CASFM February 2023 Newsletter

Happy New Year CASFM members! As a professional organization we are always trying to evolve and improve. With that goal in mind, we are trying a new communication style to deliver information to you more efficiently and facilitate the numerous networking and educational opportunities available. This streamlined newsletter is packed full of great info so please take a moment to read through it. In addition, please let us know what you like and what you don't like so that we can continue to improve our communication as an organization.
Thank you for being a member and for making this a top-notch professional organization!

Next CASFM General Membership Meetings

March 9th (hybrid and held in person in south metro area - Jacobs) at 9am
May 18th (hybrid and held in person in north metro area) at 9am
July 14th (hybrid and held in person at Conference location - this year at Keystone) at TBD.

Please keep a look out for emails for links and we will try and keep the calendar updated. You can also find previous meeting minutes here. Last meeting we approve the 2023 budget. You can find 2022 budget summary here under the Treasurer tab.

Upcoming Regional Meetings

Metro - Working on events in April 2023. More to come.
Northeast - Nothing planned in Q1 of 2023
Northwest - Working on rescheduling our Western Slope seminar in Glenwood Springs to Friday April 28th. More to come.
Southeast - Nothing planned in Q1 of 2023
Southwest - Nothing planned in Q1 of 2023
Please keep a look out for emails for links and we will try and keep the calendar updated.
Curious which region you belong into or who your Regional Representative is? Check out the office list and map at the bottom of this page. If you have a suggestion for an upcoming meeting, feel free to reach out to your Regional Representative.

Outreach and Training

Upcoming Trainings:

Basic HEC-RAS 1D Training – May 8-10th at MHFD ($825/person), more info and a link to register will be coming out some time in March. Keep your eyes open for this.
HEC-RAS 2D Training – will be held in the summertime, date/location TBD
Please keep a look out for emails for links and we will try and keep the calendar updated.

We will be giving one Research Grant ($2,500) this year, more info to come in the fall.

The Outreach & Training Committee is looking for more volunteers! If you have an interest in social media, website design, or have ideas for training opportunities or lunch and learns please join our monthly committee meetings! Please contact Katie Kerstiens (kkerstiens@mhfd.org) to be added to the meeting invite. In addition, if you have any ideas for a lunch and learn, or a recent construction project for a field trip, or a new training CASFM should be looking into, please feel free to reach out.

Other Opportunities for CASFM Members

ASFPM is currently conducting their Annual Collegiate Student Paper Competition with papers due February 11th.
The 2021-2022 ASFPM RISE Challenge was held in three states, including Colorado, with over 35 projects submitted and 475 students. You can find more information found here.

CFM Exam - Want to become a Certified Floodplain Manager? Check out this page to see how you can register with ASFPM, find upcoming exam locations or take it digitally at a testing center, and useful study info to get ready.

Toastmasters - The club meets monthly at the MHFD Board Room with a virtual option, typically over lunch on the last Thursday of the month for 1.5 hours. Please email Dave Skuodas (dskuodas@mhfd.ord) or Jen Winters (jwinters@mhfd.org) if you're interested in participating, there's always an open door for new members. If you'd like to explore Toastmasters on your own, visit https://www.toastmasters.org/.

Annual Conference

2023 CASFM Annual Conference is Sunday, September 17 - Wednesday, September 20 at the Keystone Conference Center. Mark your calendars.
Call For Presentations and Workshops will be coming out early February and due April 7th. Keep your eye for that email.
We are planning to Call for Sponsorships in May and have Open Registration for the Conference in Late June.
Thinking ahead? 2024 Conference will be at Park Hyatt Beaver Creek Resort, Monday September 30 - Thursday, October 3
We will try and keep the Conference Webpage updated with this and future info.

Committee News

The Scholarship Committee recently awarded the three scholarships: the Ben Urbonas Scholarship to Elisabeth Miller, the Family Scholarship to Jessica Robinson, and the Undergraduate Scholarship to Brooke Pennington. Please check out the winners here under each Scholarship name. Congrats!

We are highlighting the Floodplain Management Committee this month!
This is a great committee to help introduce people to the floodplain world and can be a huge benefit to community floodplain managers. It is a great next step for those that want to improve their abilities and knowledge as floodplain managers. Increasing the importance of floodplain management in community officials and the public will protect against loss of life and property. Please reach out to Connor Johnson (connor.johnson@aecom.com) or Leylin Marroquin (Leylin.marroquin@aecom.com) if you have any questions!

Help Wanted Page

CASFM provides the Help Wanted page for public and private member entities to list any openings. CASFM cannot promote any specific opening through CASFM emails, websites, or any CASFM function like the Annual Conference. The job openings are self-uploaded and will stay on the web page for 3 months. You can find the latest opening here.