ASFPM PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (PDC) STATUS REPORT

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PDC Mission

The primary charge of the PDC is to provide vision, leadership and direction to ASFPM members regarding professional and related issues affecting the floodplain management profession. The PDC strives to maintain a high standard of integrity, ethical behavior and practices, professional conduct, and skill for all Certified Floodplain Managers (CFMs). PDC also strives to expand and promote the professional status and legal responsibility of the CFM and review and monitor professional education opportunities for them. The PDC endeavors to maintain the accuracy and reliability of the CFM exam(s) with an annual review and report of the exam questions and results and direct support to the Certification Board of Regents and the ASFPM executive office.

A Review of Last Year's Activities...

- PDC continued to support CBOR in working to establish "floodplain manager" as a job classification with the US Department of Labor.
- Ethics training maintained a priority for PDC and the *Ethics in Floodplain Management* course was presented at several courses and continues to be updated and refined.
- PDC began the framework for state chapters to increase professionalism for floodplain managers and CFMs. A variety of options for chapter consideration were outlined, including mandatory CFM requirements for local floodplain administrators, training requirements for local FPAs, or a combination of training and education opportunities for FPAs.

A Look Forward to Next Year...

- PDC will continue to work towards establishing the "floodplain manager" job
 classification and will also work to establish the "CFM" on the Bureau of Labor
 Statistics data on certifications and licenses.
- PDC will kick off an initiative to recruit PDC members to interview experienced CFMs
 to build an inventory of ethical case studies to continue to refine our *Ethics in*Floodplain Management training material.
- PDC will develop a plan to introduce a "Professional Development Day" or "Professional Development Track" at state FPM conferences. We will develop a menu of potential professional development training courses that state chapters can consider for their conferences like project management, budgeting, scheduling, time management, public speaking, meeting facilitation skills and more.