

Northwest Regional Floodplain Management Association (NORFMA)

Conference Call of November 5, 2009

Attendees:	Henry Hu	Chair
	Dianna Woods	Vice-Chair
	Alan Wald	Secretary
	Paula Cooper	Treasurer
	Taunnie Boothby	Alaska
	Christine Shirley	Oregon
	Mary McGown	Idaho

Education and Training Committee: Al Wald will be the contact person for NORFMA on this committee. The committee includes all the NORFMA board members and regional representatives. ASFPM is offering a FPM 101 basic training course but is using the same photographs and same elevation certificate forms from years ago. They are pretty much out of date. A new training course will need lots of photographs from recent conditions, particularly for PNW issues. Rob Flaner would be interested in updating course material but does not have a price yet. Other possible instructors could include Becca (Oregon), Dave Carlton, and John Graves.

NORFMA should consider a federal regulations module (general requirements) and a state module (specific state requirements) for training. University extension offices could provide some services.

Conference Committee: Henry will be the contact person for NORFMA on this committee. The committee includes Jerry Louthain, Hans Hunger, Henry Hu, Dan Sokol, and Dianna Woods. A proposed date for the next conference is in middle of September, 2010. The conference should include a CFM refresher workshop and exam. Proposed locations are Vancouver, WA and Chehalis, WA. Vancouver, WA is close to the Portland airport and could draw from Oregon and Idaho. Hans is interested in working on the conference if Pierce County can get several registrations covered for it. Tacoma has a convention center and good light rail.

Henry mentioned that Jerry Louthain reported that ASFPM is working on a 2014 national conference in Seattle.

Other Items:

We've heard from a number of people that NORFMA needs an improved website. Al Wald and Jerry Louthain discussed webmaster duties and the role of updating a webpage with Anna Taylor in Olympia, WA. Anna is interested in working on the webpage and has experience in similar kinds of webpage designs. She will provide a prototype of a NORFMA webpage for discussion. Her fee for updates would be \$20/hour. After some discussion, the board approved an expenditure of \$200 for the webpage startup and \$50/month for updating information on the pages.

The Washington Association of Floodplain Managers (WAFM): The board discussed the work by a group of floodplain managers, including French Wetmore, Mark Reibeau, Steve Bleifus, Hans Hunger, Dan Sokol, Bob Frietag, Jerry Louthain, and others are doing to form a new association of floodplain

managers for Washington State only. The organization would be primarily for local units of government and include an active role in legislative and state policy issues. NORFMA needs to survey its membership to see if they want to amend the bylaws to add a Washington (or other states) caucus to the board. NORFMA will solicit membership feedback before sending a letter to WAFM on proposed actions or alternatives to consider.

Tax status: Al Wald (Secretary) has the old NORFMA business and tax files (from Cyrilla Cook) and will transfer them to Paula Cooper (Treasurer). Paula will meet with Mary Ann to get signature authority on the checkbook.

Henry has several comments and suggestions for updating the By-Laws.

There was general agreement that the Secretary should maintain the membership list.

The Seattle Section of ASCE holds dinner meetings from time to time and would like to join with NORFMA, possibly in April, for a dinner discussion of water resource issues. They would consider a panel discussion of the Bi Op, climate change, and flood issues.

To-Do List: Henry and Dianna will work on a draft survey of members re: a state organization. Paula will get signature authority and work on updating organizational tax status.

Board Approvals and Action Items:

Approved expenditure of \$200 website startup and \$50/month website updates.