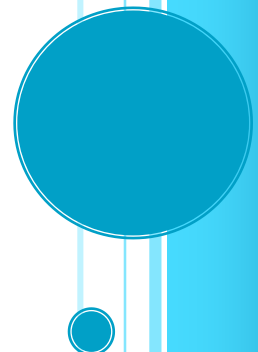


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### **2015-2016**

District 3 Chapters: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas

#### **Alabama**

[Alabama Association of Floodplain Managers, Inc.](#)

AAFM hosted two spring workshops in May 2016 with one in north Alabama and one in south Alabama. This approach seemed to be more successful and welcoming than our annual seminar. The dates and venues were as follows:

Foley, AL (5/4/16) – 45 attended

Cullman, AL (5/5/16)—35 attended

The annual newsletter went out to all members and AAFM revamped its website.

#### **2015 Fall Conference:**

The 2015 AAFM fall conference was held Oct. 7-9 in Birmingham, AL at the Sheraton Hotel. The conference was attended by 74 participants representing 30 local governments, along with many others from state and federal government, private industry and academia. Along with the general conference track, a CFM refresher course was offered along with the CFM examination in a separate track.

#### **Arkansas**

[Arkansas Floodplain Management Association, Inc.](#)

The AFMA fall conference was held Sept. 27-30, 2015 in Eureka Springs, AR with 94 in attendance. Troy Davis, CFM, was awarded "Floodplain Manager of the Year Award" and Conrad Battreal was awarded the "Battreal Award for Lifetime Achievement."

The conference included a seven-hour workshop by Ed Thomas, Esq. Besides the legal responsibility of floodplain managers, he expanded on the correct applications of many examples for good floodplain management. A floodplain management field trip was also provided with attendees visiting Beaver Dam Overlook, Branson Overlook and Branson Landing. Presentations were given at each location describing the excellent floodplain management enacted at each site.

The AFMA 2016 spring workshop will be held April 28-29 in Jacksonville, AR with 108 in attendance.

The following actions by the AFMA Board were accomplished within this reporting period:

- Federal Income Tax 2015 – working with CPA to be filed.
- Liability insurance for the AFMA, Inc. Board members was renewed and Terrorism Insurance was added.
- Completed and distributed AFMA 2016 floodplain management calendars. The flood pictures were drawn by students attending 4-6 grades in Dardanelle, AR.

Services were obtained from the following professionals within this reporting period.

Certified Public Accountant – The 2015 and 2016 AFMA federal income taxes were prepared by a CPA to the Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service. Filing of state income taxes is not required in AR since we are a “Public Charity” under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

### **Florida**

#### [Florida Floodplain Managers Association](#)

The FFMA annual conference was held March 30-April 1 in St. Augustine. The conference was attended by 261 people and included 20 sponsors, both an increase from the 2015 conference. 20 sessions were offered on a variety of topics.

The association offered 24 classes on a wide variety of topics. They were attended by 510 students. The CFM exam was offered seven times through the year and students had a 61 percent pass rate.

FFMA developed a white paper on locating public restroom facilities in V zones in response to concerns about how these facilities were being regulated. FFMA also provided valuable comments to a state senator on a state bill that would create a state flood mitigation grant program, authorize the state DEM to store elevation certificates, and allow flood insurance policies outside the NFIP.

### **Georgia**

#### [Georgia Association of Floodplain Management](#)

From May 31-June 5, 2015, GAFM hosted the ASFPM annual conference in Atlanta. There were 882 general registrations, 68 exhibit booth registrations, 26 exhibit booth representative registrations, 60 two-day registrations, 12 workshop-only registrations and 109 guests. In light of hosting the ASFPM conference, GAFM did not hold its annual state conference.

GAFM hosted its 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Technical Conference March 21-24, 2016 at Lake Lanier Islands. The theme for the conference was "Resiliency: Looking Back for the Future." A total of 157 people attended the conference.

### **Kentucky**

#### **Kentucky Association of Mitigation Managers**

The 2015 KAMM annual conference was held from Aug. 24-27, at Lake Cumberland State Resort Park in Jamestown, KY. There were 125 attendees with representatives from local, state, and federal agencies, and Area Development Districts (ADDs). The 2015 KAMM conference theme was "Mission: Mitigation." The KAMM Board was elected by ballot for 2016-2018 (conference to conference). Cindy Minter, Campbell County, KY, was awarded the KAMM 2015 Mitigation Manager of the Year. Dave Herndon, city of Hopkinsville, was awarded the KAMM 2016 Floodplain Manager of the Year. Both award winners will present at the 2016 KAMM conference about the projects that relate to the award.

KAMM hosted eight training sessions (two in each of KAMM's four Regions) in March/April 2016. The trainings were focused on Day 1 Topics (Basic) and Day 2 Topics (Intermediate). In total, 120 attended the regional training sessions.

The following actions have been accomplished by the KAMM Board since the August 2015 conference:

- Winter Retreat
- Assessment of association insurance needs and coverage for the KAMM Board
- Revision of KAMM's Constitution to be eligible for a 501 c 3 non-profit designation; KAMM currently is a 501 c 6
- Revision of KAMM's Bylaws to include agency payments for membership
- Appoint an Executive Director
- Signed MOA w/ Kentucky Association of Mapping Professionals

The KAMM website is continuously updated ([www.kymitigation.org](http://www.kymitigation.org)). A new addition is the CRS-related KAMM CRS Users Group webpage that will serve as a repository for outreach related credit for Kentucky's Uniform Minimum Credit.

The KAMM 2016 Annual conference is scheduled for Aug. 22-25, 2016 at Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park in Gilbertsville, KY. The conference theme is "The Changing Climate of Mitigation."

### **Louisiana**

### Louisiana Floodplain Management Association

The LFMA annual conference was held April 13-15, 2016 in Baton Rouge, LA with 189 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 James Demouchet CFM, Caddo Parish
- Outgoing officer awards were presented to: Melissa Becker, CFM, Chair 2014-2016, *Floodwatch Newsletter* Editor, 2005-2016; Kara Moree, CFM, Secretary 2012-2016; Darla Duet, CFM, Vice Chair – 2014-2016
- LaDOTD Certificate of Appreciation was presented to: Monica Farris, Ph.D., CFM, Ryan Donadieu, CFM, and Maggie Olivier, CFM.
- The Epsilon Sigma Phi, National Honorary Extension Fraternity, Alpha Alpha Chapter Friend of Extension award was presented to Cindy O’Neal, Louisiana NFIP state coordinator.
- Poster Contest Awards were presented to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners from Central Middle School, Central, LA

The LFMA 2015 summer workshop was held in Raceland, LA on July 24 with 40 members in attendance. The LFMA 2015 fall workshop was held Oct. 16 in Natchitoches, LA with 50 people in attendance. The LFMA also participated in the AMS Weather Fest in New Orleans in January. LSUAg Center provided its flood model to display. The LFMA sponsored a CRS class offered by LaDOTD.

### **Mississippi**

#### Association of Floodplain Managers of Mississippi

AFMM held two conferences: our spring conference was in Natchez, MS May 4-7, 2015 with an attendance of 103; and our fall conference was held in Philadelphia, MS, Nov. 30-Dec. 2, 2015 with 60 attending.

In 2016, the spring conference will be in Natchez, MS, May 9-11. We plan to discuss reviewing our by-Laws again and make changes to them at our fall conference. The date and location of our fall conference will also be determined at that time as well.

AFMM sponsored the 5K Run at the 2015 ASFPM national conference in Atlanta and will also be sponsoring it again this year in Grand Rapids, MI.

**New Mexico**[New Mexico Floodplain Managers Association](#)**North Carolina**[North Carolina Association of Floodplain Managers](#)

NCAFPM provides two conferences a year, offering 12 CECs/PDHs at each one. In addition to these trainings, the Education and Outreach Committee held HEC-RAS training and also participated in events such as the Forsyth County Creek Week and the Charlotte Weather Fest in 2016. The chapter now has the Wards Flood Model and this scale model showing the adaptations of floodplains to development has been used at our last two conferences and has been presented at middle and elementary schools across the state.

The NCAFPM CFM Mentor Program consists of a team of CFMs assembled by NCAFPM to assist with problems, issues and requirements related to the NFIP in North Carolina. The program will assist floodplain managers and new CFMs in building key relationships and accessing information and answers about issues and problems related to floodplain management.

**Oklahoma**[Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association](#)

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

**Outreach**

- Turn Around. Don't Drown Contest. This continues to be a successful program
- Traveling Trunks. This program is a cooperative education initiative between OFMA and the Oklahoma State Department of Education. In this program, students will conduct an investigation to determine the locations of rivers and watershed areas on an island model of their own creation; design an investigation to test the effects of different substrates on water runoff; interpret data in order to analyze the impact of different substrates on water runoff; and relate that information to real-world events; analyze aerial maps in order to determine how land use has changed over time; create and justify the reasoning for a model community based on data regarding water runoff trends; and create a public service announcement, which will be used state-wide. The program is designed for grades 6-8. Please see additional information about the program at <http://www.okflood.org/committees/outreach/ttp/>.
- OFMA purchased another floodplain model so there are three available. Members have continued to use the 3D flood models.

- OFMA purchased TADD signs for this year. As soon as they are available, the OWRB will be distributing them for OFMA.
- OFMA has developed a postcard to introduce regional representatives to all floodplain administrators.
- OFMA continues to publish the *BFE* newsletter.

#### Professional Development

- The training cadre has developed four new subjects: Introduction to Stormwater Quality; FP Management for Rural Communities; Politics of Floodplain Management; and Flood Risk Reduction through Building Codes.
- 2015 annual fall conference was held in Norman, OK. The topic was "Creating a Resilient Community: Planning, Policies & Practices." The 2016 annual conference will be held in Tulsa, OK Sept. 19-21 at the Southern Hills Marriot.
- 2016 spring workshop was held April 7, 2016 at the Ardmore Convention Center in Ardmore, OK. The title of the workshop was "Evolving Changes in Floodplain Stormwater Management."
- Advanced Training. OFMA continues to partner with the Oklahoma Water Resources Board to provide advanced training throughout the state.
- Disaster Response Team has a few new members.
- Updates of policy and applications. OFMA has updated its travel policies and have specifically identified which positions are allowed to attend which meetings and what OFMA will fund/reimburse. They also created a FPA scholarship for the annual conference. This is specifically for a FPA that is not an OFMA member to help encourage participation in OFMA.

### **South Carolina**

#### [South Carolina Association of Hazard Mitigation](#)

The annual conference was held April 10-13, 2016 in Myrtle Beach, SC. This year's conference was a joint conference of the NCAFPM and SCAHM and was the third joint conference the two organizations have held. There were more than 300 people registered and in attendance at the conference. The conference theme was "One Carolina One Recovery," which was inspired by the October 2015 flood event in the Carolinas. SCAHM presented the Floodplain Manager of the Year Award to Andrea Bolling, Richland County floodplain manager, during the association's annual business meeting at the conference on April 12, 2016. This was only the third time the association has given out this award.

The association has also schedule training workshops for the upcoming year. The first training workshop "Determining BFEs Using Approximate A Zone Models" will be held

July 20, 2016 in Newberry, SC. The second workshop “October 2015 Flood Event Revisited” will be held in October 2016.

## **Tennessee**

### [TN Association of Floodplain Management](#)

TN AFPM holds a minimum of one annual conference and three regional training workshops per year. The annual conference is held in middle Tennessee and lasts two and one-half days for 12 CECs per ASFPM agenda review. The 2015 conference was held August 11-14 in Murfreesboro, TN.

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

- Middle TN Regional Training – April 30, 2015
- East TN Regional Training – May 14, 2015 and upcoming May 20, 2016
- West TN Regional Training – December 4, 2015

## **Texas**

### [Texas Association of Floodplain Management Association](#)

In 2015 working closely with FEMA Region VI, the Texas Water Development Board, Regional Planning Commissions and others sponsored and conducted more than 50 floodplain management training opportunities with 2,100+ attendees. Sixteen CFM exam opportunities were given and 200+ became new CFMs.

TFMA conducts two conferences yearly – an annual conference in the spring and a technical conference in the fall. In 2015 these two events had more than 1,000 attendees participate.

TFMA co-sponsors a Turn Around, Don't Drown Flood Safety Contest each year in the Austin. Thanks to our ongoing partnership with the Texas Water Development Board, 17,000 calendars were printed and distributed all over the state.

TFMA continues providing support for the Texas Colorado River Floodplain Coalition, Texas Association of County Engineers and Road Administrators and Texas Flash Flood



Coalition. Future plans include working with the National Weather Service in support of its annual conferences.

TFMA has built relationships with several state senators who were able to pass important legislation to make funding available following the tragic 2015 Memorial Day flood event. TFMA President Jessica Baker and TFMA Board Member Kevin Shunk testified at the state Capitol during a hearing to determine the best uses for the \$6.8 million in state funding that was allocated from the governor to the Texas Water Development Board at the end of 2015.

- committee participated in NFFA webinars and conference calls