ASFPM Professional Development Committee Status Report

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**PDC Mission**

The mission of the Professional Development Committee is to provide vision, leadership and direction to ASFPM members regarding issues affecting the floodplain management profession. The PDC strives to maintain a high standard of integrity, ethical behavior and practices, professional conduct and skill for all floodplain managers and encourages certification via the ASFPM Certified Floodplain Manager program. PDC also strives to expand and promote the professional status and legal responsibility of the CFM and will review and monitor professional education opportunities for floodplain managers. The PDC also provides a liaison to the Certification Board of Regents to support the CFM program. In this capacity, the liaison communicates and provides alignment of common activities between CBOR and PDC regarding issues affecting the floodplain management profession.

**A Review of Last Year’s Activities**

- PDC continued to work towards establishing a “floodplain manager” Standard Occupational Classification with the US Bureau of Labor Statistics;
- Supported the advancement of minimum education requirements, certification and/or continuing education requirements by elevating these discussions at state chapter conferences;
- Coordinated with CBOR regarding the concept of mandatory ethics training for CFM recertification; and
- Developed a two-hour CFM ethics workshop to support continued professional development and potential mandatory ethics training requirement.

**Looking Forward to Next Year**

- Will deliver a two-hour ethics workshop at the 2017 conference as part of a Professional Development track. This is a first step towards having a mandatory ethics training requirement for CFM recertification.
- Expand professional development workshops at future state and national conferences to include other topics such as project management, budgeting, scheduling, time management, public speaking, meeting facilitation skills and other related topics;
- Continue to support and champion the review of US BLS Standard Occupational Classification for a new floodplain manager occupation code; and
- Continue to look for incentives for floodplain managers to achieve certification by working with CRS team to provide new activity credits for CFM signatures or stamps on official floodplain management docs (i.e. elevation certificates or LOMC forms).