



ASFPM Chapter District 3 Status Report 2019

Association of State Floodplain Managers

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South Carolina Association for Hazard Mitigation

2019 Annual Chapter Report

Number of SCAHM Members – 191

Number of CFM in South Carolina – 191

The annual conference was held March 17-20, 2019 in Hilton Head Island, SC. There were than 163 people registered and in attendance at the conference. This year's conference was the most attend conference we have every had that was not a joint conference with North Carolina. This year's program included 35 presentations and a panel discussion on Flood Resilience – Challenges, Solutions and a Path Forward. This year's conference sponsorship included 13 vendors which was double the amount from 2018 conference. We also held our First Annual SCAHM Hawaiian Shirt Fun Run/Walk/Crawl. The event was enjoyed by all participants, with awards being presented at the annual business meeting. The CFM exam was also offered on March 17, 2018 prior to the conference kick off. There were 8 people that took the CRM exam this year.

During the Annual Business Meeting at the conference, SCAHM acknowledge contributions to the association of the past Association Treasurer Angela McJunkin and past Association Board Member Ward Braswell. The Floodplain Manager of the Year Award was award to Randy Robinson, Floodplain Manager for the Town of Sullivan's Island. The 2020 SCAHM Annual Conference has been scheduled for March 1-4, 2020 in Greenville, SC at the Downtown Hyatt Regency.

Election of new officers and Regional Representatives for regions 1, 3 and 5 took place at the conference in March. The officers and Regional Representatives are Chair Person Andrea Bolling, Vice Chair Person Patrick Brown, Secretary Katie Faith, Treasurer Nicole Dixon, Region 1 Representative Jessica Jordan, Region 2 Representative Heather Brown, Region 3 Representative Billy Staley, Region 4 Representative Helen Roodman, and Region 5 Representative Rob Rogerson. The Corporate Liaison remains as J. Paul Abrams and the Executive Director remains as Daryle Fontenot.

The associations held the following workshops during the year. How to Review an Elevation Certificate was held on June 8, 2018 and CRS Training – An Update on the CRS Program and an Overview of CRS Activities was held on December 14, 2018.

SCAHM also participated in the 35th Annual Palmetto Sportsmen's Classics in Columbia, SC on March 22-24, 2019 as part of the South Carolina DNR Flood Mitigation Program booth. We were involved in the demonstration of the Ward Flood model and South Carolina Flood Trivia Wheel all weekend at the classic in association with SCDNR and its contractors.

The Training and Outreach Committee will be developing topics for training workshops for the upcoming year.

Challenges as an association still revolve around getting participation for members in the association on a consistent basis and getting the word out about the association and how the association can be a benefit to communities and the citizens of South Carolina.



Texas Floodplain Management Association

Professional Organization Leading Floodplain Management and Flood Risk Reduction in Texas

As we move forward into 2019, TFMA can celebrate a number of successes but we also face a number of challenges in the coming year. Last year, Hurricane Harvey devastated a large area of Southeast Texas and the mid-coastal regions of the state. Many communities were devastated and a large number of TFMA members were impacted, either personally by the disaster or professionally as they struggled with rebuilding in their communities. Sadly, TFMA was not prepared for a major disaster of this magnitude, nor was the State. We realized TFMA does not have an established post-disaster response initiative, a failing we intend to change as we move forward. Recent talks were conducted with FEMA Region VI to build on our partnership and to explore funding options for TFMA to establish a Disaster Response Team. To date, two state floodplain management associations in Region VI, OFMA and LAFP, have established DRTs. It is the goal of TFMA to establish our own DRT so we are prepared to reach out to Texas communities devastated by future floods.

Looking back at 2018, TFMA has much to celebrate and many successful efforts to embrace. The 2018 Spring Conference was a watershed event for TFMA. Founded in 1988, we celebrated our 30th anniversary. Two major elements of the conference also highlighted both challenges and success. TFMA took the opportunity to recognize long time members who were instrumental in the founding of our association. but also continued our established procedure of recognizing TFMA members who served in the military over the years. Our Mike Howard Lectureship Keynote Speaker, was Jeff Lindner from Harris County Flood Control District. He was a key figure prior to, during and after Houston and the surrounding area sustained major damage in Hurricane Harvey. In fact, many called him their "Hero". His message to TFMA was one of long hours during the hurricane and the aftermath of clean-up and next steps to prevent another such disaster. Jeff finished his address with - Where do we go from here? A question which will be answered by our communities and TFMA members. Over 600 TFMA members were in attendance at this historic 30th Anniversary conference.

Another measure of our success this past year is our membership and our CFM program. TFMA continues to grow throughout the state. In 2018, we reached a record number of 2601 members, an 8.4 percent growth over 2017. Also, in 2018, TFMA registered and certified 2211 CFMs, a 6.6 percent growth over 2017. To accomplish this growth in our CFM program, TFMA offered 26 CFM exam opportunities across the state, many in conjunction with training. TFMA training was attended by over 2100 members, with 30 training opportunities statewide. TFMA regional directors hosted/taught classes in each one of TFMA's 10 regions. But, we want to reach more and train more. TFMA believes a trained, skilled, experienced floodplain manager tasked with managing local floodplain management ordinances/court orders is the key to protecting our communities and the public from devastating flood disasters. The ultimate goal is to at least have one CFM in every Texas community. Is it possible? We certainly think so!

Many communities in Texas are still recovering from the effects of Hurricane Harvey. TFMA continues to develop outreach programs and disaster response/relief initiatives. We find ourselves exhibiting at Emergency Management Conferences, community fairs, and schools; basically anywhere there is an audience for us to talk about TFMA and the "Turn Around Don't drown" (TADD) flood safety program. Elementary children are the best targets! They take the message to heart and then impart their wisdom to their parents. To reach the kids and hopefully their parents, TFMA has engaged in an annual TADD poster contest. We worked with 4 elementary schools across the state in 2018 and have plans for 7 schools this year, to sponsor a flood safety TADD poster contest. Winning posters are utilized in the publication of TFMA's Annual TADD Calendar. The TADD calendar is one of TFMA's most requested outreach publications. One of the reasons for TFMA's passion for flood safety can be found in some disturbing flood death statistics. Just released by NOAA, a map of the United States showing flood deaths by state for the years 2010 to 2018 shows Texas leads the nation with flood deaths with 212 fatalities. The second closest state is Arkansas with 63 deaths. This is a Number 1 ranking

Texas and TFMA does not want. We feel like we are making progress with TFMA's flood safety outreach, but again, we want more and we can do more to reduce loss of life from floods! The TFMA Outreach Committee is at work on new PSA's for the upcoming season and new flood safety outreach materials are being developed. A recent addition is the Texanna TADDPole plush toy. TFMA plans to give these out to kids at flood shelters, a great comfort toy in times of disaster. Also in the works is a Texanna costume similar to the mascots of schools and sports programs. Once developed, Texanna will appear on floats at local parades, visit flood shelters, participate at TFMA exhibits and offer photo opportunities for our kids. Can't wait!

Another successful TFMA project is our Higher Standards Survey. In 2004, John Ivey, a founding member of TFMA along with several other members started the Higher Standards Survey. This survey helps determine the number of Texas communities with floodplain management standards higher than the minimum required by FEMA for the NFIP. At the end of 2018, we had 338 responses from Texas member communities. Interestingly to note that 282 responding communities or 85% stated they have adopted a higher freeboard for their local ordinances/court orders. Another interesting statistic, 242 communities, 73% stated they have a CFM on staff. Wow! That is great news and proof TFMA needs to keep pushing forward with our CFM program.

Several years ago, TFMA started its Texas FloodEd outreach, a TFMA member grass roots effort to reach out to our elected officials, educate them about TFMA and flood risks in Texas. This effort has led to TFMA's annual Day at the Capitol where TFMA members meet and visit with key Senators and House of Representatives. During these visits, which will occur on February 21st, TFMA members will work with our Governmental Affairs Committee to inform our elected officials about upcoming bills which address flooding and flood risks in Texas. This year's legislative session holds much more importance due to several factors, including the damages and human impact of Hurricane Harvey. Also, the Texas Water Development Board, working with a number of agencies and TFMA conducted the first ever Texas Flood Assessment. The report from this assessment was submitted to the Texas Legislator and contains a number of recommendations to address flooding in Texas. One of the major recommendations is the development of a Statewide Flood Plan. TFMA will support the Flood Assessment during our DATC visits. Another project coming from Texas FloodEd is the Governor's annual proclamation, establishing a Flood Awareness Week in Texas.

The 30th Anniversary celebration continued at TFMA's Fall Technical Conference at the Hyatt Hill Country Resort in San Antonio. We moved our Silent Auction from the Spring to the Fall for a change of pace. There were some good natured bidding wars going on! Winners were announced at the social that evening. All proceeds for the Auction go to our Outreach Program. Also, TFMA continued its "Because We Care" program. This program allows TFMA members the opportunity to donate to a special cause selected for the conference. From food banks to books for children, this program allows TFMA members to give back to our conference host community.

Looking back, we had an incredible year, thanks to the support of our members and partners. Looking ahead, we have a great year ahead of us. Working together we have made a difference and we can and will do more.

New Mexico 2019

New Mexico Floodplain Managers Association

NMFMA currently has 233 members and 181 CFMs. The NMFMA Executive Board is as follows:

Chair: Nicole Freidt, PE, CFM

First Vice Chair: Shawn Penman, PhD, CFM

Second Vice Chair: Michele Truby-Tillen, CFM

Secretary: JD Padilla, CFM

Treasurer: Paul Dugie PE, CFM
Region I Director: Jonah Ruybalid, PE, CFM
Region II Director: Crystal Ball, CFM
Region III Director: Johnny J Montiel, CFM
Region IV Director: Loretta Hatch, CFM
Executive Director: Grant Pinkerton, CFM

NMFMA Annual Board Retreat was on August 18-19, 2018 at the Route 66 Casino.

NMFMA's Fall Workshop was held in Ruidoso, New Mexico on Sep 12-14, 2018.

NMFMA's Spring Workshop/Arid Regions Conference was held in Albuquerque, New Mexico on April 16-19, 2019.

Prior to his retirement, NMFMA presented a Life Time Achievement Award to Jerry Clark for his service to FEMA Region 6 and the State of New Mexico.

At the Spring Workshop, the Grant R. Pinkerton Award was presented to Paul Dugie for his many years of service to NMFMA and Floodplain Management within his community.

The Floodplain Manager of the Year Award was presented to Tim Corner with the Town of Taos.

The Floodplain Management Award was presented to the Town of Bernalillo for their commitment to improving floodplain management within their community.

Additionally, a Service Award was presented to Michael Garcia who termed out of his position as Region III Director of NMFMA. NMFMA has taken on several projects with funding through the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management CAPSSSE grant funding. Projects include: Flood Education Coloring Books, Education/Booth Stand Up Display, two (2) Floodplain Water Models, Educational Brochures, and Flood Risk Reduction Outreach Material. NMFMA currently has five (5) Floodplain Water Models distributed and housed throughout the state. These are used widely for community outreach and education.

Alabama Association of Floodplain Managers, Inc.
www.aafmfloods.org

Officers:	
President – Jason Wilson, PE, CFM	District 1 Director – Eric Hill
Vice President – Josh Yates	District 2 Director – Heather Garrison
Treasurer – Charles Lay	District 3 Director – John Powell Webb
Secretary – Margaret Pappas, CFM	District 4 Director – Tyler Kreps
Director at Large – Corey Garyotis, PE, CFM	District 5 Director – Miriam Boutwell
Corporate Director – Clay Campbell	District 6 Director – James Brown

Trainings/Events:

2018 built upon the momentum of 2017 and saw continued increases in conference participation. We once again hosted Spring Seminars in Cullman and Foley and had 55 registrations in Foley and 45 registrations in Cullman. These two sites will again host Spring Seminars in 2019.

In October, the Fall Conference returned for a second year to Orange Beach at the Wharf. This proved to be an incredible destination with first rate accommodations, amenities, and social events. The conference was attended by 116 people which was a 15% increase in attendance from 2017 (which was a 25% increase above 2015 levels). This year's Fall Conference is scheduled for October 28-30th at a beachfront hotel in Orange Beach (Island House Hotel Orange Beach).

The National Conference was attended by President Jason Wilson, Vice President Josh Yates, and one scholarshipped attendee (1st ever attendee sponsored by AAFM—Hank Hodde)

Active memberships have grown to around 125 which is an increase of approximately 25% year over year. This growth may be attributed to additional benefits of membership in terms of discounts at Chapter events.

This year we will be scholarshipping 2 floodplain managers in Alabama to attend the national conference (this will be an expansion of our effort to provide training opportunities)

Challenges are keeping material fresh and newsworthy, keeping members interests up, and growing participation. There are 137 CFMs in the State of Alabama (which is more than our membership level). Many of these CFMs are not involved with AAFM so there is an opportunity to expand membership and participation.

Oklahoma

Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association

The Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association is proud to currently have 492 members of which 329 hold the CFM designation.

OFMA's objectives embrace promoting interest in flood damage abatement, improving cooperation among government agencies, and encouraging innovative approaches to managing Oklahoma's floodplains.

During 2018-2019, the Legislative Reception and Spring Technical Workshop were a continued success. The Turn Around Don't Drown (TADD) poster contest, calendars and billboards, as well as training classes, the OFMA Institute, FPA Scholarship, and the Disaster Response Team continued. Initiatives such as a 3D Flood Model Demonstration Video posted on YouTube, purchase of 2 new OFMA booths for use at events, and an additional advanced training class were rolled out to enhance outreach effectiveness. Lastly, OFMA has 3 Corporate Partners.

The following is a brief description regarding some of OFMA's ongoing and completed projects.

Outreach

1. TADD Poster\Calendar Contest. This continues to be a successful program.
2. OFMA members to own and use the 3 separate 3D Floodplain Models. This year it was used at a Severe Weather Event, Middle and High School Engineering Day Events, Citywide Homeowners Association Workshops, at Municipal Events, and at many school STEM events.

3. OFMA continues to distribute TADD roadway signs. OWRB with assistance from OFMA collects GPS information on the sign locations for a database as they are installed in various Oklahoma communities.
4. OFMA continues its FPA mentoring program. This program is designed to aid new FPA's to learn job duties.
5. OFMA continues its FPA Scholarship. OFMA awards up to five (5) scholarships for full OFMA Annual Conference attendance, including hotel room. This encourages networking with other FPA's and floodplain management professionals.
6. OFMA continues its student scholarship program. Two high school seniors in 2018 each received a \$1,000 scholarship to go towards their continuing education expenses.
7. OFMA continues its Disaster Response Team (DRT). The team is on call to assist floodplain managers in communities that may require assistance with substantial damage estimates and other post-disaster duties if called on after floods or other disasters damage structures in the floodplain. As the first state chapter to implement a DRT, OFMA reaches out to assist other states that are interested in starting a DRT and had a joint booth along with the Louisiana DRT at the 2018 ASFPM Conference.
8. OFMA hosted its first annual Stormwater Technical Workshop in July of 2018 in Midwest City, Oklahoma. Approximately 110 individuals attended to hear presentations on stormwater quality topics. A few OFMA members were in attendance and helped organize the workshop, but the large majority of the attendees were stormwater quality managers and professionals that also received information on overlapping floodplain management ideas. The second workshop is scheduled for July 17, 2019 in Norman, Oklahoma.
9. OFMA continues to publish the quarterly BFE chapter newsletter.

Professional Development

1. The OFMA Training Cadre developed one new subject, "Available Resources for Floodplain Managers" for use at our multiple free Advanced Floodplain Management Workshops held in various parts of the state in conjunction with the Oklahoma Water Resources Board Floodplain 101 training workshops.
2. The OFMA Training Cadre continued presentation of "Ethics for Floodplain Managers" at four different free Advanced Floodplain Management workshops held throughout the state.
3. OFMA along with OWRB presented an L273 Class as they do each year.
4. OFMA's PDCC gave the CFM exam to multiple individuals in both the fall of 2018 and January of 2019. Twenty six individuals passed the CFM test to become new CFM's.
5. The 2018 Annual Conference was held in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma at the Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center. The topic was "Flood Insurance Moonshots: Giant Steps for Oklahoma Floodplain Management". A record number of attendees were at the 2.5 day conference. The 2019 Annual Conference will be held in Durant, Oklahoma on September 16-18, 2019.
6. The 2019 Spring Technical Workshop was held in Tulsa, Oklahoma on April 4, 2019 at the Riverspirit Hotel and Conference Center. The theme was "Improving Technical Capabilities in Floodplain Management".

7. OFMA attended Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 FEMA Region VI Community Assistance Program (CAP) meetings as they do each year.
8. Jeff Bigby, OFMA Chair was invited to and participated in the 2019 ASFPM Foundation Gilbert F. White National Flood Policy Forum held in Washington D.C. on March 12-13, 2019. The theme of the forum was "Increasing Our Resiliency to Urban Flooding". OFMA prepared a "Thought Paper" that was included with the forum proceedings.

Social Media

1. OFMA maintains a Facebook page and a Twitter account. Summaries of OFMA events has also been posted on LinkedIn. OFMA maintains and updated their web page in 2018.

Building Relationships

1. OFMA is actively engaging with emergency managers, stormwater managers, tribal officials, surveyors, and insurance agents.
2. OFMA continues to build better relationships with the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Institute of Certified Planners, Oklahoma Emergency Management Association, Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management, Oklahoma Department of Water Quality, Oklahoma Department of Transportation, and Oklahoma Society of Land Surveyors.

Florida Floodplain Managers Association

Our 2018 Annual Report Infographic can be found at [2018 Annual Report](#) and our latest newsletter can be found at [FFMA December 2018 Newsletter](#).

The Florida Floodplain Managers Association (FFMA) continues with the vision that by 2020 FFMA will be recognized by municipalities statewide as the leading source for floodplain management education, comprised of over 1,000 members, and have earned a seat at the decision-making table with policy makers and regulators by virtue of the organization's reputation as an indispensable source of information pertaining to technically and economically sound floodplain management.

Education:

As our primary goal of providing leadership and education opportunities to our members and the floodplain management community as a whole, FFMA increased class offerings by another eight this year, holding 44 classes to earn continuing education credits for CFMs as well as continuing our offerings to Surveyors, Professional Engineers, Building Officials, Inspectors, and the International Code Council. We have our eye on 50 classes for the coming year and are well on our way to achieving that goal.

Advocacy:

Our second annual Flood Awareness Week was held March 11-17, 2019. Messages were sent over several communication platforms for our members to use in their own communities. Links provided standardized material that could be used to convey flood messages in every community within the State. The hope was that no matter where you live in Florida, there would be a consistent message about flooding and the hazards associated with living near the water. More information can be found at FLfloods.org/faw. In addition, this year FFMA supported a floodplain manager as a candidate for the Florida Building

Commission Chairman, as well as signing on to support the State Flood Mitigation Revolving Fund Act of 2019.

Policy:

As local and national lawmakers are faced with issues involving flood insurance, mitigation, and resilience, FFMA traveled to our State Capitol, Tallahassee on April 18, 2019, where we had a table with FFMA information and the Augmented Reality Sandbox provided by Earl Soeder with GPServ, Inc. The Sandbox helped us engage with visitors and talk about the importance of planning development to reduce the impacts to our natural floodplains.

Conference 2019:



This year FFMA found themselves in stunning Daytona Beach at the Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort. We spent time reconnecting with old friends, making new ones, and keeping on top of the ever-updating world of floodplain management. We had another great fundraising effort for scholarships to both the State and National

Conferences, and this year will send one winner to the ASFPM National Conference in Cleveland. We will be heading back to Orlando in 2020 for our next Conference themed “Working Universally to Stop Flooding” with a tour of Disney/Reedy Creek Stormwater Management already in the planning stages.

Mississippi

Association of Floodplain Managers of Mississippi (AFMM)

In 2018, AFMM membership total was 127 members, with 87 qualifying as CFM.

The Mississippi Chapter held two conferences in 2018. Our Annual Spring Conference was held in Natchez, MS, May 22nd -24th, and our Annual Fall Conference November 28th -30th was held in Philadelphia, MS. At our conference membership meeting a Special Election was held to elect a new Vice President to the Board of Directors. Our Board of Director members are as followed:

President - Bruce Cook CFM, Yazoo MS Delta Levee Board

Vice President- Allison Brand, CFM -Southern Farm Bureau Casualty

Secretary – Cathy Lummus, CFM - Lauderdale County

Treasurer - Tara Coggins, CFM - Lamar County

District Representatives for AFMM are as follows:

District 1 Rep. – Jamie Roberson, CFM - Yazoo MS Delta Levee Board, EMA Director

District 2 Rep. – Kevin Day, CFM – Waggoner Engineering, Jackson

District 3 Rep. – Jill Butler, CFM - River Science, LLC

District 4 Rep. – Marcus Catchot, CFM - Jackson County Board of Supervisors

State Representative for AFMM – Stacey Ricks, CFM -MEMA

Rep. at Large – Charles Stallings, CFM – MS811

In 2019, we will be holding our annual Conference in Natchez, MS, April 2nd -4th. Amendments to the By-Laws will continue to be discussed at the general membership meeting.

AFMM sponsored the 5K Run at the 2018 ASFPM National Conference and will also be sponsoring it again in 2019.

We currently have 166 members with ASFPM, with a total of 150 CFMs. Mississippi's Members continue to increase each year!

Arkansas

Arkansas Floodplain Management Association, Inc.

The Arkansas Floodplain Management Association has 257 members. The membership has grown slightly over previous years. We are currently using our website to track our membership.

The AFMA, Inc. Board of Directors are as follows:

Officers:

Chairman	Jay Whisker
Vice Chairman	Richard Penn
Secretary	Karen Knebel
Treasurer	Lorene Burns
Past Chairman	Lee Beshoner
Executive Director	Conrad Battreal
NFIP Coordinator	Whit Montague

Regional Representatives

Northwest	Alan Pugh
Northeast	Tamara Jenkins
Central	Natalie Rogers
Southwest	Denny McPhate
Southeast	Bill Ruck

AFMA just hosted the Spring 2019 Conference in El Dorado, Arkansas. We had 65 participants as well as speakers on our 2 day conference. The attendance was a little lower than normal, however moving the location to the different parts of Arkansas allows more people to come to the conference who ordinarily would not be able to make it.

In September of 2018, AFMA held its Fall Conference. With over 120 registrants and 6 exhibitors, this was a successful conference. We also had our annual awards conference where we named our "Floodplain Manager of the Year" and our Floodplain Communities of the Year" in several categories.

Kentucky

Kentucky Association of Mitigation Managers (KAMM) www.kymitigation.org

The Kentucky Association of Mitigation Managers has 199 members as of April 15, 2019. Of those, 41 are new KAMM members.

The KAMM Board of Directors is as follows:

Officers:

Chair	Carey Johnson
Vice Chair	Jimmy Stahl
Secretary	Esther White
Treasurer	Ben Conley

Regional Representatives:

KAMM Region I	Angela Herndon
KAMM Region II	Sarah Taylor
KAMM Region III	Geni Jo Brawner
KAMM Region IV	Nick Grinstead

Past Chair and At-Large Representative:

Immediate Past Chair	Stephen Noe
At-Large Representative	Mike Greene

<u>Executive Director:</u>	Pamela Moore
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Committee Chairs:

Conference	Jimmy Stahl
CRS Users Group	Christina Groves, Lori Rafferty, Cindy Minter
Education and Professional Development	Alex VanPelt & Katherine Osborne
Emergency Management	Jason York & Bobby Carpenter
Flood Mitigation	Josh Human
Awards	Angela Herndon

2018 KAMM Conference

Lake Barkley State Resort Park, Cadiz

Mitigation Superheroes: Investing in Our Communities

September 17, Preconference workshops and activities

September 18 – 20, 2018



The 2018 KAMM Annual Conference was held September 17-20, 2018 at Lake Barkley State Resort Park in Cadiz, KY; with a conference theme “Mitigation Superheroes”. There were 220 attendees (200 in 2017) with representatives from local, state, and federal agencies, and Area Development Districts (ADDs). The conference had thirteen sponsors.

We had a great conference with speakers on various mitigation topics. Given that Hurricane Florence scooped up all of FEMA speakers, we mitigated and rearranged the schedule at the last minute. We appreciate all of the folks who volunteered and helped fill the gaps. More information here:

<http://www.kymitigation.org/2018-conference-recap/>.

The 2018 KAMM conference included a CFM exam, and conference tracks including Public Assistance, the NFIP, Silver Jackets, and local success stories. The conference was highlighted by Silver jackets interactive session where representatives provided an overview of their respective missions relating to floodplain management and mitigation. The KAMM website <http://www.kymitigation.org/2018-kamm-conference/>) has information on conference sponsors, attendees, presentations and great photos.

KAMM sponsored the second annual Silent Auction with all funds going toward a Mitigation Project. The intent is to leave behind a mitigation project in each state park where we host a conference.

Two awards were given to two KAMM members.

2018 Mitigation Manager of the Year

Brian Thompson

Falmouth, KY (Pendleton County)

2018 Mitigation Project of the Year

Great Saltpetre Preserve of the Rockcastle Karst Conservancy

Great Saltpetre Cave, Livingston KY

Award winners will present at the 2019 KAMM Conference about the projects that relate to the award.

KAMM hosted four training sessions (1 in each of KAMM's 4 Regions) in March 2019. The trainings have been attended by approximately 65 folks. Topics ranged from Tips and Tricks for Risk Identification, Community Rating System, and Innovations in Mitigation.

The following actions have been accomplished by the KAMM Board over the past year:

- Fourth annual KAMM Board and committee lead Winter Retreat
- Signed MOA with KY Emergency Management Association (KEMA)
- Continued MOAs with KY Association of Mapping Professionals (KAMP) and KY Stormwater Association (KSA)
- KAMM's Mitigation Project of the Year was highlighted in an ASFPM newsletter
- Continued w/ four committees (Education and Professional Development, Emergency Management, CRS User's Group, and Flood Mitigation)
- Formed a new committee – Awards – to manage and inform KAMM awards, scholarships, and other mitigation-related activities
- Continued developing the KAMM strategic plan – language will be added that mentions FEMA's "moonshots"

The KAMM website is continuously updated (www.kymitigation.org). The KAMM website has information on all-natural hazards identified in the Kentucky state hazard mitigation plan. KAMM's 2019 conference will be our 15th anniversary! The conference will be at Lake Barkley State Resort Park from September 16-19, 2019.

Tennessee Association of Floodplain Management

TN AFPM holds one annual conference and three regional training workshops per year. The 10th Annual conference will be held on July 31 – August 2, 2019 in Chattanooga, TN.

Regional training workshops take place in each region of Tennessee (west, middle and east) at a variety of venues. Workshops offer training in floodplain administration, determining BFE's in approximate A Zones,

NFIP regulations, elevation certificates, substantial damage/improvements and flood opening requirements. Recent and upcoming regional training workshop dates include:

- Middle TN Regional Training – March 25, 2019
- East TN Regional Training – June 14, 2019
- West TN Regional Training – December 6, 2019

The Certified Floodplain Surveyor program was started by a joint effort between FEMA and North Carolina in 2002, to educate surveyors in submitting simple Letters of Map Change and increase the accuracy of elevation certificates. In 2017, Tennessee became the second state in the nation to offer the Certified Floodplain Surveyor certification. The program covers NFIP fundamentals, completion of elevation certificates and the concepts needed to complete Letters of Map Amendment and Letter of Map Revision based on Fill (LOMR-F). To become CFS certified, licensed surveyors must successfully complete the three-day certification seminar and 2-part exam. The class had 28 surveyors take the exam with 21 surveyors receiving certification (75% passing rate). The State of North Carolina was gracious enough to assist us with materials, instructors and guidance on the training process this year. Currently there are 33 surveyors who have the CFS certification. Our goals, as a chapter for 2019 are as follows:

- Distribute an e-newsletter for each quarter
- To have 25% of NFIP communities to join TN AFPM
- Hold a training session each quarter of the year
- Add 18 new CFMs in TN
- Coordinate in working with local associations

We also rolled out our new website this year so feel free to check it out at www.tnafpm.com



LOUISIANA FLOODPLAIN
MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

2019 Chapter Report (May 2018 through April 2019) **Louisiana Floodplain Management Association (LFMA)**

The Louisiana Floodplain Management Association (LFMA) has approximately 300 members registered for 2019 through April 24.

The 2019 - 2020 LFMA Board of Directors was elected as follows:

Officers:

Chair -	Toby Fruge'
Vice Chair -	Kara Moree
Secretary -	Darla Duet
Treasurer -	Melissa Becker
Past Chair -	Melissa Becker
Executive Director -	Ted DeBaene
NFIP Coordinator -	Cindy O' Neal

Regional Representatives:

Region 1	Mike Hunnicutt
Region 1 alt	Kim Reeves
Region 2	Jerri Daniels
Region 3	Lisa Ledet
Region 4	Tammy Vincent
Region 4 alt	Bonnie Anderson
Region 5	Dana Watkins
Region 6	Melissa Becker
Region 7	Juanita Fowler
Region 8	Lisa Richardson
Region 8 alt	Larry Walters

Committee Chairs:

Workshop Coordinator – Darla Duet

Membership – Melissa Becker

Continuing Ed – Michelle Gonzales

Newsletter Editor – Vicki Holmes

Disaster Response Team Shandy Heil

CAP - Kara Moree

The Louisiana Floodplain Management Association has 235 Certified Floodplain Managers.

The LFMA Annual Conference was held April 3-5, 2019 in Kenner, LA with nearly 200 members in attendance. Representatives of cities, parishes, State, Federal, and professional organizations were in attendance.

Rod Emmer Award for Visionary Guidance & Meritorious Involvement in Floodplain Management was presented to Cindy O'Neal of LA DOTD.

The conference began with a boat trip through Bayou Rigolettes and Barateria Bayou to view shoreline protection and marsh creation activities. The Keynote speaker for the conference was Dana Brown addressing Community Adaptation for Resilience. The conference included a variety of presentations highlighted by the Louisiana Watershed Initiative a \$2 billion program to address watershed management through a regional approach since stormwater does not respect political boundaries.

The LFMA 2018 Summer Workshop was held in the city of Lafayette, LA on July 27 with 65 members in attendance.

The LFMA 2018 Fall Workshop was held October 4 in Saint Charles Parish.

Change to On-Line Conference and dues registration is in full swing after a shaky start.

The Disaster Relief Team is growing following our success after the 2016 flood. New supplies and equipment have been purchased including a drone for aerial observation of impacted areas. We have had no disasters during the past year but being in Louisiana, we are certain to experience one soon.

LFMA has eight regions and this year one of the regions decided that it would sponsor its own event. It was very successful and will be a model for other regions to copy.

After years of trying to purchase liability insurance, LFMA took a new approach. For Directors and Officers insurance and theft, we purchased annual coverage. Liability insurance costs for the year was unreasonable expensive. We could, however, purchase "event" liability at a reasonable rate. This makes sense for us since we normally have only one short duration event per year.

Georgia:

Georgia Association of Floodplain Management

The Georgia Association of Floodplain Management (GAFM) held its 13th Annual Technical Conference this year. Returning to Athens, the home of the University of Georgia, the conference theme was “Reach for the Moon, Mitigation is Limitless- Creative ways Georgia is Flood Ready”, a clear nod to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) “moonshots” of doubling NFIP policies in force and quadrupling mitigation funding. Presentations from private industry, as well as local, State, and Federal employees provided a wide breadth of best practices for mapping, floodplain and stormwater management, and mitigation planning. A particular highlight of the 2019 Conference was a field trip to a local dam removal site (Photo #1) and a tour of the riverine greenway in downtown Athens. Additionally, the CFM exam was offered on the last day of the Conference, adding several new CFMs to the ASFPM family.

Throughout the rest of the year, GAFM supported the Coastal Georgia Community Rating System (CRS) Users Group and hosted a Fall Symposium for Floodplain Administrators in Metro Atlanta. As a testament to the work of these groups, Georgia’s coastal communities and those in the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District (MNGWPD), which comprises the 15 counties around the City of Atlanta, are hotbeds for the adoption, administration, and CRS-crediting of many floodplain management “higher standards”, including multiple feet of freeboard for structures and compensatory storage for floodplain encroachments, amongst others.

Two important initiatives that GAFM members are involved with are the development of a Building Diagram Guide for elevation certificates and the Smart Sea Level Sensors Project. Specifically, GAFM and the ASFPM Foundation have joined forces to create the Guide to help local floodplain administrators capture enclosure, garage, and hydrostatic flood opening information. Written with the local practitioner in mind, the Guide includes pictures of several different building types and the corresponding building diagram and provides helpful hints stemming from experience gained in the field. Additionally, several communities from the Coastal Georgia CRS Users Group are active in the Smart Sea Level Sensors Project, the first project of its kind in the region, which aims to install a network of 50-100 internet-enabled water level sensors across Chatham County, stretching from I-95 to Tybee Island. The project team is made up of staff from Georgia Tech, Chatham Emergency Management Agency (CEMA), and the City of Savannah. The data captured by the sensors will both enable the modeling of coastal flooding risk and inform planning for flood mitigation and emergency management strategies.

Last, but not least, elections were held for the GAFM Board and several committee chair positions, as well as for regional and at-large representatives. Several out-going leaders have agreed to continue during a period of transition, and the overall team seeks to increase Chapter membership through recruitment at several other conferences held in Georgia and the development of a “priority target” contact list. An increase in training at the local level and the introduction of a CFM mentoring program are further ways GAFM seeks to serve across the State in the upcoming year.

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Photo #1: Middle Oconee River at the site of the now-removed White Dam. The 2019 GAFM Technical Conference field trip was led by University of Georgia staff that facilitated the removal of the dam in the name of fish passage and public safety. Photo credit: Emily Wingo (GAFM Awards Chair)



Photo #2: 2019 GAFM Conference Chair Jack Krolikowski with one of several newly printed banners that the Chapter will use when recruiting at other conferences in Georgia, as well as at the ASFPM National Conference, in an effort to increase membership. Photo credit: Shannon Brewer (GAFM Chair)

North Carolina – NCAFPM

North Carolina Association of Floodplain Managers (NCAFPM) 2018 Chapter Report

One of the major challenges faced by NCAFPM is how to how to organize and conduct a conference to the level of excellence expected by our members immediately following a major flood event. The NCAFPM Fall Floodplain Institute was held in Charlotte October 17-19 of 2018. One month earlier, September 15-17, Hurricane Florence ravished our state with historic rainfall amounts and wind damage. She made landfall near Wilmington, NC. It was one of the most devastating flood events in North Carolina history causing over \$17 billion in statewide damage resulting in over half (51) of all counties being awarded emergency declarations.

Thanks to the monumental efforts of our Board and conference committee, the 2018 Fall Floodplain Institute was held with record attendance. The agenda had to be modified along the way, as several scheduled presenters could not get away from their community or company duties while dealing with recovery efforts. However, there were numerous excellent and topical presentations. These included the NC FIMAN portal (statewide stream gage information and forecasting network site), swift water rescue, and several presentations by the impacted communities showing hands on flood preparedness and recovery efforts.

The 2018 NCAFPM annual conference was held in Wilmington, NC in April 2018. Board elections were held, and Amit Sachan was elected as the new Chair. The Lifetime Achievement award was presented to John Fullerton and the Leadership Award was presented to outgoing chair, David Key.

The Education and Outreach Committee has been very active again in 2018. They participated in community involvement events such as the Forsyth County Creek Week, several STEM middle school events, Charlotte WeatherFest and presentation of the Wards Flood Model and numerous elementary and middle schools. The NCAFPM Scholarship committee finalized details for the inaugural NCAFPM scholarship program

requirements. The committee received a number of applicants for two \$500 awards and two college students were selected. The scholarships were awarded at the 2019 annual conference held in Wrightsville Beach, NC in May 2019 which commemorated 30th anniversary of the NCAFPM.

One of NCAFPM's most exciting accomplishments of 2018 was being chosen as the location for the 2021 ASFPM annual conference. The conference will be held in Raleigh. We look forward to working with ASFPM and we have begun preliminary planning we have numerous members who are eager to volunteer and ensure the national conference is a success.

Regarding NCAFPM recommendations for ASFPM, we think it would be a good idea for ASFPM to be more involved in promotion of ASFPM membership and its benefits to North Carolina floodplain managers. There is sometimes confusion for many of our members regarding what are the roles and benefits of NCAFPM and ASFPM to them individually and to their community. Having a representative from the ASFPM office in Madison to speak about ASFPM (not the ASFPM Foundation) would benefit both the NCAFPM and the ASFPM.