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ASFPM District 3 Chapter Director Status Report



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ASFPM DISTRICT 3 CHAPTER DIRECTOR STATUS REPORT Annual Conference—Phoenix, Arizona (2018)

Alabama

Alabama Association of Floodplain Managers, Inc.

Officers:

President – Jason Wilson, PE, CFM

Vice President – Josh Yates

Treasurer – Margaret Pappas, CFM

Secretary – Charles Lay

Director @ Large – Corey Garyotis, PE, CFM

Corporate Director – Clay Campbell

District 1 Director – Eric Hill

District 2 Director – Vacant

District 3 Director – John Webb

District 4 Director – Tyler Kreps

District 5 Director – Miriam Boutwell

District 6 Director – Vacant

Trainings/Events:

2017 was an active year for the AAFM. **We once again hosted Spring Seminars in Cullman and Foley and had approximately 100 attendees between the two events.** Look for announcements soon to continue this approach in 2018. In September, the Fall Conference was held for the first time in 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 over 100 people which was a 20% increase in attendance from 2016** (which was a 10% increase above 2015). There is a lot of momentum within the organization and I would encourage each of you to continue to be active. Go ahead and mark your calendars for a return trip to Orange Beach for the 11th Annual Fall Conference to be held on October 22nd to 24th, 2018. For the second straight year, we collected donations from our membership to be matched by the Association to benefit flood victims. This year, we were able to **donate \$1,000 dollars to victims of the devastating flooding in Houston.** Membership is around 100 which is about where we've been for a while.

Challenges: I'd say membership growth has been a challenge. We've been on the rise for 3 consecutive years in terms of engagement at conferences (i.e. number of people attending). 2017 was the largest attendance ever for spring workshops (over 100). Our Fall conference as noted above has gone from 73 in 2015 to over 100 last year and I'd expect that trend to keep up. However, we haven't seen a spike in membership.

This year we will be scholarshiping a member to attend the national conference (first year to do a scholarship)

We will also be scholarshiping several college students to attend our fall conference (first time we will be doing that)

May sound crazy, but we have an excess of money in our treasury and we are looking for ways to utilize that for the greater good (Scholarships, donations etc.)

We've taken an active role this year in a couple of political matters (publishing letters for NFIP reauthorization) and being part of a group that supports establishing a state-wide dam safety program.

Looking for more ways to reach our membership

Arkansas

Arkansas Floodplain Management Association, Inc.

The Arkansas Floodplain Management Association, Inc. (AFMA, Inc.) has 257 members. The membership has grown slightly over previous years as we use the website to better track our membership database.

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

Officers:

Chair -	Lee Beshoner
Vice Chair -	Jay Whisker
Secretary -	Karen Knebel
Treasurer -	Kimberly Erstine
Past Chair -	Richard Penn
Executive Director -	Conrad Battreal
NFIP Coordinator -	TBD

Regional Representatives:

Northwest -	Kris Paxton
Northeast -	Tom Black
Southeast -	Bill Ruck
Southwest -	Denny McPhate
Central -	Shawn Jackson

Committee Chairs:

Awards -	Conrad Battreal
Communication -	Lee Beshoner
Education and Training -	Shawn Jackson
Legislative -	Lee Beshoner
Membership -	AFMA, Inc. Board
PDCC -	Shawn Jackson
Technical -	Conrad Battreal

The Arkansas Floodplain Management Association, Inc. has 228 Certified Floodplain Managers, which is a 26% increase over the 2016 total of 181.

In January 2018, AFMA, Inc. and the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission (ANRC) lost Michael Borengasser. Mike was the NFIP Coordinator for the State of Arkansas and a founding member of

AFMA, Inc. His knowledge of floodplains, floodplain topics, and general helping attitude will be greatly missed.

The AFMA, Inc. 2018 Spring Workshop was held on April 26 – 27, 2018 in Jacksonville, AR with around 85 in attendance, which is about 10% lower than normal. One of the big topics on the agenda was Base Level Engineering and FEMA Region 6's new BLE Viewer. The conference went over well. Also, Mr. George Riedel attended and spoke to the AFMA, Inc. Board after the conference about the ASFPM Foundation, as part of his attempt to bring information to the State Chapters.

In February 2018, AFMA partnered with ANRC and ISO to hold the first ever CRS Users Group and Workshop in the State of Arkansas. There were around 25 communities represented from all over the State to gather and discuss the CRS program. Presentations were given by Melissa Mitchell (ISO/CRS Specialist for Arkansas) and Whit Montague (ANRC CRS Coordinator). Due to its success, there is considerations of trying to make this a yearly event.

In September 2017, AFMA Inc. held its Fall Conference in Eureka Springs, AR with 127 registrants, 6 exhibitors, and 11 guests in attendance. This represented a 40% increase in attendance over the 2016 numbers. Representatives of cities, counties, State, Federal, and professional organizations were in attendance.

- Ms. Shawn Jackson, GISP, CFM, was awarded "Floodplain Manager of the Year Award".
- Multiple communities were awarded local awards for their work in Floodplain Management.
- AFMA, Inc. also celebrated CFM milestones for 5, 10, and 15-year periods with those receiving custom CFM pins.
- The conference included a trip to Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art.

In addition to general board activities and duties (chapter and CFM renewals, insurance and taxes, etc.), AFMA Inc. produced our annual Floodplain Management Calendar on the topic of the 1927 Flood, which was celebrating its 90th anniversary. It was a big hit as it contained historic photos of the flood event.

Additionally, AFMA Inc. has reached out to our Federal Congressional Representatives and Senators to discuss recent legislation regarding a House Bill to move floodplain mapping from FEMA to the USGS. As this is a new topic, discussions and stances are still in review.

Florida

Florida Floodplain Managers Association

The Florida Floodplain Managers Association wore its "ASFPM Chapter of the Year" badge proudly this year with greater emphasis on our three top Strategic Goals of Education, Advocacy and Policy. Our overarching desire to Reduce Adverse Impacts to Life and Property became clear to us as we reached the 900-member mark. We continue with the vision that by 2020 FFMA will be recognized by

municipalities statewide, comprise 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 eight this year, bringing us to 36 opportunities to earn continuing education credits for CFMs as well as expanding credit offerings to surveyors, professional engineers and building officials. We have our eye on 50 classes for the coming year and are well on our way to achieving that goal. We were also asked to draft a position paper for establishing higher education programs within the State University System of Florida and are working with partners at the University of Florida to begin building an appropriate curriculum at that intuition with plans to expand across the state.

Advocacy:

Since Florida has the highest number of flood insurance policies and the potential for catastrophic flooding, the chapter is working towards one voice, one message, for the entire state. This year we are kicking off our first annual Flood Awareness Week. A new message was sent to members with links each day from April 29-May 5. These links provide standardized material that can be used to convey flood messages in every community within the state. The hope is that no matter where you live in Florida, there will be a consistent message about flooding and the hazards associated with living near the water. More information can be found at <http://ffmaconference.org/faw/>.

Policy:

As local and national lawmakers are faced with issues involving flood insurance, mitigation and resilience, FFMA has made great strides this year, spending a day at our State Capitol in Tallahassee, talking with lawmakers and providing feedback on proposed state and federal legislation to the benefit of our members and citizens of Florida as a whole.

Rebranding:

As part of the FFMA review and revision of our Strategic Goals our facilitator suggested we look at our logo and be more thoughtful about branding. The regular person on the street may not know what a **floodplain** is, so we wanted to focus more on **flood** as that is universally recognized.

In 2017, the Board of Directors collaborated with a graphic designer to begin the process of rebranding the association. The strategy was to capture the vision and excitement of the new strategic goals and engage the current membership ranging from government, state and local officials to college students embarking on their first internships. It was important to attract new members and diversify our audience across background, age and field. The new logo and branding was unveiled to the membership at the 2018 annual conference.

Conference 2018:



We are still basking in the afterglow of yet another banner conference this year, themed “Floods are Universal” and located at the Doubletree Hilton at the Entrance to Universal Studios. Three and a half days packed with critical information sharing and training, celebrations for members and friends hard work in their fields, thought provoking challenges to be everyday superheroes in our work and plenty of opportunity to network and share time together. We topped last year’s attendance and raised funds to send three people to the ASFPM national conference in Phoenix. We look forward to next year in Daytona Beach with the theme “Racing against Floods”!

Georgia

Georgia Association of Floodplain Management

The Georgia Association of Floodplain Management had what was considered to be a very successful 12th Annual Technical Conference this year. Our conference was held on the University of Georgia’s campus in Athens, Georgia. Our theme was “No Drought About It – A Flood is Coming.” This conference provided an avenue for the advancement of training as well as networking among colleagues. A few of the technical sessions concluded but was not limited to mapping, elevation certificate training, Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance training and preparing for the CFM exam. Not only was conference attendance up by approximately 25% but our membership also increased. Both increases can be linked to the change in our registration process which is more streamlined and user friendly. GAFM also works closely with the CRS Users Group, in an attempt to better floodplain management, across the state of Georgia. In doing so, we also collaborate with the states of Florida, South and North Carolina.

Kentucky

Kentucky Association of Mitigation Managers

The Kentucky Association of Mitigation Managers has 151 members as of April 24, 2018 (129 members at same time in 2017). Of those, 25 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	John Ward
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

Committee Chairs:

Conference	Jimmy Stahl
CRS Users Group	Christina Groves and Carey Johnson
Education and Outreach	Alex VanPelt and Katherine Osborne
Emergency Management	Jason York
Flood Mitigation	Josh Human

The 2017 KAMM Annual Conference was held August 28-31, 2017 at Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park in Gilbertsville, KY; with a conference theme "KAMM i am...".. There were 200 attendees (155 in 2017) with representatives from local, state, and federal agencies, and Area Development Districts (ADDs). The conference had thirteen sponsors.



Two awards were given to two KAMM members.

Brian Bishop – 2017 Floodplain Manager of the Year

Brian Bishop, Executive Director, Henderson City-County Planning Commission



Brian receives the award from 2016 Floodplain Manager of the Year, Toby Spalding

Emory Kidd – 2017 Mitigation Manager of the Year

Emory Kidd, Director, Metcalfe County Emergency Management



Emory receives the award from 2016 Mitigation Manager of the Year, Amanda LeMaster

Both award winners will present at the 2018 KAMM Conference about the projects that relate to the award.

The 2017 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/2017-kamm-conference/> has information on conference sponsors, attendees, presentations and great photos.

KAMM sponsored the first 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.

KAMM hosted eight training sessions (2 in each of KAMM's 4 Regions) in March/April 2017. The trainings were focused on Day 1 Topics (Basic) and Day 2 Topics (Intermediate). The Basic tract trainings have been attended by approximately 100 folks and KAMM anticipates another 80 to 100 for the Intermediate topics training scheduled in April 2017. 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 since the August 2017 conference:

- Third annual KAMM Board and committee lead Winter Retreat
- Continued w/ four committees (Education and Outreach, Emergency Management, CRS User's Group, and Flood Mitigation)
 - Committees formed from topics identified during 2016 KAMM member registration process
- Developed a strategic plan

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.

Louisiana

Louisiana Floodplain Management Association

The Louisiana Floodplain Management Association has 300 members registered for 2018 through April 24.

The 2017 – 2018 LFMA Board of Directors were elected as follows:

Officers:

Chair -	Kara Moree
Vice Chair -	Toby Fruge'
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	Bruce Dyson
Region 2 alt	Craig Rabalais
Region 3	Lisa Ledet
Region 4	Bonnie Anderson
Region 5	Dana Watkins
Region 6	Melissa Becker
Region 7	Juanita Fowler
Region 8	Larry Walters
Region 8 alt	Lisa Richardson

Committee Chairs:

Workshop Coordinator -	Darla Duet
Membership/CAP -	James Demouchet
Continuing Ed -	Michelle Gonzales
Newsletter Editor -	Vicki Holmes
Disaster Response Team –	Shandy Heil

The Louisiana Floodplain Management Association has 227 Certified Floodplain Managers.

The LFMA Annual Conference was held April 19-21, 2017 in Alexandria, LA with 176 members in attendance. Representatives of cities, parishes, state, federal and professional organizations were in attendance.

The following awards were presented:

- Rod Emmer Award for Visionary Guidance & Meritorious Involvement in Floodplain Management was presented to Windell Curole, CFM, of South Lafourche Levee District
- Outgoing Officer awards were presented to:
 - Carrie Robinette, CFM, Treasurer 2015-2017
- LaDOTD Certificate of Appreciation was presented to:
 - Rick Foster, CFM®, Denham Springs
 - Butch Ford, P.E. – Bossier Parish
- Poster Contest Awards were presented to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners from Tioga High School
- Outstanding Community Award – City of Denham Springs

The conference included a variety of presentations including Tim Osborne of NOAA, Pat Skinner of LSU Ag Center, David Hiegel of FEMA, Rick Foster of Denham Springs, Jeffrey Giering of GOHSEP, Monica Ferris of UNO Chart, French Wetmore, Shandy Heil, Mark Goodson, Paul Trimble and Tom David. A presentation by Shona Gibson, FEMA Region VI about a new Mapping Program and Base

Level Elevations. Our keynote speaker was Windell Curole. Sponsors were Dewberry; Meyer, Meyer, La Croix & Hixson; Red River Waterway Commission; Cleco; High Sierra Electronics; and SmartVent.

The LFMA 2017 Summer Workshop was held in the city of Marksville, LA on July 14 with 33 members in attendance.

The LFMA 2017 Fall Workshop was held October 15 in Lake Charles, LA with 42 people in attendance.

Due to a funding problem, the 2018 calendars were not published. The selected posters will be used for 2019 edition.

Change to On-Line Conference registration has not gone as smooth as hoped but we are plotting through it.

Mississippi

Association of Floodplain Managers of Mississippi

In 2017, AFMM membership total was 113 members, with 71 qualifying as CFM. In 2018, we were able to increase our membership to a total of 146 members, with 99 qualifying as a CFM.

Mississippi currently has a total of 160 registered CFMs. We have seen a gradual growth in numbers over the last couple of years. One of our goals is to reach out to more surveyors, engineers, and communities, throughout the state, in hopes of gaining more CFMs.

The Mississippi chapter held two conferences in 2017. Our Annual Spring Conference was held in Natchez, MS, May 16-18, and our Annual Fall Conference Nov. 29-Dec. 1 was held in Philadelphia, MS. At our conference membership meeting elections were held and new officers were elected to the board. Our Board of Director members are as followed:

President - Tammie Ballard, CFM - City of Florence, MS
 Vice President- Bruce Cook CFM, Yazoo MS Delta Levee Board
 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 2018, we will be holding our annual Spring Conference in Natchez, MS, May 22-24. Amendments to the By-Laws will continue to be discussed at the general membership meeting.

AFMM sponsored the 5K Run at the 2017 ASFPM national conference and will also be sponsoring it again in Phoenix, AZ in 2018.

New Mexico

New Mexico Floodplain Managers Association

NMFMA currently has 202 members and 183 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: Paul Dugie PE, CFM
Treasurer: JD Padilla, CFM
Region I Director: Jonah Ruybalid, PE, CFM
Region II Director: Crystal Ball, CFM
Region III Director: Michael Garcia, CFM
Region IV Director: Loretta Hatch, CFM
Executive Director: Grant Pinkerton, CFM

NMFMA Annual Board Retreat was on July 22-23, 2017 at the Route 66 Casino. We also held two workshops following the Board Retreat.

The Fall Workshop was held in Angle Fire New Mexico on Sept. 12-15, 2017 and the Spring Workshop was held in Santa Fe New Mexico on April 10-13, 2018.

At the Spring Workshop a Life Time Achievement Award was presented to Mike Czosnek for his many years of service to 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, Floodplain Water Models, Educational Brochures, Educational (Turn Around Don't Drown) Stickers, Updates to NMFMA Guide and Flood Risk Reduction Outreach Material.

NMFMA currently has 3 Floodplain Water Models and is pursuing getting a 4th. These are used widely for community outreach and education. To date, over 200 TADD signs were distributed throughout the state to communities that requested signs.

North Carolina

North Carolina Association of Floodplain Managers

Throughout its 29 years of strong history, North Carolina Association of Floodplain Managers has served its members by promoting floodplain management and enhancing cooperation between various entities with shared goals. Our floodplain management practices were tested by Hurricane Matthew in Fall 2017. While North Carolina suffered loss of property and lives, the state was able to avoid massive damage due to planning and excellent work by the emergency responders. The state is rebounding through resiliency planning and recovery process.

NCAFPM recently held 2018 spring conference at the coastal city of Wilmington, which ports Battleship North Carolina, with an apt tagline 'Hand on Deck'. With over 200 attendees, the community planners, engineers, and emergency managers shared valuable insights. For their service and commitment to the association, Lifetime Achievement and Leadership Awards were given to John Fullerton, CFM and David Key, PE, CFM, respectively. After election and installation of new Board, the NCAFPM also unveiled a new logo for the organization.

In addition to the two conferences, the Education and Outreach Committee participated in community involvement events such as the King Tide education, Forsyth County Creek Week and Charlotte Weather Fest. The chapter continued to put Wards Flood Model to a great use by taking it to elementary and middle school classrooms across the state. NCAFPM is also looking into offering student scholarships to encourage them to take courses related to floodplain management.

Oklahoma

Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association

The Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association is proud to currently have 487 members, of which are 330 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 2017-2018, Spring Technical Workshop, and the Legislative Reception were a continued success. The Turn Around Don't Drown™ poster contest, calendars and billboards, as well as training classes, the OFMA Institute and the Disaster Response Team continued. Initiatives, such as the

Mentoring Program, the FPA Scholarship and additional advanced training classes were rolled out to enhance outreach effectiveness. Members continue to use the floodplain model in various presentations to schools and civic organizations. Lastly, OFMA has two corporate partners and purchased a new booth.

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

- **Outreach**

1. TADD Contest. This continues to be a successful program
2. OFMA members continue to use the 3D floodplain model. This year it has been used at the Tulsa Severe Weather Event, and many schools STEM events.
3. OFMA purchased TADD signs for this year and OWRB continues to distribute them and collect GPS coordinates on the sign location.
4. OFMA has developed and started its FPA Mentoring Program. This program is designed to aid new FPAs.
5. OFMA continues its FPA Scholarship. OFMA awards up to five (5) scholarships for full conference attendance, including the hotel room, for the Annual Conference, to selected non-OFMA FPAs. Not only is this help those individuals who may not have the funding to attend, but it is to encourage networking within the organization.
6. OFMA has reached out the Stormwater Consortium and will be hosting a Stormwater Technical Workshop on July 18, 2018 at Rose State College in Midwest City, Oklahoma.
7. OFMA continues to publish the BFE newsletter.

- **Professional Development**

1. The training cadre has developed four new subjects: Introduction to Stormwater Quality; FP Management for Rural Communities; Managing Municipal Floodplain Land; and Ethics of Floodplain Management.
2. Annual Fall Conference. The 2017 Annual Fall Conference was held in Norman, Oklahoma. The topic was "Community Resilience: Practical Guide for Local Implementation." Presentations varied including three presentations from the academic world. The 2018 Annual Conference will be held in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma on September 17-19 at the Stoney Creek Conference Center.
3. 2018 Spring Workshop. The Spring Workshop was held on April 5, 2017 at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Catoosa, Oklahoma. The title of the Workshop was "What's Going on in Your Floodplain?"
4. Advanced Training. OFMA continues to partner with the Oklahoma Water Resources Board to provide advanced training throughout the state. The members of the training cadre continue to present new topics and updates as well.
5. Disaster Response Team. The DRT has a few new members.

6. Updates of policy and applications. OFMA has updated their travel policies and have specifically identified which positions are allowed to attend which meetings and what OFMA will fund/reimburse for.

- **Social Media**

1. OFMA maintains a Facebook page and a twitter account. OFMA also uses its websites to reach out to members as well.

- **Building Relationships**

1. OFMA is actively engaging with emergency managers and stormwater managers.
2. OFMA continues to build more relationships with the Oklahoma chapter of the American Institute of Certified Planners, Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management and the Oklahoma Emergency Management Association.

South Carolina

South Carolina Association for Hazard Mitigation

Number of SCAHM Members – 162

Number of CFM in South Carolina – 201

The annual conference was held March 12-14, 2018 in Hilton Head Island, SC. There were than 143 people registered and in attendance at the conference. This year's program included 40 presentations, which included ASFPM Update, Social Media presentation and response and recovery presentations from Beaufort County and Hilton Head Island concerning the recent disasters in South Carolina. This year's conference sponsorship included six vendors which was the same amount as the 2017 conference. The CFM exam was also offered on March 11, 2018 prior to the conference kick off. There were 17 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 Secretary Alesia Hunter and made a special presentation to Maria Cox Lamm, state NFIP coordinator, in acknowledgement of here invaluable service to the communities of South Carolina during the recent disasters in South Carolina. The Floodplain Manager of the Year Award was not awarded this year. The 2019 SCAHM Annual Conference has been scheduled for March 17-20, 2019 in Hilton Head Island, SC at the Sonesta Resort, the same site of the 2018 conference.

Election of new officers and Regional Representatives for regions 2 and 4 took place at the conference in March. Also, due to the current Region 5 Representative being elected to an officer position, a special election was held for to fill the Region 5 Representative at the conference in March. The officers and Regional Representatives are Chair Person Andrea Bolling, Vice Chair Person Patrick Brown, Secretary Nicole Dail, Treasurer is 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. South Carolina Dams Workshop on June 15, 2017; Substantial Damage Estimator (SDE) Workshop on August 23, 2017 and on August 28, 2017; CRS Workshop on September 25, 2017; and Transportation Design in the Floodplain Workshop on December 8, 2017.

SCAHM also participated in the 34th Annual Palmetto Sportsmen's Classics in Columbia, SC on March 23-25, 2018 as part of the South Carolina DNR Flood Mitigation Program booth. We were involved in the demonstration of the Ward Flood model 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 involved 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.

Tennessee

Tennessee Association of Floodplain Management

TN AFPM holds a minimum of one annual conference and three regional training workshops per year. The annual 2018 conference will be held on July 25-27, in Chattanooga, TN.

Regional training workshops take place in each region of Tennessee (east, middle and west) at a variety of venues. Workshops offer training in floodplain administration, determining BFEs in approximate A zones, NFIP regulations, elevation certificates, substantial damage/improvements, and flood opening requirements. Recent and upcoming regional training workshop dates include:

- East TN Regional Training – May 17, 2017
- Middle TN Regional Training – Dec. 1, 2017
- West TN Regional Training – Dec. 7, 2018

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). North Carolina was gracious enough to assist us with materials, instructors and guidance on the training process this year.

Our goals, as a chapter for 2018, 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.clubexpress.com

Texas

Texas Floodplain Management Association

The 2017 Spring Conference was held in Richardson, TX. Dr. Gerald E. Galloway, PE, PhD from the University of Maryland, was our Mike Howard Lectureship Keynote Speaker. His presentation topic was "Identifying and Assessing Flood Risks and Building Resilience." The topic was very relevant to the flooding events Texas faced in the coming months after the conference. Our Opening Plenary speaker was Brig. General David C. Hall, Commander, SW Division, USACE. The 2017 Conference was an election year for TFMA. New board members were welcomed at the annual awards luncheon and our outgoing board members were recognized for their years of service to TFMA. In 2016, TFMA introduced the "Because We Care Program" as a way to support the local community where the conference is being held. To date, we have been able to support the Food Bank, a Women's Shelter and an adolescent youth program. Our members generously have donated to make this program a great success.

Later in 2017, TFMA rolled out our restructured committees. The process took two years of planning, strategizing and discussions, but the committees are set and gaining new members! The Governmental Relations Committee is planning for the legislative session in 2019. Communications Committee is revamping the TFMA social media presence. Training/Credentialing Committee is expanding the scope of training throughout the state. Conference Committee continues to work toward providing the best education we can offer. Outreach Committee is actively working on adult outreach materials and providing support for partnering agencies. And the Awards Committee is redirecting the focus of awards and the selection process.

TFMA continues to grow throughout the state. In 2017, we reached a record number of 2,121 CFMs. It is evident we have a huge responsibility to our members in providing the training needed to help

them maintain their professional positions and staying current with the ever-changing rules and regulations in our industry. TFMA, partnered with FEMA and TWDB to provide four NFIP-273 courses. Each of the TFMA regions hosted a one-day course and/or luncheon with educational value. It is the goal of the Training/Credentialing Committee to reach areas across the state who may not have a CFM. The ultimate goal is to at least have one CFM in every Texas community.

On Aug. 25, 2017, the unthinkable happened. Hurricane Harvey made landfall along the coast of Texas forever changing lives and destroying property. The storm was devastating, the winds unimaginable, the storm surge was epic. Texas was affected from the coast all the way up to central communities. Every portion of Texas was impacted in some way by this beast of a hurricane.

Texans are still rebuilding, restructuring and redefining. One thing is for certain; Texas remains resilient. TFMA is working on new programs and plans in preparedness for the next disaster great or small. WE are Texas Strong!

Hurricane Harvey hit at the beginning of our 2017 Fall Technical Summit. The decision was made to move forward with the Summit to continue the education for those who could attend. Our guest speaker was Kathleen Jackson, Texas Water Development Board. Her message was poignant and very timely for those in attendance. She spoke about pulling together to help those in need and preparedness as we move forward. The Summit was strongly based on technical aspects of floodplain management, community and outreach. Those in harm's way were never out of our hearts and prayers. Many left the conference and headed to the areas needing assistance.

As an association, we finished 2017 still recovering from Hurricane Harvey, but more determined to bring flood awareness and safety to the forefront. We entered 2018 looking toward our 30th Anniversary and building on the lessons learned from the disaster which struck our state.