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Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM®) Program

Annual Report to Members 2009 – May 2010

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Tom Morey, CFM

President, Certification Board of Regents

Highlights from the Past Year

- In the past 12 months the CFM® exam has been offered 124 times around the nation.
- Currently we have over 6,758 professionals who have been designated as CFMs. This represents CFMs accredited by ASFPM and the six accredited states; Arkansas, Illinois, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma and Texas.
- As of January 1, 2010, Diane Calhoun, CFM, stepped down as President of the Certification Board of Regents (CBOR). Diane has been President of CBOR for seven years. She will remain on the Board representing the general population as the “At Large Representative” until a replacement can be appointed. The ASFPM Executive Office and ASFPM Board have recommended and approved the appointment of Tom Morey, CFM as the incoming President of CBOR. Tom is the NFIP State Floodplain Manager for the State of Kansas.
- As reported last year, ASFPM and CBOR entered into a contract to have the National CFM® Exam and Certification Program tested for Reliability and Validity to ensure that the exam and program accurately and consistently measure the benchmarks of professional floodplain management knowledge and best practices in the field. This past year selected members of CBOR and select members of ASFPM attended three workshops at Ohio State University, in Columbus, Ohio, to be interviewed, and to interact in the review of the creditability of the program, the questions, and how those questions were written, and delivered. A final report with recommendations has been issued. The report and recommendations will be discussed by CBOR members during their Board Meeting in May in Oklahoma at the National Conference and CBOR will move forward with the implementation of recommendations as appropriate.
- The training module entitled “CFM Refresher,” will be offered again this year at the ASFPM Conference in Oklahoma City, OK. The training module, with Instructors Guide, Study Guide, and PowerPoint has been provided to all State Floodplain Managers and ASFPM Chapters with the encouragement for them to deliver this training at their annual conferences.

- Another opportunity of obtaining training and Continuing Education Credits (CECs) for CFMs is the Floodplain Management 101 that will be offered in Oklahoma this year. This training session is for those individuals that are new to the responsibilities of floodplain management. This training module was sent to all State Floodplain Managers and ASFPM Chapters encouraging them to deliver it at their annual conferences. .
- The training module “Building Public Support” has been sent to all State Floodplain Managers and ASFPM Chapters. The training module consists of Instructor’s Guide, Study Guide, PowerPoint and is available for distribution through the ASFPM Executive Office. Two other training modules, “NAI 101” and “Floodproofing Workshop for Community Officials” are being developed and should be completed by the end of this year.
- CBOR and PDC will be conducting an Early Bird Session in May at the 2010 Conference in Oklahoma. This is an opportunity for CFMs and non- CFMs to find out more about the program, how to obtain CECs, and the advantages of being a CFM.
- CBOR and ASFPM completed an audit of the Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association (OFMA) Certification Program. OFMA is good standing and is administering a satisfactory program for their CFMs.
- CBOR held 6 conference calls and two two-day meetings this past year. In September 2009, CBOR met in Madison, Wisconsin and again in Madison, March 2010. Special thanks to the Executive Office and FEMA for their logistical support of our conference calls and meetings.
- The certification exam schedule is updated weekly on the ASFPM web site. We are continually encouraging States and Chapters to provide opportunities for individuals to take the CFM® Exam. You must be a CFM to proctor the CFM® Exam. If you are interested in proctoring the CFM® Exam, please contact Anita Larson at (608) 274-0123 or at cfm@floods.org.

- The CBOR members are listed below. Feel free to contact any of the members if you have questions, comments, thoughts, or concerns about the ASFPM Certification Program.

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