



**Colorado Association of Stormwater & Floodplain Managers
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

Held at Vail Cascade Hotel
September 24, 2015

Meeting Attendees

Officers:

Chair – Shea Thomas, UDFCD
Vice Chair – Brian Murphy, CDM Smith
Secretary – Danny Elsner, CH2M
Treasurer – Brad Bettag, CH2M

Committee Chairs:

Webmaster and Membership Administrator – Stuart Gardner, CDOT
Conference – Robert Krehbiel, Matrix and Sarah Houghland, Baker
Outreach – Craig Jacobson, ICON and Alan Turner, CH2M
Colorado Flood TAP – Julie Baxter, Acclivity
Floodplain Management – Jamie Prochno, CWCB
CRS - Monica Bortolini (proxy for Marsha Hilmes Robinson), LRE
Stormwater Quality - Holly Piza, UDFCD

Regional Representatives:

Metro Region Rep – Drew Beck, Matrix
NW Region Rep – Betsy Suerth, Garfield County
SE Region Rep – Keith Curtis, PPRBD
NE Region Rep – Brian Varrella, CDOT

Members:

Conference attendees

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 Danny Elsner, CASFM Secretary.

I. Call to Order –*Shea Thomas*

- A. Shea called the meeting to order. A quorum of officers and regional representatives was present.
- B. Shea discussed CASFM overall - 800 members, 340 attendees at conference. Discussed committee meetings afterwards. Copy of the minutes from July, treasury report.

II. Regional Representative Reports



- A. Metro Region – *Drew Beck*
 - 1. Chatfield Reallocation project recently by Tom Browning. Decent attendance, some dip in attendance overall.
 - 2. Upcoming events could involve field visit along South Platte River or South Denver, which will be a joint meeting with Colorado Riparian Association (CRA). Most likely in November.
 - 3. Asked general members for suggestions and ideas.
- B. Northwest Region – *Betsy Suerth*
 - 1. The CASFM Summer Seminar was well attended. Oil and gas participants were in attendance which was a good chance to expose them to floodplain considerations.
 - 2. Asked for ideas for the west slope. Flo-2D course could be possible in December/January.
- C. Northeast Region – *Brian Varrella*
 - 1. A joint event is in the works with the Metro region to likely be hosted in Boulder. Work on collaborating with CSU Faculty and students will be ongoing over the next 2 years.
 - 2. Any ideas on events and socials are welcome.
- D. Southeast Region – *Keith Curtis*
 - 1. DFIRMs turned in September. Should be between 12-18 months before they are effective. Numerous LOMRs and CRS cycle visit coming up. FEMA is coming down October 6th.
 - 2. Spring for social activity.
 - 3. Ideas are welcomed.
- E. Southwest Region – *Sam Samuelson (not in attendance)*
 - 1. No report.

III. Committee Chair Reports

- A. Stormwater Quality – *Holly Piza*
 - 1. Meeting today at Centennial D.
 - 2. Focus on water quality presentations and Annual Field Trip.
 - 3. Stormwater chemistry class was good this year, looking to see if we should do it again.
 - 4. Lunch and learn in October on Dam Inspection Lessons Learned from DNR Ms. Bauer.
- B. Scholarship – *Morgan Lynch*
 - 1. Last year awarded both Ben Urbonas and CASFM Family Scholarship. Both are getting awarded this year (applications due October 16th).
 - 2. Working on funding the undergrad scholarship.
 - 3. Last year's Ben Urbonas scholarship winner Tyler Rosburg talked about his graduate work.
 - 4. Meeting at the water fountain.
- C. Flood TAP – *Julie Baxter*
 - 1. Discussed Flood TAP and the Community Disaster Tool Kit that is being created. The Tool Kit will be the first of its kind in the nation, and ASFPM colleagues are watching our results carefully.



-Meeting at the front table.

- D. CRS – *Monica Bortolini (proxy for Marsha Hilmes-Robinson)*
 - 1. Meeting in Centennial E/F.
 - 2. Talked about how each one is helping on lessons learned.
 - 3. UDFCD has formed a program for public information (PPI). Discuss how UDFCD can fit in the CRS program.
 - 4. EMI course in November (Jamie Prochno)
- E. Floodplain Management – *Jamie Prochno*
 - 1. Talked about CFM refresher course being updated.
 - 2. NAFSMA is talking about NFIP reform in 2017 – CASFM could be a leading voice.
 - 3. Meeting will be in back of the tent.
 - 4. Had 52 CFMs take the exam at the conference.
- F. Outreach & Training – *Craig Jacobson*
 - 1. Meeting in Centennial A. Could use the help.
 - 2. Charitable donations discussed – different watershed coordinators.
 - 3. Goals – Social media, training activities, support for other committees, junior chapter at the colleges.
- G. Annual Conference – *Robert Krehbiel*
 - 1. Thanked Stuart for his help.
 - 2. Rates went up a bit.
 - 3. 2 years in Vail, next year in Crested Butte, 2017 in Breckenridge.
 - 4. Needs a lot of volunteers.
 - 5. Evaluations will be sent out.
 - 6. Call of papers in January. Entertainment, sponsors, etc.
 - 7. Meeting in Rocky Mountain Room.

IV. Secretary Report – (Outgoing Secretary) Jason Messamer, Olsson

- A. Draft minutes from past meeting.
- B. Summarized last meeting at Glenwood Canyon Tunnel.
- C. Minutes get posted on line.
- D. Call in option for most meetings.
- E. Wild Apricot was new software, please check you spam filter.

V. Treasurer Report – Brad Bettag

- A. Copy of the treasurer's report.
- B. Balance sheet and debit card discussion.
- C. First Bank for 501c3 – no fees.
- D. Budget will be next month. Staying on budget.
- E. Membership dues are at 106%, most likely no membership increase.
- F. Charitable contributions and research grant was discussed, need ideas.

VI. Membership/Website – Stuart Gardner

- A. Membership at 830. Wild Apricot helps people manage their own profile.
- B. New signup program coming.



VII. Vice Chair Report – *Brian Murphy*

- A. Research dollars (\$2,500) are still available.
- B. Winter newsletter call for articles will go out in December.

VIII. ASFPM Update – *Brian Varrella*

- A. Led 2 things at ASFPM. The Region VIII report was reduced from the 13-page format reporting disaster information to a new 2-page summary of needs and program gaps. The intent of the new format is to create a relevant document that tracks needs and challenges and offers solutions year-over-year to affect real change in national policy. .
- B. Budget was discussed and ASFPM is in black. Passed audits as well.
- C. Talked about CASFM shirts thru Lands End; will be available to all members for individual purpose, and CASFM will only have to pay a 1-time fee of \$140 for Lands End to host a website to process orders.

IX. Other Discussion Items

- A. Meeting minutes approved unanimously.

X. 2015 Meeting Locations & Schedule, Adjourn

- A. November 12, 2015 – Baker Corp.
- B. January – UDFCD
- C. March – CH2M
- D. May – Loveland
- E. July – Western Slope
- F. Adjourn at 1:02 PM.