Professional Development & Continuing Education Committee Annual Status Report 2020-21

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**Introduction**

The mission of the Professional Development & Continuing Education Committee (PDCEC) is to provide vision, leadership, and direction to ASFPM members regarding issues affecting the floodplain management profession. The PDCEC strives to maintain a high standard of integrity, ethical behavior and practices, professional conduct, and skill for all floodplain managers and encourages certification via the ASFPM Certified Floodplain Manager program. PDCEC also strives to expand and promote the professional status and legal responsibility of the CFM and will review and monitor professional education opportunities for floodplain managers.

The PDCEC provides a liaison to the Certification Board of Regents to support the CFM program. In this capacity, the liaison communicates and provides alignment of common activities between CBOR and PDCEC regarding issues affecting the floodplain management profession.

**Key Accomplishments**

Over the past year, the Professional Development & Continuing Education Committee (PDCEC) has worked on several projects, including the Preferred Provider Program, the transition of the NFIP 101 course to PDCEC, and updating the ethics workshop.

ASFPM staff reached out to PDCEC in Spring 2020 to request that the committee create a Preferred Provider Program for ASFPM for continuing education credits. This program will evaluate content providers to ensure that quality educational information is provided by knowledgeable instructors. Using the Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association Professional Development Committee’s program as an example, as well as direction from ASFPM, PDCEC created a draft Preferred Provider Program. This draft program includes eligibility criteria, procedures, application, and course evaluation for the program. In October, co-chairs Bill Smith and Lori Rafferty presented the drafts to Louie Greenwell, who presented the information at the Fall CBOR retreat. The program will continue to be updated over the next year in coordination with ASFPM and CBOR.

PDCEC also worked with the Risk Communication & Outreach committee to transition the NFIP 101 course to PDCEC. PDCEC confirmed the trainers for the 2021 workshop and submitted the abstract for the training class. Unfortunately, due to the length of the course and the hands on activities that are part of the 101 course, it was decided that it was best to cancel the training for the 2021 conference since the conference is being held virtually.

For the previously completed ethics workshop, PDCEC is working to annotate the presentation slides to make the training more easily accessible to our members. CBOR is also working to extend the Ethics slide deck to qualify for the American Institute of Certified Planners Certification Maintenance credits. PDCEC expects to have final annotated version of the training available by the end of June 2021. PDCEC will coordinate with CBOR to ensure the revisions are integrated into a single document.
Priorities

The largest project the PDCEC is currently undertaking is the Preferred Provider Program for ASFPM for continuing education credits. This program will evaluate content providers to ensure quality educational information is provided by knowledgeable instructors. Specific details for the Preferred Provider Program will continue to be developed over the next year.

Recommended Actions

In the next year, the PDCEC will continue to work on the Preferred Provider Program as directed by ASFPM and CBOR and will coordinate with CBOR on the updates to the ethics workshop. PDCEC will also coordinate the NFIP 101 course for the 2022 ASFPM Conference, which will include ensuring qualified instructors are available to teach this course.

In 2022, the PDCEC will update the “Certification Program Survey” to compare the ASFPM CFM certification program to other certification programs and submit an annual survey report to the PDCEC, CBOR, ASFPM board, and the ASFPM executive office.