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Date/Time: Friday, July 15, 2022, 11:30 AM
Location: Steamboat Grand – Saddle Creek Board Room
Remote: Zoom Meeting

Hybrid Meeting

GENERAL MEMBER MEETING **DRAFT** MINUTES:

I. **Call to Order – Drew Beck**

- A. Mission/Vision committee update
 - 1. Vision is the Why, why does the organization exist. Also, the desired end state
 - 2. DRAFT Vision Statement: Connecting professionals who keep Colorado's watersheds resilient.
 - 3. Next step to develop Mission Statement. It is the "what" and the "how"
 - 4. Drew asked for feedback on the Mission statement – reach out with any comments
- B. Upcoming elections – Call for nominations in next few weeks – Elections in mid to late August.
 - 1. Open positions: Treasurer and Southeast Rep.
 - 2. Please reach out if interested (self nominations or nominations of others)
 - 3. Morgan Lynch as past Chair will assist with elections.

II. **Secretary – Will Wilhelm**

- A. Approval of May, 2022 meeting minutes.
 - 1. https://www.casfm.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/2022-05-12-General-Mtg-Minutes_Draftv2.pdf

III. **Treasurer's Report – Jenifer Winters**

- A. Current 2022 P&L – attached.
 - 1. Goal is to spend down – after COVID.
 - 2. Highlights ~
 - a. 26K in Income from dues and training
 - b. Big Expense: Conference Software, Training, Research grant, Disaster Relief Grant pay-out.
 - c. Discussion on no longer using checks, using Socio for sponsorship for registration

IV. **Vice Chair – Danny Elsner**

- A. No Updates for July meeting.

V. **Regional Representative Reports – See Attached. Highlights below.**

- A. Northwest Region – Marc Kenney, KLJ
- B. Southwest Region - Bradley Florentin, FlowPath
- C. Northeast Region – Brian Varrella, CDOT
- D. Southeast Region – Kate Klavon, Stantec
 - 1. Reminder on Golf Event on July 29th
- E. Metro Region – Jeremy Deischer, Icon

VI. **Committee Reports**

- A. Outreach and Training – Andrew Kutsch (ERA Consultants)/Katie Kerstiens (Dewberry)
 - 1. Thank you, Emily and Tyler!
 - 2. Committee transitions
 - 3. Englewood Stream/Culvert Tour – Last month – well attended / well received
- B. Floodplain Management – Leylin Marroquin, AECOM/Connor Johnson, AECOM, co-chair

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1. ASFPM now has full on-line exam
2. CFM exam in person at conference / registration same / take exam in-person on computer.
 - a. Currently have 3 proctors = ~36 test spots.
 - i. Weds 7-10.
- C. Scholarship – Dan Hill, MHFD
 1. Committee working on improving silent auction (digital).
- D. Community Rating System – Marsha Hilmes-Robinson, Ft. Collins
- E. Stormwater Quality – Candice Owen, City of Boulder
 1. Field trips
 - a. Backcountry Bike Tour and HH - May 12
 - b. Potential field trip as part of conference
 - c. Denver area – October
 2. Clean Water Challenge
 3. Webpage update
 4. Meeting monthly
 5. Working on Fall Metro Area field trip.
- F. Colorado Flood TAP – Morgan Lynch, Flood TAP
- G. Membership - Stuart Gardner, CDOT
- H. Young Members Group – Saman Mehdi, Atkins/Alan Pagan, Atkins
- I. Annual Conference – Jason Messamer, CSU
 1. Steamboat Grand – September 13-16, 2022 (Tuesday – Friday)
 - a. Registration link has been sent to membership.
 2. Gondola – In person attendees reviewed gondola options as part of site tour (after meeting)
 3. Tech sessions and project awards
 - a. Saman organized a review group – narrowed down to 6 tracks and special session for wildfire
 - b. Jeff organized a review group and selected 2 of 5 submittals to compete at conference – Construction Projects
 - c. Workshops
 - d. Schedule at a glance:
 - i. Workshops on Tuesday
 - ii. Weds CFM exam am, Keynote, Tech Sessions
 - iii. Happy Hour Wednesday Night
 - iv. Thursday Special Session on Wildfire
 - v. Thursday night award night
 - vi. Friday golf or bike tour
 - e. Abstracts have been reviewed and presentation selected, and presenters notified
 4. Registration –
 - a. Stacey has set up registration in Socio
 - b. Emily working on limited brochure to show overall schedule
 - c. Sarah has been compiling information
 - d. Registration live soon
 5. Recording presentations and streaming
 - a. Exploring recording the sessions but not live streaming
 - b. Could offer selected presenters the option to record presentation on their own to put on CASFM website. Decided to make this optional (not required).
 6. FP101 class and CFM Exam

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- a. No FP101 class, but will host proctored exam
 - b. Jim Kaiser, Connor, and Kim Pirri volunteered as possible proctors
 - c. Can have up to 12 people take test per proctor
- 7. Keynote – Nick Kittle “Sustainovation”
- 8. “Coalition of the Willing” as conference theme (ties into keynote)
- J. Discussion – What to include in full program, potential changes to Winter Newsletter
 - 1. How to be efficient – to avoid duplicate information .. preference to put more stuff in Socio
- K. RFP for 2024 conference has been issued
 - 1. 2023 Keystone
 - 2. 2024 RFQ sent to destination Colorado and locations used for previous (CASFM) past.

VII. ASFPM Update – Drew Beck

- A. ASFPM Conference in Orlando, FL May 15-19
 - 1. Emphasis on equity, especially from FEMA, USACE
 - a. Process based and nature-based solutions
 - b. FEMA revisiting BCA
 - c. No-impact legal guide.
 - 2. Congrats to the CWCB for winning the Outreach award
 - 3. 2023 Conference in Raleigh, NC
 - 4. 2024 Conference in Salt Lake City, UT (small chapter – CO and AZ to offer help)
- B. State Chapter meeting held June 22
 - 1. CFM exam update
 - 2. ASFPM Foundation support
 - a. Scholarship from last year was from CSU
 - b. Moving to two scholarships
 - c. CASFM website to link back to ASFPM national scholarship day.
 - d. Foundation will do a State Symposium – looking for State’s that are interested.
 - 3. Re-districting of chapters (currently follows FEMA regions .. shifting to better balance districts
 - a. Re-districting will not impact CO in any meaningful way.

VIII. New Business – None

IX. 2022 Meeting Schedule – Sept 14 at conference, November 10

- A. Location for November 10th – TBD (potentially Baker’s Office – TBD)
- B. Look for 2023 meeting schedule soon

X. Adjourn

Attachments

- Committee and Regional Representative Reports

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COMMITTEE AND REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

July 15, 2022

Outreach & Training – Andrew Kustusich and Katie Kerstiens

1. Andrew Kustusich (ERA Consultants) and Katie Kerstiens (Dewberry) are the new O&T Co-Chairs.
2. June 2022 HEC-RAS training was completed last month. The class was 100% filled (16 People). We will be gathering feedback from attendees this month via a poll. This feedback will help us determine if we want to contract WEST Consultants again this fall for another round of HEC-RAS training. We have 11 people on a waitlist for a future HEC-RAS training, who were unable to get into either of our 2 courses earlier this year.
3. Details are nearly finalized for a series of Fall 2022 Fluvial Hazard training classes. Information on this training opportunity, including how to register, will be sent out shortly after the CASFM Conference Call for Registration is sent out.
4. The June tour of the Little Dry Creek at Englewood Plaza project went very smoothly. Brian Chevalier with Merrick did a great job preparing for and leading the tour, and the help from MHFD, City of Englewood, Naranjo, and DHM were crucial as well. We had roughly 25 attendees, all of which got a chance to climb down into the original pump station room from the 1980's flood control project at the site.
5. The next CASFM O&T meeting is scheduled for July 21st (typically held the third Thursday of each month). Contact kkerstiens@Dewberry.com to get the committee's email list for future meetings.
6. Katie is the main contact for anything related to the CASFM website, please continue using the website@casfm.org email for all website inquiries.

Floodplain Management – Leylin Marroquin and Connor Johnson

- Planning to hold a CFM exam in-person at the conference to supplement the virtual test option. Reach out to Leylin (Leylin.Marroquin@aecom.com) or Connor (Connor.Johnson@aecom.com) with questions.
- Floodplain 101 class available on the CASFM YouTube Page <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLgHF5OSbQFROyrphMAfVfDZ-cdfKtWWbi>

Scholarship – Dan Hill

- Please contact Dan Hill, dhill@mhfd.org, with any awesome ideas for the silent auction or raffle prizes at the annual conference, or just let him know if you're interested in getting involved!

Community Rating System – Marsha Hilmes-Robinson

- The 4-Day CRS Training is being held in Longmont this week. We had 24 people register. A huge thank you to Monica Bortolini and Jim Kaiser for their help with meeting location

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logistics and food. Also, a special thanks to Stacey Thompson for helping with the registration.

Stormwater Quality – Candice Owen

- No update

Colorado Flood TAP – Morgan Lynch

- Our next meeting will be held virtually on July 25. Our previous meeting in March provided committee members an update on the CDOT 2D Quick Check effort. Our next meeting will consist of a presentation regarding way to implement the State's Fluvial Hazard Zone Protocol to help identify pre-fire mitigation efforts. We will continue to coordinate topics as it relates to resiliency before and after fire and flood events. If you have any relevant topics to share, please reach out to Morgan Lynch, morgan.lynch@denvergov.org.

Membership – Stuart Gardner

- 1106 renewed members for 2022.

Younger Members Group – Saman Mehdi and Alan Pagan

- Inaugural YMG Picnic on Sunday July 10, 2022
- August 10 – Rockies Game with ASHE, sponsored by ADS Pipe.
- Conference Tuesday Dinner Tradition – Plans to have dinner in Steamboat the night before the conference starts, as we have in the past.

Annual Conference – Jason Messamer

- Included with meeting agenda.

Metro Region – Jeremy Deischer

- On June 9th the Metro and Northeast Regions partnered to host a field trip to a wetland bank at the confluence of Big Thompson River and the South Platte River and held a social following the event. Huge thanks to Will Duggins from Westervelt for hosting the event and Sara Johnson from Muller.
- On June 23rd Drew from the Outreach and Training Committee organized a field trip to Little Dry Creek at Englewood Plaza and the Metro Region hosted a social following the event. Thanks to everyone who attended the field trip and social! More information about the project can be found here: <https://naranjocivil.com/little-dry-englewood/>
- If you have any suggestions for events please reach out to jdeischer@iconeng.com.

Northwest Region – Marc Kenney

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- I'm working with Drake Ludwig on doing a Western Slope CASFM Seminar. Dates and details are a long way out, but we'll be working on it. If anyone wants to provide suggestions or input, please reach out to Drake or Mark.

Southwest Region – Bradley Florentin

- All members have been contacted responses have indicated that there is a want for education, field trips and social events. Would like to coordinate with other regions regarding education – may try something virtual first.

Northeast Region – Brian Varrella

- See Metro update regarding recent combined field trip/social

Southeast Region – Kate Klavon

- Combined CASFM and ASCE golf tournament planned for Friday, July 29th, 2022, at Pine Creek Golf Course.
- You can Register Here: <https://registration.socio.events/e/seregionascegolf>

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