

From the President's Pen...

As the cold of winter sets in, things are starting to get warmed up within the Association. 2011 promises to include several helpful changes to benefit MFSMA members.

The Membership Committee is currently working toward improving the membership application process. Starting in 2011, MFSMA members will be able to apply for and renew their membership status on-line. Stay tuned for more information after the first of the year.

Also this year, the Education Committee will be working closely with SEMA to offer various educational opportunities across the state. Don't forget to visit the "Training" tab on our website to see upcoming training opportunities. The 2011 CFM Exam schedule has just been finalized, and we expect more training very soon.

Looking ahead to next March, plans for the 2011 Annual Conference at Tan-Tar-A are beginning to solidify. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each member who submitted session abstracts for the 2011 Conference. The Association received a great number of outstanding ideas and speakers. A HUGE THANKS to Ellie Marr for all the effort she's put into organizing the event. I think 2011 will be the best conference we've ever had. If you are interested in sponsoring or exhibiting, please contact Ellie for more information.

As always, MFSMA is looking for input and help from our membership. If you would like to become part of some of the exciting things that are happening, contact myself or any of the Board members. You can also learn more by going to www.mfsma.org. Have a great winter and I look forward to seeing everyone next March.



NFIP One Year Extension Passed

The House of Representatives recently passed a one year extension of the National Flood Insurance Program, extending the current program through September 30, 2011. The Senate passed the bill, S. 3814, on September 21, and the House passed it by voice vote on September 23. The measure now goes to the White House for the President's signature, which is expected to happen quickly. This is a clean extension, with no other provisions in the bill. (Full details can be found by searching for bill number S. 3814 on <http://thomas.loc.gov>)

The NFIP's authority had been set to expire on September 30, 2010. After several short-term authorizations this year and several periods of hiatus when new or renewing policies could not be written, this one year extension provides important stability and reliability to FEMA, Write Your Own insurance companies, realtors, homebuilders, home buyers and sellers, and to current policy holders.

During the one year reauthorization, FEMA and the Congress will continue their consideration of needed reforms to the NFIP. ASFPM will continue to provide comments to both FEMA and members of Congress as progress on reforming the program continues. Please continue to monitor ASFPM's web site for updates on this and other important flood policy and program issues.



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CFM® Corner

**CONGRATULATIONS! To Our New CFMs who Passed
the exam in October:**

David Miller, Overland Park, KS

Thomas Kent, Blue Springs, MO

Gene Williams, Kansas City, MO

Michael Ryan, Cedar Rapids, IA

Annual Conference Highlights...

The 15th Annual Floodplain and Stormwater Management Conference, held at the beautiful Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach, was jointly sponsored by the MfSMA, FEMA, and SEMA. Keynote speaker Andrew J. Reese, P.E. has over 30 years of experience in a wide variety of stormwater management, water resources, hydraulic and hydrologic engineering research and management roles. The topic of his speech was "Volume Based Hydrology." General Session speaker John Brogan – Emergency Management Program Specialist; FEMA Region VII, lectured on the theme of: What Happens Before/After a Major Flood Disaster.

170 floodplain and storm water managers attended the conference and enjoyed presentations on a wide variety of interesting topics. The collection of speakers - all distinguished in their field - and the topics of their discussions were:

Gary R Dyhouse, P.E.

Stage-Frequency Analysis of the Mississippi River at St. Louis – How to Best Determine It?

Charles Patterson, PhD, P.E.

Technical Topic

Stanley Polivick, P.E.

Post Construction Stormwater Management

Kent Peetz, P.E.

Introduction to the Phase II-MS4 Permit and an overview of the City of Jackson's Stormwater Ordinance

Ted Blahnki, P.E.

Green Infrastructure Master Implementation Plan: A Look at Indianapolis

John Grimm, P.E. , J. Tracy Boaz, AICP, & Scott Woodbury

Greener Stormwater Solutions – Landscape Guide for Best Management Practices

Bob Franke, William Zung, CFM, & Jason Schneider, P.E., CFM

What is RISK MAP? How Could Risk Map Benefit My Community?

Monique Pilch

NFIP 101 – An Introduction to the National Flood Insurance Program

Ted Blahnki, P.E.

Green Infrastructure of Water Quality on Reservoirs

Ruth Wallace

Managing Your MS4 Permit

Todd Wagner, P.E., CFM

Today and Tomorrow: A Springfield Perspective

John Grim, P.E.

Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District Phase II Permit Program

Gene Rovak, P.E.

Floodway Mapping Along Levees

Andrew J. Reese, P.E.

Funding a Stormwater Utility

Scott W. Cofoid, CFM – ISO/CRS Specialist

The Community Rating System (CRS)

The second recipient of the George Reidel Award for Excellence was Marion County Floodplain Administrator **Teya Stice**, because she represents all of the characteristics of a great leader of floodplain management. Congratulations Teya!

To honor their many years of service and dedication to floodplain management, MfSMA life memberships were awarded to the following:

Pamela Huhmann

Buck Katt

Pam Franke

George Riedel

Roger Connell

Tom Krahenbuhl

Nick Heatherly

Janet Sanders

Tim Smith

It Is Not Too Early To Plan For the 16th Annual MfSMA Conference!

The 2011 Missouri Annual Floodplain and Stormwater Management Conference will be held at Tan-Tar-A Resort (Osage Beach, MO) on March 29 - April 1, 2011. Conference details will be forthcoming.

NFIP's New Lower Cost Insurance Option

Has your community recently been affected by flood map changes? Property owners may be eligible for a new flood insurance option that can provide temporary financial relief.

In 2003, more than 70 percent of the flood maps (known as Flood Insurance Rate Maps, or FIRMs) in the United States were at least 10 years old and many no longer reflect current flood hazards. Congress passed a law and appropriated funds that directed the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to create the five-year Flood Map Modernization Program—a program dedicated to using current data and technology to update flood maps nationwide. Since then, communities across the country have been experiencing flood map changes.

With the Flood Map Modernization Program— and now Risk MAP¹— providing updated FIRMs, communities are gaining a better understanding of their real flood risk. In some cases, this means areas in a community previously thought to be at a moderate-to-low-risk for flooding are now being accurately identified as high-risk and designated as Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs). This increased risk of flooding is real and many property owners now find themselves required by lenders to purchase flood insurance.

To help reduce costs, property owners can now purchase the low-cost Preferred Risk Policy (PRP) during the two years following a map revision. However, at the end of the two year eligibility period, the PRP would have to be rewritten as a higher premium standard-rated policy at each subsequent renewal.

While the PRP premiums are not permanently available, policies converted from a PRP to a standard rated policy will be eligible for grandfathering using the lower risk zone reflected on a previous map. FEMA recognizes the financial hardship that a SFHA may place on property owners; therefore, they are extending the eligibility period for PRPs starting January 1, 2011.

Who's Eligible? Owners of buildings that were mapped into an SFHA due to a FIRM revision effective *on or after October 1, 2008, and before January 1, 2011* are eligible to receive a reduced premium for up to two years beginning January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2012.

Additionally, owners of buildings that will be newly mapped into an SFHA due to a map revision *on or after January 1, 2011*, will also be able to receive up to two years of reduced premiums. The property must still meet PRP eligibility requirements related to claims and disaster aid. In addition, insurance agents will need to provide previous and current flood zone documentation (e.g., previous and current effective FIRM²) to validate PRP extension eligibility. Property owners should be reminded to talk to their insurance agent about other

available rating options offered through the National Flood Insurance Program that may provide them with additional savings (e.g., grandfathering, elevation rating, and higher deductibles).

For More Information.

The PRP extension provides affected property owners with temporary financial relief in order to adjust to the new flood risk designation. To learn more about this cost-savings option visit www.Floodsmart.gov/PRPExtension.

Significant Savings

Beginning January 1, 2011, a property owner who has a home without a basement will pay \$343 for \$200,000 in building and \$80,000 in contents coverage for a PRP versus more than \$1,400 for a standard-rated policy in an X zone, and even more if rated in a high-risk flood zone (i.e., A zone)...a savings of more than \$1,000+ a year.

¹ Risk MAP (Mapping, Assessment, Planning) is FEMA's current five-year mapping initiative that builds on the successes of Flood Map Modernization. While Flood Map Modernization was focused on generating new countywide FIRMs, Risk MAP will be focusing more on a watershed level as well as remapping all coastal areas. For more information about Risk MAP, go to http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/rm_main.shtm.

² One source is FEMA's online Map Service Center at www.msc.fema.gov.

ASFPM Seeks Local Floodplain Managers to Present at 2011 Conference

Every year following our conference, ASFPM receives requests for more local content, topics, and speakers to present at our National Conference. Increasingly, we receive requests for topics which provide locals with the tools and ideas they can use back in their communities. While we make great efforts to provide opportunities for these topics on our conference agenda, we can only consider the presentations that are actually submitted. This year we're challenging our chapters and their members to help us fill this gap!

Do you know a local with great stories who overcame obstacles or opposition on the job? What about a floodplain manager who's the "go-to" person on a specific topic or best practice? Have you partnered or collaborated with a local on a specific project, initiative or disaster? Has your experience on the job provided you with "lessons learned" to share with other locals who can benefit from your experience? If so, we urge you to reach out and encourage them to submit a presentation (or better, submit one yourself!) for our 2011 National Conference in Louisville, KY, May 15-20, 2011. Attending the conference as a presenter or workshop instructor is a great way to get buy-in from your supervisor to attend the conference. Locals know better than anyone the daily hurdles other local floodplain managers face.



Concurrent Session presentations are 20-25 minutes in length; workshop topics are between 1 hour and 4 hours in length. More than one presenter can be a part of the presentation—either Concurrent Session or Workshop—so you don't have to do it alone! ASFPM needs the wisdom of your front-line experience to help provide profes-

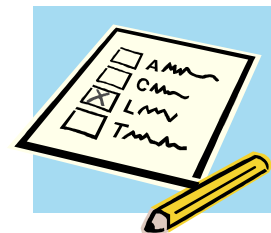
sional development opportunities to other locals: please help us make it possible! Details on how to

submit a presentation topic or workshop for consideration can be found on the ASFPM 2011 Conference Page of the ASFPM website. The deadline for the concurrent session abstracts and workshop topic submittals is October 31, 2010.

For questions regarding concurrent session topics, contact Steve McMaster, Conference Program Chair, at steve.mcmaster@nebraska.gov. For questions about presenting a workshop, please contact Kait Laufenberg, Workshop Coordinator at Kait@floods.org.

Award Nominations Sought for ASFPM 2011 Conference

ASFPM is currently accepting award nominations from chapters and their members for consideration and recognition at the 2011 Conference in Louisville, KY. A full listing of the ASFPM Awards with a description of qualifying criteria can be found on the Awards Page of the ASFPM website.



We're always looking for nominees from local government for the James Lee Witt Local Award (awarded to exemplary local programs or projects) and the Larry R. Johnston Local Floodplain Manager of the Year Award (recognizing exceptional local professionals).

To nominate a floodplain manager for consideration, please submit the Nomination Form online per instructions on the form page. Award nominations are due via the online form no later than March 1, 2011.

If you have questions about an award or the process, please contact Diane Brown, Communications Manager at diane@floods.org.