

POLICY COMMITTEE WORK PLAN

International Committee

2018 – 2019

(last update: Sept. 8 2018)

1.0 Overview

The primary mission of the International Committee is to provide a platform to exchange knowledge and best practices on the wise use of floodplains in order to reduce flood losses, manage water resources, and promote sustainability in the built and natural environment.

ASFPM is a valued and effective resource for advising and interfacing with national counterparts and policy leaders in other nations regarding identification and reduction of flood risk, including adaptation to the flood-related impacts of a changing climate. This engagement provides valuable context and helps inform adjustments to U.S.-based policies and practices while providing ASFPM members with risk-reduction techniques that are successful and applicable in the nation.

Committee co-chairs:

Bo Juza
Shana Udvardy
David Powers (Alternate)

Liaisons:

Jessica Ludy: Committee's Liaison to Risk Communication Committee

Active members:

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2.0 Task Outline

Outlines for 2018-2019 to be accomplished by this committee and the list of work tasks.

- 2.1 Continue to build relationships and facilitate exchange of knowledge with floodplain managers in other countries. Based on annual meeting at ASFPM conference in Grand Rapids and Kansas City, the following focus areas and their leading contacts were selected. Focus areas are not limited to the following, but the International Committee and all members present at meeting believe that there is a need to have a leading contact:
 1. UK – Jonathan Simm
 2. Canada – Flair Feltmate.
 3. France and Spain – Anna Serra-Llobet
 4. The Netherlands – Jessica Ludy
 5. Australia – Allan Gear
 6. Poland – Janusz Zaleski
 7. Czech Republic – Bo Juza
- 2.2 Develop country-specific flood-risk management summaries using the points of contact above. Each summary should stand on its own, but a combined set of summaries could provide the basis for a discussion paper on International Best Practices for Flood Risk Management. Each summary will be provided to ASFPM for inclusion in the newsletter to help promote the committee and encourage discussion on floodplain management from a global perspective.
- 2.3 Investigate the development of an international, or non-NFIP specific, CFM certification that could be implemented for ASFPM members not working in the U.S. There has been interest in this concept, and there is an example in Canada where the CFM is being required of local floodplain managers, in lieu of anything better. Larry is interested in advancing this cause and the International Committee could help inform

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this through other work objectives, such as country-specific flood-risk management summary sheets.

- 2.4 Collaborate with the Risk Communications Committee regarding a discussion paper they are leading that discusses the appropriateness of the “100-year” storm standard. Point persons for the paper are Jessica Ludy and Jen Marcy.
- 2.5 Collaborate with the Higher Education Committee to bring awareness to academic papers associated with international flood-risk management topics. This could be through posting them on a website, social media or other.

3.0 Ongoing Work Items

Task Name	Task Leader	Approx. Hrs. to complete	Detailed Task Description
ASFPM Coordination	Juza/Udvardy/Powers	10 hours	Collaborate with other ASFPM committees and board to advance the International Committee’s goals and objectives and to serve international needs of all committees.
Annual Conference	Juza/Udvardy/Powers	20 hours	Prepare for the committee retreat and the annual International Committee meeting. Prepare notes of annual meeting for distribution.
Committee Conference Calls	Juza/Udvardy/Powers	48 hours	Organize and facilitate regular bi-monthly conference calls with active committee members (hours assume both co-chairs participating, six calls per year, and prep/post meeting tasks).

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4.0 2017-2018 Work Items

The International Committee had the following standard work items that were ongoing in nature:

1. Collaborate with other ASFPM committees and board to advance the International Committee's goals and objectives and to serve international needs of all committees.
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 4. Poland and Czech Republic - Janusz Zaleski and Bo Juza
3. Participate in ASFPM Policy Committee Conference Calls and Retreats: Attend Policy Committee Chair Meeting at national conference and hold annual committee meeting.
4. Prepare Status Reports and Develop Work Plans.
5. Increase membership and effectively engage International Committee members.
 - Seek contacts within governmental agencies and embassies in D.C. to further outreach. (Phannavong Phetmano, Shana Udvardy)
 - Focus on climate issues (Policy, Climate Adaptation)
 - Learn about international flood policies EU, AU, GB and promote sharing and information exchange with ASFPM membership with webinars and social media. (LinkedIn group)
 - Contribute technical and nontechnical articles to ASFPM newsletters
6. Maintain and increase International Committee engagement, collaboration and membership with ASFPM members through social media using the International Committee page on LinkedIn and Twitter.
7. Establish and continue collaboration with other similar organizations. (American Water Resources Association, Floodplain Management Australia, etc.)