

Northwest Regional Floodplain Management Association (NORFMA)

Conference Call of December 14, 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: (These notes include comments from the Dec 9th committee conference call.)

NORFMA could offer a variety of courses including a CTP class, Hydrology and Hydraulics, a CRS class, and a L273 (FPM 101) class. John Graves could do the EMI course. ASFPM requires a minimum of 3 students to do a CFM exam and the proctor must be a CFM.

Each state has their own interests in training. The EMI class costs about \$1500 to sponsor it and the focus is on basic assistance for small communities. It requires some contact from the state office and a local contact for the facility. Teleconferences in 4 hour blocks or modules can work well in remote areas where travel is difficult and/or expensive.

A field deployed EMI course could be one day, or two days with site reviews the second day.

Classes need to identify the audience, instructor, class materials, building, and how to provide refreshments and lunch. Idaho used 5 locations for classes for floodplain administrators with little or no experience. All together they cost about \$20k. The audience was 20 to 60. April and May are preferred times in Idaho.

Dianna can check with local officials to see if there is enough interest in holding a workshop in the Yakima area sometime in early Spring, 2010.

Report from Conference Committee: Jerry Louthain has contacted a facility near Centralia, Great Wolf Lodge, about the possibility of holding our NORFMA 2010 conference there. He will circulate the fees and facility arrangements when they come in.

Other Items:

NORFMA needs to survey its members about their interests in state organizations rather than a regional approach. Henry and Dianna will draft a proposed survey to members to check on that. NORFMA can make proposals to the Washington state group after it has a better idea of what members want to do.

A group of people including French Wetmore (consultant), Mark Reibau (FEMA), Steve Bleifus (King County), Hans Hunger (Pierce County), Dan Sokol (Ecology), Jerry Louthain (HDR), and others have discussed forming a Washington Association of Floodplain Managers and drafted a mission statement

and proposed by-laws. The organization is primarily for local units of government and is particularly interested in state legislative and policy developments. Henry and Dan will circulate the by-laws and related materials to board members.

To-Do List:

Al to continue working on updating the webpage.

Paula to update tax status and file paperwork necessary for 2008 and 2009.

Henry and Dianna draft membership survey on organizational issues.