

ASSOCIATION OF STATE FLOODPLAIN MANAGERS

Training and Outreach Committee

2011-2012 Report

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The Training and Outreach Committee is focused on providing opportunities for members to raise awareness about flood risk and the mitigation of flood risk.

Progress against the 2011 Training and Outreach Committee Goals and Objectives was as follows:

A. Ongoing Work Items:

- 1) Coordinate with ASFPM Executive Office on the training and outreach libraries.
The Training and Outreach libraries are updated by Training and Outreach Committee volunteers through coordination with the ASFPM executive office. Coastal outreach materials will be added in the future.
- 2) Support opportunities for multi-media and e-learning.
In 2012, the Training and Outreach Committee continued holding Web meeting in place of its conference calls when it made sense. Such times were during calls where the entire committee would benefit from seeing the same document live as discussions occurred. The Committee will continue learning how to use this software and help ASFPM continue this effort in 2012-2013.
- 3) Assist in the development of Advanced FPM Courses at EMI.
The Committee has assisted FEMA in developing and promoting three advanced courses (4 days each) in previous years. There is not much funding to develop new training, and the committee may put this Work Item on hold for a year, or change the focus of this Work Item to help with reviewing or helping with updating current training.
- 4) Assist CBOR and the Professional Development Committee in determining education needs in the industry.
Committee members periodically assist CBOR, the PDC, etc., in this regard. Major changes to NFIP may come soon (NFIP Reform), and more assistance may be needed for this Work Item. Heidi Carlin continues attending CBOR meetings and conference calls throughout the year and working on action items.
- 5) Provide education links and State Program information.
It was determined that this Work Item will be merged with Work Item number 1, above, for 2012-2013. A determination will be made of the types of information available from FEMA and State programs.
- 6) Coordinate with other organizations on flood risk reduction.
It was determined that more effort should be expended on this Work Item in 2012-2013.
- 7) Assist in developing and deploying flood risk workshops.
*The Training and Outreach Committee routinely assists with courses at ASFPM. In the past, this has been through the NFIP 101 course. In 2011, the Committee assisted with *Building Public Support for Floodplain Management*.*
- 8) Provide opportunities to raise awareness about ASFPM policies and training courses.
The Training and Outreach Committee has determined that more effort is needed on this Work Item in 2012-2013. This effort dovetails with the larger effort of all ASFPM Committees to reach out to like-minded committees of State chapters of ASFPM.

- 9) Provide opportunities to raise awareness about NAI policies.
Ed Thomas consistently raises awareness about NAI policies through his writing, training, and outreach efforts.

B. Major Work Items:

- 1) Create Regional Contact for the Training and Outreach committee to ensure every FEMA Region is represented.
Some liaison spots are still open. In 2012-2013, we will continue this effort and work with liaisons to better identify their roles and clearly outline their utilization and efforts where they can support.
- 2) Assign a committee member to assist with NFIP Reform Options.
The Training and Outreach Committee assigned a volunteer for this effort, and understands that it is to begin in 2011-2012; however, we do anticipate this work item to continue into 2012-2013 and possibly beyond.
- 3) Assist the Foundation in updating Nick Winter Scholarship Items.
This effort has been completed, and there is an ongoing task of helping the Foundation to market the scholarship, which a committee member is helping with.
- 4) Provide a liaison to the CRS Task Force's Outreach Committee, led by French Wetmore.
Jen Marcy serves as a liaison to this committee. This involves calling in to monthly or bi-monthly calls, reviewing reports, and participating in discussions when appropriate. This effort has continued in 2011-2012 and beyond. The committee is currently assisting in providing comments for the revised outreach category.