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ASFPM Certification Board of Regents Status Report



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The Certification Board of Regents adopted a new Strategic Plan May 15 to guide our actions for the next five years, from 2018 to 2023. The plan was the culmination of many hours of thought and contemplation and would not have been possible without the full engagement of the entire CBOR. I would also like to thank Chad Berginnis for his contributions to this collective effort. Chad's input was invaluable. [You may view the full Strategic Plan here.](#)

As I approach the end of my fourth and final year as president of CBOR, I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the opportunity to serve. It has been a very rewarding experience, but it is time for an infusion of new energy to guide CBOR through the implementation of our new 5-year strategic plan.

Much has changed over the past four years. Certainly, one of the major changes has been an almost complete turnover of regents, starting with the departure of two people who served on CBOR from its inception, John Ivey and Mike Parker. Except for Lisa Sharrard, Jennifer Dunn, Ingrid Wadsworth and me, we have an entirely new group of regents, but it is a group that has wide and varied experience. I thank Lisa, Jennifer and Ingrid for their continued energy, involvement and support.

Erin Cobb is now FEMA HQ liaison and Robert Perry has taken over as EMI's representative. Both have contributed greatly not only to the Strategic Plan, but to our overall progress.

Dave Carlton, who as you well know serves not only on CBOR, but also on ASFPM's Board of Directors, has been invaluable. I am grateful that Dave was willing to serve on CBOR while continuing to serve on ASFPM's Board of Directors. His dual involvement was so beneficial to both boards I would recommend that CBOR's charter be amended to require an ASFPM board member be a standing member of CBOR.

Vice President Roger Lindsey is the "local government" regent, providing us with insights gained from the disastrous floods that hit Nashville in 2010. He has contributed greatly to our progress.

Charley Banks of Virginia is the "state" regent and has done an admirable job of providing insight from a state NFIP coordinator perspective.

Joe Fernandez is the "chapter" regent selected following a unique, but productive, procedure where we asked each chapter to nominate a candidate to serve in that role. Joe's contributions have been extremely helpful.

Our most recent addition is Donny Phipps. Donny is a building code official who recognized years ago the importance of melding floodplain management practices into the issuance of building permits. Donny is not only a CFM, but encourages his entire staff to become certified too.

Finally, Louie Greenwell, who recently left private practice in Kentucky to lead a New Jersey county's planning and floodplain management program, represents the Professional Development Committee. Louie agreed to grab hold of CBOR's "reins" and has been appointed to serve as our new president effective June 21. I look forward to doing what I can to make his tenure successful.

Over the past four years we have implemented many changes in policy and a major change to the exam. I believe they have all been positive, but only time will tell.

The regents serving now are dedicated to the profession and have all made positive contributions. I know CBOR is in good hands and feel confident we will fully implement the new 2018-2023 Strategic Plan, which CBOR adopted last month.