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2015-2016 Activities

As of May 1, 2016, there are 9,594 CFMs in the U.S.

The Certification Board of Regents had a very busy year. The Certified Floodplain Manager exam is undergoing the last revision to address the phased-in recommendations raised in the Reliability and Validity process, including creating a new section on map reading and interpretation based on two actual Flood Insurance Risk Maps. The map reading and interpretation portion of the exam will no longer be based on Flood County, USA. After review, testing and analysis throughout 2016, the revised exam will be rolled out in 2017.

The Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (DOL/BLS) began its 10-year review process for the list of Standard Occupational Classifications (SOC) in 2014 with a goal of publishing a revised SOC in 2018. Of the 1,100 occupations identified by BLS, none include “floodplain manager,” even though all 22,000 communities participating in the NFIP must delegate an individual to perform those responsibilities. CBOR has been working with ASFPM’s executive office on its official letter/comments qualifying the floodplain manager occupation and is awaiting the BLS/OMB public comment period opening. At that time, we will submit those comments to recommend classification codes and titles in the 2018 version of the SOC to include “floodplain manager” as an identified occupation.

CBOR has recommended additions to the “Retired ASFPM Member” policies of the ASFPM Board to add CFMs who have retired, and has proposed a new “CFM-retired” title. This recommendation is awaiting Board approval.

CBOR adopted a policy for students so that anyone who qualifies as a “student member” (full-time student), may take the CFM exam at the discounted individual rate without joining as an individual member.
CBOR membership has undergone a major transition in the past year. New regents include:

- **Joe Fernandez**, San Antonio River Authority (Chapter Regent)
- **Roger Lindsey**, Metro Nashville Water Service (Local Government Regent)
- **Charley Banks**, Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (State Government Regent)
- **Louis Greenwell**, PRIME AE Group, Louisville, KY (Professional Development Committee)
- **Robert Perry**, Emergency Management Institute

And in the biggest transition of CBOR, **John Ivey**, who has been a cornerstone of CBOR and the Exam Workgroup for 20 years, has retired. John not only served as a regent, but led the Exam Work Group and was instrumental in making sure everyone who questioned their results were provided an explanation of where they needed to concentrate to do better the next time, helped the EO maintain a database of information regarding every question that was ever included in any exam, and tracked “most missed” and “most passed” questions. John’s energy, dedication and commitment to the CFM program will never be exceeded. He will be missed and his legacy of service will remain.