



**December 10, 2025 – Minutes
NORFMA Board Meeting**

Attendees:

- ☒ Christina Wollman, Chair
- ☒ Lynn Schmidt, Vice Chair
- ☐ Brynne Walker, Secretary
- ☐ Michelle Gilbert, Treasurer
- ☒ Brandon Hobbs, Idaho Rep
- ☐ Andrew Giles, British Columbia Rep
- ☒ Nicole Henson, Washington Rep
- ☒ Melissa Jenck, Oregon Rep
- ☐ Harmony Curtis, Alaska Rep
- ☐ Zayleen Kalalo, Alaska Rep

Other Attendees:

- ☒ Deanna Horton, Conference Chair
- ☒ Deanna Wright, Oregon NFIP Coordinator
- ☒ John Velimesis
- ☒ Peter Jackson, Idaho NFIP Coordinator
- ☒ Leni Crow, Oregon Floodplain Group
- ☒ Toby Lewis, Oregon Rep
- ☒ Dale Meck, Habitat Work Group
- ☒ Amanda Richardson, Washington NFIP Coordinator

AGENDA:

- **Review and approve meeting minutes from 11-12-2025**

Motion to approve the minutes as motioned by Nicole Henson and seconded by Brandon Hobbs

While there was a quorum, no Officers' Reports were presented.

- **Committee/Group Updates**

- LOMR Habitat Work Group: Had the first meeting to discuss what can be done, what would be most useful to the membership. The group is hoping to bring something to the next conference. Leni introduced Dale Meck (in attendance) and Luke Assink (absent) as co-chairs Will be sending mass email to members to gather interest / goals.
- Training: Training (EC/Tool of Compliance, focused on FPA/Surveyors) was planned for December, however it has been tentatively rescheduled for February 18 @ 1pm. State NFIP coordinators want to have a training plan for the next two years, focusing on topics, mediums, etc. Amanda asked for support from the board for presenters or engagement. NFIP Coordinators can organize training, but would appreciate others leading or providing expertise. Amanda will provide the working document.

- Idaho: Interactive session in November discussing floods as hazards, Dr. Brand spoke to bigger picture resilience. The Resilience Institute is looking to do work regionally, Brandon offered to make connection between us and Dr. Brand. Last meeting of the year is this Thursday. Goal for more interaction within the group in the New Year.
- Conference
 - Boise: Building budget – prices may rise ~\$50, planning on 250 people, looking at themes “Where the Wild Things are in the Floodplain”, etc.
 - Kicking around idea of two field trips, one on Friday and one during the conference (i.e. Thurs morning) concurrent with a Plenary.
 - Bend: Getting proposals for cost for 2028
- Oregon: Had the last meeting of the year last week, providing training on Flood Season Prep as presented by Deanna and Paul. Well attended, and a goal for next year is more engagement.
- CRS: Received answers for a time for meetings, will send out invite today. First meeting will be beginning of February.
- Policy: An email will be sent out asking folks what they want the structure of these meetings to be / what they see NORFMA’s roll will be.

i. Business Items:

a. Flood Status:

- i. SW / NW WA are getting hit. Have any building officials put together a program for emergency response? Oregon Buildings Codes Division (BCD) has an intergovernmental agreement: BESA (Building Evaluation Support Agreement) that jurisdictions can opt into. BESA allows local building departments to share resources, such as mutual aid for plan review and inspection services, via a standard shared agreement rather than individualized intergovernmental agreements. More info can be found here: <https://www.oregon.gov/bcd/jurisdictions/pages/besa.aspx>

b. Zoom license:

- i. Only currently offers 100 seats - Lynn is requesting upgrading to 300 seats. Zoom offers a 50% discount for nonprofits, and by upgrading the number of seats and by receiving the discount, it will be less cost overall.

c. Work Plan:

- i. Rounded out annual schedule. Perhaps this should be a standing item on the agenda, so we can look ahead to the next few months so we can plan. Reach out to Brandon for access to the Excel spreadsheet.
- ii. Christina, Lynn, and Brandon will meet to flush out the annual schedule.