFPM.

Georgia:

Georgia Association Floodplain Management (GAFM)

Membership is at 141 for 2009

49 New CFMs (47 from the great state of Georgia, 1 from Alabama, 1 from SC)
CFM testing at 6 separate locations across the State
Decatur in March at the last Annual Conference (13 new CFMs)
Forsythe Co in April (10 new CFMs)
Atlanta (at URS) in June (13 new CFMs)
Savannah in August (9 new CFMs)
Jekyll Island in September (4 new CFMs)
and here at Our Annual Conference where 10 took the exam

Created 3 new At-large Positions and assigned them duties:

Collis Brown – Legislative Officer
Steve Larson – Newsletter Editor
Michael Blakely – CFM Mentor Program Coordinator

Began the GAFM Newsletter – the “GAFM News” (3 issues in 2008 - May, July and October and 2 already in 2009)

Began the CFM Mentor Program – unveiled at the February 2009 Conference – several have sign up as a GAFM Mentor or a GAFM Mentee

Appointed Ranko Pudar as Conference Chair; and Tom Tkacs as Programs Chair; both have done an excellent job in bringing this Conference to the best that we have done thus far! Michael Burgess, the SW Region Rep, was our host for 2009 Conference and who went the extra mile to make sure that everything went well and ran smoothly for the Conference! Garrett Skinner was instrumental in getting online registration (which means GAFM can also take credit card payments now!!) and in setting up the Computer Kiosk at this Conference – both of these things have taken GAFM to the next level in professionalism.

We have had countless training opportunities:

⇒ Our Annual Conference in Columbus (2-1/1 full days of training)
⇒ Coastal Connections in Jekyll Island, Sept 11-13 (2 full days of training)
⇒ EC classes across the state (Savannah/Chatham Co in May; Atlanta and Augusta - both the end of September)
E-273 sessions held in Forsythe in April and Savannah in August (upcoming in Gainesville/Hall County this Spring and Augusta this Fall)

Started the Luncheon Lecture series (2 in Augusta in 2008 – one in October and one in November; for 2009, 1 upcoming in Augusta on Feb 25th and 1 upcoming in Savannah)

Strong focus on No Adverse Impact with half-day sessions being held on NAI - The Basics in Jekyll in Sept and here in Columbus this week; and a half-day session on NAI Legal Issues also being held here this week (Tom McDonald and Mike Taylor with the NAI Committee also sent out two mailings to community officials encouraging them to participate in the NAI sessions being offered at the Jekyll and Columbus Conferences and to include one-on-one sessions on how they could incorporate NAI into their communities)

Audio training of Ed Thomas’s legal sessions at the 2008 ASFPM Conference in Reno are now online. Chris Budd and Bo Murphy of PBS&J have work tirelessly this past year to keep up the website and especially for their frequent updates on all of the training available across the State through GAFM programs At least one white paper published out of the GAFM membership this year.

There was a large involvement in local, state and national issues - several newspapers articles and position letters were written on behalf of GAFM.

Contribution to the ASFPM Foundation increased this year (an increase over last year) and we are looking to start our own Foundation in the very near future.

We have been asked to assist Florida in hosting the National ASFPM Conference in Orlando in June (one of the many tasks that GAFM will be taking on is being responsible for the Silent Auction at the 2009 ASFPM Conference – the Silent Auction is one of the major contributors to the ASFPM Foundation).

GAFM contributed $50 to Georgia Public Broadcast Radio for sponsorship of “Sustainable Georgia” – a green initiatives talk show that is hosted by Rob Maynard and is on air Saturdays at 12:30.

We’ve also done some stuff just for fun – started our own “GAFM apparel line” – several members have purchased their very own GAFM shirt in various colors; we will be offering short-sleeve dress shirts, hats and t-shirts/sweatshirts in the very near future; and we held our first golf tournament this year with 8 duffers, oh we mean participants, spending Tuesday afternoon on one of Columbus’ golf courses – we are told that the course is undergoing massive grass replacement from all of the divots that were taken and that craters can still be found in most of the sand traps from GAFM’s visit to the course; needless to say, the course will never be the same! And last but not least, we can’t forget the raffle of donated items and the “Polar Plunge” which found the Executive Board taking a frigid plunge in the Marriott pool on Thursday night after reaching our goal of $500 – actually the raffle and “Polar Plunge Challenge” generated $558 dollars for GAFM’s proposed Foundation – which all of the work necessary for the Foundation. The Foundation will, among other things, provide much needed scholarships for our members to attend future conferences and training events.

Kentucky:
Kentucky Association of Mitigation Managers (KAMM)

KAMM became an official ASFPM chapter on April 11, 2006. KAMM's membership has doubled to over 100 members in 2008. KAMM incorporated in 2008 and currently pursuing 501c3 status. The annual KAMM Conference, May 12 – 14 2009, is being held at the Lake Cumberland State Resort Park in Jamestown. Pre-conference events on May 11 include a Golf Outing with prizes and an opportunity to take the CFM exam. The CFM Prep Course in the morning will be taught by FEMA Region
IV. Warren Campbell will proctor the exam after lunch. Currently there are 52 CFMs in Kentucky; six new CFMs since last year.

The conference will feature nearly 20 experts who will conduct plenary and concurrent sessions. Greg Main, ASFPM will provide the keynote. The focus of the conference is Map Modernization and RiskMap. Presenters included representatives from several state agencies, the National Weather Service, FEMA, and the Army Corp of Engineers.

KAMM Board positions are open and will be voted on at the conference. Open offices are for Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and an At-Large Member. The Immediate Past-Chair serves as the second At-Large Member on the KAMM Board. Members will vote by ballot on the KAMM Board who will serve two-year terms, beginning at the KAMM 2009 annual conference. These Board members will be in place for the 2011 ASFPM Conference in Louisville.

KAMM is divided into four Regions with an elected Regional Representative. The Regional Reps are elected by their regional members at the conference and serve on the KAMM Board for two-year terms. During the conference, Regional Reps meet with their regional members to discuss local issues and opportunities to network or provide training.

KAMM hired a webmaster in 2008. The website is still under construction, but has several new tabs for information, including About Us, Events, Resources, News and a Contact tab. The Homepage is currently setup to promote the annual conference and KAMM’s sponsors. The web-address is: www.kymitigation.org.

Louisiana: 
Louisiana Floodplain Management Association (LFMA)

The Louisiana Floodplain Management Association submits the following information concerning its activities from June 2008 – May 2009:

1. LFMA recently held its 26th Annual Spring Conference in Covington, LA on April 22nd thru 24th, 2009. Some of the workshops offered were Dfirm 101, SFHA and oil and gas industry, new FEMA flood maps, CAP program, NFIP program, CRS updates, Floodplain Management in the I Code, HMGP, and new NGS Benchmark Info. Over 170 members attended.

2. LFMA has appointed Theodore (Ted) DeBaene as the new Executive Director.

3. LFMA has adopted the Rodney Edwin Emmer Award in honor of our past Executive Director as well as an awards committee to select the recipient. The award will be given annually at the Spring Conference luncheon.

4. LFMA is sad to announce the passing our Executive Director Rodney Emmer on August 3, 2008 due to a lengthy illness with Multiple Myeloma, which is a type of blood cancer.

5. LFMA has a commitment to progress and that is reflected in the re-election of new LFMA Board Members: Chair (Bonnie Anderson); Vice Chair (Michael Hunnicutt), Treasurer (Pam Mattingly), and Secretary (Dana Guidry) along with Regional Reps; these members encourages a fresh look at the direction LFMA will take in the future.

6. LFMA provided up to $500.00 each to offset the attendance of its officers to the 2008 ASFPM Annual Conference in Reno, Nevada; and provided full support for Chair (Michael Hunnicutt) to attend the 2008 ASFPM Annual Conference.

7. LFMA Chair Emeritus, James Demouchet, attended the FEMA Region VI CAP meeting held in Denton, TX as the association representative along with the State NFIP Coordinator Cindy O'Neal. Vital information has been passed along to the LFMA Board and membership.

8. LFMA conducted a fall training workshop in Hammond, LA on October 24, 2008 and a summer workshop was held on July 25, 2008 in Marksville, LA. Both workshops were well attended.

9. LFMA membership has increased to over 340. Many communities are now aware of the good information and contacts that the Association is able to provide; especially in the times of emergency.
10. LFMA has updated its website: www.lfma.org under the guidance of James Demouchet; which has provided a good means of communication for membership; i.e. upcoming events and Association Newsletter among other things.

11. LFMA has adopted a donations policy statement effective January 21, 2009.

12. LFMA has a quarterly newsletter published by member Melissa Becker and she has done a fantastic job on each newsletter. All newsletters can be found on our website, www.lfma.org as well.

Mississippi:
Association of Floodplain Managers of Mississippi (AFMM)

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New Mexico:
New Mexico Floodplain Managers Association

Over the past year, the Chapter has held two Workshops. We have changed the name of our Conferences to Workshops. It is easier for CFMs to get permission to attend a Workshop that will provide the continuing education units for their certification then to get permission to attend a conference. The Fall Workshop was held in Alamogordo and the Spring Workshop was held in Albuquerque. The Spring Workshop had over 100 attendees. Each Workshop provides an opportunity for CFM to obtain their Continuing Education Units and it also provides refresher training along with an opportunity to take the CFM exam. Sixteen persons took the CFM exam at the Spring 2009 Workshop. As of April 2009 the State of New Mexico has 152 CFMs. Throughout the year 19 CFMs were decertified. 12 were decertified in July 2008 and 7 were decertified in January 2009. Over the same time period 16 passed the exam and became CFMs. 8 passed the exam at the Fall 2008 Workshop and 8 passed the exam at the Spring 2009 Workshop.

Awards were presented at the Spring 2009 Workshop. Kyle Zimmerman was given a service award for being the Chair for 2007-2009. Mike Czosnek was given a service award for being the Vice Chair for 2007-2009. Wendy Blackwell was given a service award for being the Second Vice Chair for 2008-2009. Estelle Bond was given a service award for being the Treasurer for 2008-2009. Terry Martin was given a service for being the Region I Director for 2008-2009. The “Floodplain Manager of the Year” award for 2008-2009 was given to Wendy Blackwell.

Over the past year the Chapter concentrated on Training and Education. In addition to the two Workshops, the Chapter hosted a three day HEC-RAS course in Albuquerque. Nine people attended the course. The Chapter is looking a sponsoring future courses in different areas of the state. FEMA is scheduled to teach the E-273 Training Course the first week in August 2009 at the Los Lunas Transportation Center. Los Lunas is located 24 miles south of Albuquerque. The Fall 2009 Workshop will be a joint Workshop with the Arizona Floodplain Managers. That Workshop is scheduled for October 14, 2009 through October 16, 2009 at the Hon Dah Resort in Pinetop, Arizona.

The Chapter Website has been moved to a new server and provider called Club Express. Club Express has been used by the Arizona Floodplain Managers Association for years and specializes in club type organizations. It will track membership and dues along with allowing payments by credit cards. Events can be scheduled in the system which allows members and non-member to register for the event with the registration fee being paid by credit card or by a check at or before the event. The system even allowed the Chapter early vote for the Spring Election on-line before the Workshop. There have been a learning curve for the new system, but the membership seems happy with the change.
North Carolina:
North Carolina Association of Floodplain Managers (NCAFPM)

The North Carolina Association of Floodplain Managers will hold its 2009 annual conference May 3-6 in Atlantic Beach, NC. This year marks the 20th anniversary of NCAFPM. We look to have another stellar turn out as over 160 floodplain professionals have registered for the conference. This year’s agenda is packed with over 30 technical presentations including presentations on stream restoration, stormwater management, hazard mitigation, 2008 storm events and many others. We will also be offering the CFM exam, conducting our regular business meeting and holding 2 networking social events during our 4 day conference.

Our 3rd annual Fall Floodplain Institute was held in Boone, NC, October 15-17, 2008. Almost 100 attendees joined us at the Broyhill Inn located on the campus of Appalachian State University.

Our membership continues to grow and is currently at 316 individual members. We also have 4 corporate memberships and 6 agency memberships (representing 25 additional members). We currently have 278 CFM’s and another 10 that are taking the exam at this year’s conference.

During the past year (May 07 to April 08) NCAFPM in cooperation with North Carolina Emergency Management provided the following training and exam opportunities to our members: 3 NC Floodplain Management Summer Workshops for Local Officials, One E-273 deployment - Managing Floodplain Development through the NFIP, 2 exam review courses, offered the CFM exam 3 times, offered the Certified Floodplain Surveyor (CFS) exam once, and offered 2 Insurance Agent seminars. We also partnered with the North Carolina Emergency Management, US Army Corp. of Engineers, North Carolina State University and North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources to provide a 3-day HEC-RAS training course.

NCAFPM continued its support of ASFPM Foundation by donating $1000.00 again this year.

Current officers of NCAFPM:

- Chair – Stephen Smith, Pitt County
- Vice Chair – Robert Billings, Mecklenburg County
- Secretary – Neal Banerjee, Michael Baker Corporation
- Treasurer – Cynthia Fox Barcklow, Buncombe County
- Executive Director – Bill Tingle, Mecklenburg County

Regional Representatives
- Region A – Billy Merrill, City of Greenville, Pitt County
- Region B – Heather Keefer, Town of Holly Springs, Wake County
- Region C – John Fullerton, Wilmington, New Hanover County
- Region D – Vacant
- Region E – Mike Byrd, Cabarrus County
- Region F – Susan Frady, City of Hendersonville

The Association will be sending two representatives to the ASFPM Annual Conference in Orlando, Fl.

Oklahoma:
Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association (OFMA)

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South Carolina:
South Carolina Association for Hazard Mitigation (SCAHM)

The South Carolina Association of Hazard Mitigation recently held its annual conference at the Ocean Drive Resort in North Myrtle Beach, SC, March 10th-13th. This was the 12th annual conference for the Association. We had over 100 attendees and 4 vendors present. We kicked off the week with a golf tournament and the CFM exam administered by our Executive Director, Shawn Putnam on Tuesday, March 10th and continued with two and a half days of sessions, workshops, and networking opportunities. Tim Trautman, CFM – Co-Chair, ASFPM Mapping & Engineering Committee was our keynote speaker and Sandy Eslinger from NOAA was the featured speaker. We had 2 receptions at the end of each full day sponsored by the SCAHM Chapter.

Board Elections were held at the Conference and they are as follows:

Chair: Christopher Stone, Lexington County
Vice Chair: Terri Hancock, Berkeley County
Secretary: Alesia Hunter, Anderson County
Treasurer: Angela Mcjunkin, City of North Charleston

Regional Representatives:

Region I: Tommy Holcombe, City of Easley
Region II: Ward Braswell, City of Newberry
Region III: Tom Brooks, Saluda County
Region IV: Charles Brooks, Darlington County
Region V: Daniel Ben-Yisrael, City of Goose Creek
Executive Director: Shawn Putnam, City of Camden

SCAHM will send 4 representatives to this year’s National Conference in Orlando. Chris Stone-Chair, Ward Braswell-Region II, Charles Brooks-Region IV, and Daniel Ben-Yisrael-Region V.

The SCAHM board met numerous times over the past year and voted to host a training session for the CFM exam before next year’s conference. SCAHM’s 2009 conference and training sessions were creditable for CFM certification and maintenance.

The SCAHM board voted to donate $1000 to the ASFPM Foundation for 2009. We will also be awarding a $1000 student scholarship based upon applications in the coming months.

The 2010 annual Conference will be held at the Ocean Drive Beach and Golf Resort in North Myrtle Beach, SC, with dates to be announced.

Texas:
Texas Association Floodplain Managers (TFMA)

The Texas Floodplain Management Association (TFMA) celebrated its 20th anniversary last year (2008) and has been serving the membership since 1988. Texas was one of the first states to form a professional association of floodplain managers, and TFMA was one of the first state associations to become a Chapter Member of the Association of State Floodplain Managers, Inc. (ASFPM). The association’s membership has continued to grow at a rate of nearly 20% each year and our total membership today stands at 1315.

One driving force that has contributed to an ever increasing membership is the TFMA Texas National Certified Floodplain Manager Program. The TFMA was among the first state associations to start a Certified Floodplain Manager program beginning in 1996 and is one of only six states that operates a CFM program under the guidelines of ASFPM. In 2000, TFMA adopted the ASFPM Certified Floodplain Manager Program and National exam. Since inception, TFMA has certified over 1560 members, however
through retirements, job changes, deaths and decertification, the number of active, nationally accredited CFMs currently stands at 1060.

TFMA underwent an audit of our CFM Program by ASFPM. It was a very intense review of our procedures and record keeping, but resulted in a great improvement in our program. It also led to a number of decertifications mainly due to failure to submit proof of continuing education credits. To make it easier to obtain continuing education, TFMA is committed to offering more diverse and technical training opportunities across the majority of the state.

The Texas Floodplain Management Association has been involved in many activities to enhance member services. We conduct two statewide conferences each year. The annual Texas Flood Conference held in the spring offers 4 days of intensive training through workshops, plenary sessions and breakout sessions. The Spring Conference in April of this year saw a record attendance of over 400 participants. In the fall, TFMA hosts a 2 ½ day Technical Conference with more training workshops. Continuing our educational opportunities, TFMA annually hosts the FEMA 4-½ day Floodplain Administrator training course, and now working with FEMA Region VI, we have expand to five classes per year. The CFM exam is given at the conclusion of the FEMA course and usually is taken by most of the attendees, averaging around 30 per class. With this pace, TFMA is on track to add more than 200 CFMs per year.

Working with the State NFIP Coordinating Agency, the Texas Water Development Board, TFMA has been able to offer a number of State NFIP-101 training classes and other advanced technical training sessions across the State. This will improve the opportunities for our members to obtain the needed CECs for their CFM status.

TFMA secured a Hazard Mitigation Grant from FEMA and has utilized the grant to expand our outreach and flood education activities. We now support and promote a number of National Weather Service Programs including Sky Warn Storm Spotter Training, StormReady, NOAA Radio and especially the Turn Around Don’t Drown (TADD) program. TFMA also supports CoCoRaHS, a volunteer rainfall observer network.

The TFMA maintains a very active website (www.tfma.org) and publishes a quarterly newsletter – “The Lightning Rod” to serve our members and provide updated and timely information. The TFMA Member Services Committee continues to evaluate the services of the TFMA and to guide the Association as we strive to improve our services and educational opportunities. And of course, we will continue our partnership with and support of the ASFPM as we mutually strive to promote sound floodplain management and to save lives and reduce property losses from flooding.