Floodplain Regulations Committee 2009-2010 goals:
1) Assist the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and provide reviews as needed, as FEMA develops proposed changes to the National Flood Insurance Program Regulations – 44 CFR Parts 59-65.
2) Provide comments as needed to revised FEMA Technical Bulletins.
3) Continue to work with the ASFPM front office to improve the Floodplain Regulations Committee web page on www.floods.org. The goal of the Committee web page is to provide a variety of resources for floodplain regulations, higher regulatory standards, and example of No Adverse Impact regulations.
4) Provide assistance, as needed, on preparing ASFPM white papers, with coordination through the Policy Committee Pod.
5) Complete the development of a “Higher Standards Reference Guide”. The purpose of this Reference Guide is to provide a selection of higher development standards that can be adopted by a community aimed at reducing flood impacts and losses.

Review FEMA Proposed Changes to 44 CFR 59-65
At this time, rulemaking is tied up in FEMA’s NFIP reform effort. The FPR Committee continues to await FEMA rule changes and other opportunities for potential input.

Provide Comments to Draft Revisions of FEMA Technical Bulletins
The FPR Committee continues to await draft revisions to FEMA’s Technical Bulletins, as its members have reviewed a few to date: Technical Bulletin 1 (Flood Openings), 2 (Flood Resistant Materials) and 5 (V-Zone Free-of-Obstruction).

The committee continues to assist in the implementation of recommendations which came out of the National Flood Insurance Program Evaluation. The NJFIP Evaluation is here: http://www.fema.gov/business/nfip/nfipeval.shtm

Improve Floodplain Regulations Committee Web Page
Once the “Higher Standards Reference Guide” is complete and approved for release, the FPR Committee will work with the Front Office to make the guide available via the committee website. Future endeavors may include developing a page dedicated to the guide with illustrations/figures for higher standards.

Develop “Higher Standards Reference Guide”
The FPR Committee has held several conference calls fleshing out language for the Higher Standards Reference Guide. The final Guide will consist of a compendium of higher standards with provide model language and implementation issues. To date the committee has developed a comprehensive list of higher standards, considering both riverine and coastal hazards. Additionally, model regulatory language is provided for each standard for consideration in local regulations.

Additional Committee Initiatives
- Community Rating System. Several members of the Committee are assisting the CRS Repetitive Loss Strategy Committee. This committee is charged with preparing suggested revisions to the community rating system which will encourage participating communities to address repetitive loss issues.