



Colorado Association of Stormwater & Floodplain Managers
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Held at Glenwood Canyon Tunnel
July 10, 2015

Meeting Attendees

Officers:

Chair – Brian Varrella, Olsson
Vice Chair – Shea Thomas, UDFCD
Secretary – Jason Messamer, Olsson
Treasurer – Brad Bettag, CH2M
NW Region Rep – Betsy Suerth, Garfield County

Committee Chairs:

Website – Stuart Gardner, CDOT
Conference – Robert Krehbiel
Outreach – Craig Jacobson, ICON and Alan Turner, CH2M

Members:

Kevin Houck, CWCB
Rick Dorris, Grand Junction
Will Birchfield, Estes Park
Karen Thompson, Estes Park
John Sikora, AECOM
Joel McGuire, Amec
Chris Romeyn, AECOM
Carrie Gudorf, Mesa County
Andi Staley, CDOT
Wyatt Popp, Olsson
Daniel Larkin, Mesa County
Jake Panter, Applegate
David Bennetts, UDFCD
Eva Wilson, Eagle County
Haley Heinemann, CH2M

The following is a summary of the interactions, comments, and items discussed. While this summary is not intended to represent a complete or comprehensive account of the meeting, it is intended to reflect the salient points raised and issues presented for further consideration. Should the attendees believe that anything might be misrepresented or misleading, please bring this to the attention of Jason Messamer, CASFM Secretary.

I. Call to Order

Brian Varrella called the meeting to order. A quorum of officers and regional representatives was present.



II. Secretary Report – Jason Messamer

- A. Highlights from the May 14, 2015 General Membership meeting held in Loveland, Colorado, were presented to attendees. Copies of the minutes were not available for attendees to review. The minutes will be dispersed during the upcoming CASFM general membership meeting where they will be reviewed and approved.

III. Treasurer Report – Brad Bettag

- A. The group discussed the increases to conference registration fees. Conference fees were raised roughly 10% to match inflation, largely to inflated food and beverage costs at all venues.
- B. Brad reported that we have met our goal for membership dues collected.
- C. About half of the conference sponsorships checks have already been cashed. Additional sponsor checks are still being received.
- D. Annual credit card fees are tracking with budget. We are monitoring to get a baseline to determine the overall impact.
 - 1. Some Urban Drainage events use the CASFM system to register attendees. David Bennetts offered to increase Urban Drainage event fees proportionally, if needed, to counteract the credit card fees.
 - 2. Stuart Gardner mentioned that Cvent bought SignUp4, which could impact event registrations. We had switched to SignUp4 to avoid some of the Cvent policies, but may need to switch to a different provider now that they own SignUp4. It may not make sense or CASFM to handle registration for Urban Drainage events depending on the policy changes.
- E. CASFM is switching to First Bank of Colorado. There are no fees for common transactions, no maintenance fees, etc. CASFM will be completely transitioned by the end of this year. A resolution was signed by the officers after the meeting to make the switch official.

IV. Vice Chair Report – Shea Thomas

- A. The summer newsletter draft will be sent out soon. Officers will take a look and are asked to give comments ASAP so it can be distributed before the conference.

V. Regional Representative Reports

- A. Northwest Region – *Betsy Suerth*
 - 1. The NW Region Summer Seminar is tentatively planned for August 28 in Rifle, CO. The focus will be on revegetation and stormwater, with the possibility for a few site visits.
 - 2. The group discussed the anticipated cost of the event, which will be more than a typical social event. Brad Bettag mentioned that a higher cost should be fine since the overall CASFM budget is on track and there is still money allocated for social events that has not been used.
- B. Northeast Region – *Beck Anderson*
 - 1. No report
- C. Southeast Region – *Keith Curtis*
 - 1. No report.
- D. Southwest Region – *Sam Samuelson*
 - 1. No report.
- E. Metro Region – *Drew Beck (reported by Robert Krehbiel)*
 - 1. Tom Browning will give an update on the Chatfield Reallocation project at the August social (date TBD). Drew is trying to team with the Colorado Riparian Association for a joint social event.

VI. Committee Chair Reports

- A. Annual Conference – *Robert Krehbiel*
 - 1. The draft Call for Registration and conference outline was distributed to meeting attendees and will go out to the general membership in the next couple of weeks.
 - 2. The group discussed the preliminary conference agenda.
 - a. The group decided the Board Meeting would take place at the Wednesday lunch during the CASFM conference.



3. Entertainment for the conference has not been resolved. Options include music at a bar, casino night, or a comedian.
 - a. A straw poll was taken and meeting attendees voted in favor of a comedian.
 - b. An off-site venue option was suggested. We may need to coordinate the end time of the event to ensure that the venue will still be open and that the town's free buses will still be available for people to ride if the offsite venue is used.
 4. Workshops:
 - a. Tues – RAS 2D class, Bioretention class
 - b. Friday – Flume Demo
 - c. Robert mentioned having to turn away a Flo2D workshop.
 5. Field Trip Options:
 - a. Swan River near Breckenridge is an upcoming restoration project. A trip could be made to visit the site before improvements and then a follow-up trip could be made as part of a future conference once the restoration project has taken place.
 - b. Upcoming CWCB Camp Hale project.
 - c. Eagle River site could be visited.
 - d. Engineered riffle in Kremmling.
 - e. Robert requested that other ideas be sent to him.
 - f. Doug Trieste will coordinate field trips this year. Monica Bortolini has offered to coordinate field trips in the future.
 6. Robert asked for volunteers to moderate technical sessions.
 - a. Craig Jacobson, David Bennetts, and Brian Varrella offered to be moderators during the meeting.
 - b. Stuart Gardner requested that someone volunteer as a coordinator to organize files from the technical sessions. This position would include compressing images in PowerPoint presentations, hunting down missing files, and then relaying them to Stuart to be put on the website.
 7. Brian suggested giving a brief explanation during the next general meeting, which will take place during the Thursday lunch at the conference, about why conference fees increased (food and beverage, A/V, inflation).
 8. The group discussed having time set aside for committees to meet during the Conference. Schedule updates after the meeting determined that the best time for Committee interaction is to have the Committee Chairs host a short meeting after the General Membership meeting Thursday afternoon, before the technical session.
 9. Craig Jacobson asked for a time slot to include a report of the money CASFM donated to flood recovery efforts. He will ask the groups who received money to send a photograph and description of how they used the money.
 - a. Brian Varrella offered to include the info in his opening remarks.
 - b. Brad Bettag commented that we should also advertise the unused disaster relief money that CASFM has allocated this year. The group discussed the numerous needs in Colorado and decided to keep recovery awards for disasters in state.
 10. Crested Butte will be the site of the 2016 CASFM conference. An RFP was solicited by Stuart Gardner. Beaver Run in Breckenridge will be the 2017 conference location.
- B. Scholarship – *Morgan Lynch*
1. The CASFM Family Scholarship and Ben Urbonas Scholarship application will come out in fall.
- C. Website – *Stuart Gardner*
1. The group discussed how CASFM posts resumes and job opportunities. LinkedIn sends good updates about new postings that generate lots of website hits.
 2. Stuart Gardner suggested that emails could be diversified to include actual information more often instead of alluding to upcoming events.
 3. Brad Bettag suggested embedding a link to the CASFM LinkedIn and Twitter pages with the call for registration email goes out with the conference agenda or on the registration website itself to encourage more people to join these groups.
- D. Stormwater Quality – *Holly Piza (reported by Shea Thomas)*



1. The recent CASFM water quality field trip about bioretention and rain gardens was successful. Photos and an article will appear in the newsletter.
- E. Floodplain/CFM – *Jamie Prochno*
 1. No report.
- F. Membership – *Stuart Gardner*
 1. Membership is at 806 right now, with 404 members on LinkedIn, and ~400 on the Twitter feed.
 2. Wild Apricot has been working well.
- G. CRS – *Marsha Hilmes-Robinson (reported by Brian Varrella)*
 1. The L278 Field Deployed CRS Course will be presented in Colorado during the first week of November. Location: in Longmont at the Safety & Justice Center. An email reminder will be sent out and the event will be mentioned at the conference.
- H. Outreach & Training – *Alan Turner & Craig Jacobson*
 1. Alan and Craig are breaking the committee into subcommittees.
 2. Floodsmart.gov wants to partner with CASFM and mentioned that the website is one of the better state chapter websites.
 - a. Alan asked is if there is help that can be given for CASFM website updates.
 - b. Stuart, Craig, and Alan will talk in the near future to discuss modernizing, re-organizing, getting some more support, and linking database support to the website. These services can be offered from Floodsmart.
 3. Craig mentioned some of the successful trainings that have taken place recently. Numerous people could not attend the RAS 2D training. The outreach group will be coordinating a CASFM sponsored 3 day course for RAS 2D that will come out in November.
 - a. The group discussed possible venues including a meeting room at Leonard Rice, training rooms at the City of Fort Collins, and the training room at ICON.
 - b. ASCE will offering a RAS 2D training this fall also, that will probably cost substantially more.
 - c. The group discussed having the training somewhere on the Western Slope.
 - i. Brian suggested sending an email to see if there is interest on the Western Slope to hold the training.
 - ii. Alan commented that he is curious to know what types of trainings should be offered on the Western slope.
 - iii. Wyatt Popp commented that the general consensus is that there are a lack of trainings on Western Slope.

VII. ASFPM Update – *Brian Varrella*

- A. ASFPM passed two audits and the budget is back in the black. This fiscal year should have a surplus and money should be put into reserves instead of out.
- B. There was a net positive revenue from Atlanta conference. Cost cuts were a major reason why the conference was a financial success.
- C. David Hollingsworth won the National APWA Award which will be detailed in the upcoming Newsletter.
- D. Chris Carlson and CSU received the ASFPM National Floodproofing award for 2003 floodproofing measures and design methodology, despite the fact that the design is not recognized as structural floodproofing by the NFIP. This is a major recognition, and shows that good ideas in floodplain management are more duly recognized now than in decades prior.

VIII. Other Discussion Items

- A. David Bennetts updated the group on the officer election. An update reminder will be sent out soon, and the ballot is being developed.

IX. 2015 Meeting Locations & Schedule, Adjourn

- A. September 24, 2015 – Vail (*Annual Conference*)
- B. November 12, 2015 – Baker Corp.
- C. Adjourn at 2:30 PM.

CASFM General Membership Meeting Attendance Sheet

Glenwood Tunnel, July 10, 2015

1:00 PM

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