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2016 ANNUAL CONFERENCE UPDATE TAN-TAR-A CONFERENCE CENTER APRIL 13-15, 2016

THE THREE R'S: RISK, RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE

This year's conference centers around the necessary components of flood risk management. What are the risks, how do we recover, and how do we make sure we are resilient to another flooding event?

These are all issues that we have to evaluate everyday while working in the field of flood risk management. This year's presentations will center around these issues and hopefully help you to become a "next level" flood risk manager.

The conference will again have three tracks running simultaneously with presentations ranging from Floodplain 101 to Enhanced Floodplain Development for Community Resilience. A complete outline can be found on the website, MfSMA.org conference page.

Conference fees remain \$200 for *MfSMA* members. ASFPM has also granted CFM's 12 ceu's. If you haven't already registered as a member, there's still time. Non-members are charged a fee of \$250 for the conference.

Tan-Tar-A has granted a room discount of \$87 for conference attendees but you must register by March 15th for this discount. A room registration link can also be found on the conference website page. Don't forget to use the group code "mfps" when registering.

At the regular meeting for the MfSMA general membership on April 15th, in addition to officer and director selection for 2016-2018, there will also be a vote in regard to proposed by-law changes and a revision to the Missouri area map for the Board of Directors. You can find the posting for the proposed changes to the by-laws and the new, proposed area map on the website newsletter/information page.

This year's conference promises to be an exciting, network opportunity for everyone. A change you'll notice this year is that the Thursday evening networking event will be a barbeque and cornhole tournament. Buses will be available for transportation to the event at the Elks Lodge. It promises to be a fun, relaxed event for everyone.

**THE MISSOURI
FLOODPLAIN
AND
STORMWATER
MANAGERS
ASSOCIATION
MISSION
STATEMENT**

THE ASSOCIATION WILL WORK TO FOSTER A SENSE OF PROFESSIONALISM ON THE PART OF ITS MEMBERS, AND TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO THEM EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARPEN THEIR SKILLS; TO DEVELOP PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGNS AND MATERIALS TO INFORM THE ELECTED OFFICIALS AND THE PUBLIC ABOUT OUR EFFORTS AND HEIGHTEN THEIR AWARENESS AND SUPPORT OF THE NEED FOR FLOODPLAIN REGULATION AND STORM WATER MANAGEMENT; TO PROVIDE MUTUAL ASSISTANCE TO OUR MEMBERS IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES, AND PROVIDE A UNIFORM INTERFACE WITH OUR FEDERAL AND STATE COUNTERPARTS.



**2017 ASFPM CONFERENCE KANSAS CITY
APRIL 30-MAY 5, 2017**

MfSMA, along with the Kansas Association for Floodplain Management, Inc. (KAFM) will be the host organizations for the ASFPM national conference in 2017. In lieu of a state conference next year, MfSMA will have their annual membership meeting and there will be special events for Missouri and Kansas members at the national conference. Discounted rates for host members will be available. If you haven't had the opportunity to attend ASFPM's national conference in the past, this will be your chance to attend the nation's premier flood conference. Volunteers from our association and KAFM will be needed. Please consider this opportunity to help MfSMA shine in the national spotlight. Contact your area director or Jan Whipple at jwhipple@sccmo.org if you are interested.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Board has prepared proposed changes to the by-laws as outlined on the website for consideration by the membership during our annual meeting on April 15, 2016. These changes have been discussed for several years. Please review the proposed changes prior to the meeting.

The Board believes that the proposed changes to Article XV would create a stronger board with better membership representation. Historically, there have been board openings left unfilled, which have created quorum issues at board meetings. The board is currently composed of nine area directors and four officers. The geographical boundaries for the nine area directors are currently based on Missouri Department of Public Safety areas. Due to variability in membership population distribution, some MfSMA directors have a significant number of members in their districts, while others have very few. Therefore, we propose a revision of geographical districts and also propose to incorporate three at-large board members to allow interested members an opportunity to serve if the area director seat is filled. The proposed change would result in area directors from six districts plus three at-large members.

Proposed changes to Article VII would allow no more than one board member from the same corporate membership or two board members from a specific organization. Article XII proposed changes will raise the allowed expenditures from \$100 to \$500 without specific approval of the president. (Significant MfSMA expenses are always discussed by the board.) We are looking forward to seeing you in April. Please do your taxes early so that you can enjoy the evening fellowship.

Blessings,
Scott Edgar