



## NORFMA Board Meeting Minutes January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012

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### AGENDA

1. Approval of December 7, 2011 minutes
2. Update on Membership (did we get any renewal letters or response?)
3. Finalize March Board Meeting Details
4. Committees Update
5. WAFM Letter
6. Other business

### ATTENDEES (Conference Call)

Paula, Hans, Henry, Paul, Marjorie

### SUMMARIZED MEETING MINUTES

1. Approval of the minutes
  - Hans, Dave and Paula had comments
  - Approved unanimously
  - Review action items
    - ACTION:** Hans will call Ryan Ike
    - ACTION:** Paula sent the letter to attendees of the 2011 conference soliciting input from the members and received two responses
2. Update on Membership
  - Three new members
  - Ideas for workshops or annual conference topics from Paula's solicitation letter to members
    - - Technical synopsis of FEMA's revised levee policy
      - Non-regulatory risk maps and hazards?; **ACTION:** Paula will follow up on what was meant by this
      - Levee vegetation - changing policies
      - Dam busting and levee breaching
      - Climate change
      - Floodplain mapping
      - FEMA Updates



The Board discussed FEMA's Revised Levee Mapping Policy and whether NORFMA should provide comments during the public comment period. The following approach was agreed to:

- *Send out email to members informing them that the Policy Committee will be generating comments on the "Levee Mapping Policy" and providing link to FEMA website on policy.*
- *Host a conference call with interested members to generate comments*
- *Committee will draft comment letter for review by the Board and it will go out under NORFMA name. Ideas included discussion on FEMA levee policies/regulations and Zone D mapping behind levees; delay in new maps until levee policy resolved causing local issue.*

**ACTION:** Follow up emails – **Hans** will modify renewal letter and resend as beginning of the year reminder, Henry will get Hans the list

**ACTION:** Cross check with WAFM members – future task, not assigned

**ACTION: Policy Committee Lead** – link to FEMA's website (**Paul** get info to Anna), **Paula** email notice to members that NORFMA is soliciting membership comments with date and call-in time/# for conference call; compile comments and submit as an organization – **DUE end of January!**

3. Finalize Board Meeting Details: March 28, 2012

- Invite FEMA and possibly state coordinators

**ACTION:** **Henry** will find a location for a dinner meeting

**ACTION:** **Hans** will draft up an invitation letter

4. Committees Update

- Conference committee activities should be started now (Eastern WA locale - Spokane)

*Discussion:*

- Consider conference in another state possibly next year to emphasize this is a regional organization
- Consider building up support in that state with local support and representation to develop conference
- Consider "mini-conference" in other states with NORFMA financial sponsorship. These would ideally happen in 2012 in addition to the annual NORFMA conference in Spokane.
- Consider a "border" town (Portland, Coeur d'Alene)

**ACTION:** Follow up with Bob Frietag is needed for ASFPM discussion? (**Hans**)

**ACTION:** Send out email to members to see if a conference in another state is an issue? – *Task not assigned*



**ACTION:** Hans will contact Randy Brake and Jerry Louthain to see if they will co-chair conference committee and start organizing

5. WAFM Letter (Dec. 28, 2011) – offering to dissolve WAFM and contribute resources and members to NORFMA
  - Positive response from letter. Additional responsibility (Conditions 1-6) seems reasonable.
  - NORFMA will invite WAFM Board to March 28<sup>th</sup> Board meeting to finalize details.

**ACTION:** NORFMA Board will respond formally to WAFM that all conditions can be met

6. Other business
  - None