For the last year since the national conference in Orlando, the ASFPM Flood Mitigation Committee has worked on the following goals with the associated tasks:

**Provide Input on National Mitigation Policy**
- The Committee’s discount rate white paper is still receiving some discussion. The Committee continues to believe strongly that the effect of the discount rate on the FEMA BCA module is a major issue needing national dialog.
- Offered comments on Congressional bills and amendments related to mitigation and Stafford Act.
- Attended Senator Mary Landrieu’s Hearing on Stafford Act Revisions and Hazard Mitigation September 13, 2009. Craig Fugate was a speaker.
- Responded to Federal Register posting for Section 406 Public Assistance Mitigation Repetitive Damage.
- Coordinated comments for the Corps of Engineers Principles & Guidelines policy.
- Coordinated Association’s comments for the Natural Disaster Recovery Framework.
- Provided discussion points and comments for ASFPM’s Congressional testimony on improving the Stafford Act.
- Continued to work with the National Emergency Management Association on their mitigation white paper. The ASFPM is one of 15 co-signers of this paper.
- Worked on “Definition of Mitigation” white paper, which is approaching final draft status. Comments sought from Mitigation Committee, SHMONet, and NHMA. SHMONet comments received resulted in a refocusing of the paper, which has required more substantial rewriting than previously thought.
- Section 404/406 Mitigation white paper: Due to the time constraints placed on the Committee co-chairs, only introductory effort was put forth on this paper. Committee co-chairs requested and received comments from the Mitigation Committee Core Group, NHMA, and SHMONet. Other entities working on similar white papers and the Mitigation Committee will attempt to work together as much as possible on the development of this important paper. Development of the white paper will be a priority for the Committee’s 2010–2011 work plan.
- Attended annual Policy Committee Retreat in Madison – August, 2009.
- Co-chair attended NEMA Mitigation Committee Meeting and SHMO Meeting at 2010 Mid-Year NEMA Conference March 5 – 6, 2010.

**Facilitate/Participate in Broadening Understanding and Effective Implementation of Mitigation**
- Participated in the State Hazard Mitigation Officer Network to discuss and resolve issues of states’ hazard mitigation professionals.
- Engaged discussions with Natural Hazard Mitigation Association.
- Served on the FY 2010 HMA Grant Program National Evaluation Panel.
- Assisted with the application process for communities enrolling in CRS program.
- Assisted communities with flood mitigation planning and project applications.
- Co-Chair represented ASFPM at a facilitated meeting in Washington DC on March 4, 2010. The National Emergency Management Association was the lead entity on this meeting, and the focus of this year’s meeting was to discuss formalizing a multi-level “mitigation alliance” as recommended in the 2009 Mitigation White Paper.