



## October 2023 Newsletter

### Message from the Chair

We are approaching the end of the year and have lots to celebrate within the organization. We had a fantastic conference last month. A special thank you to every member who donated during our fundraising drive for the scholarship fund. We soared past our goal! Since this is my last newsletter as your Board Chair, I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve this great organization. I am continually amazed at the dedication of this incredible group, and I am proud to stand with you and connect professionals who keep Colorado's watersheds resilient while learning and giving back to our wonderful communities. – Drew

### General Membership Meetings

[November 9, 2023](#) at Matrix Design Group in Colorado Springs, 9am–11am.

[January 11, 2024](#) at MHFD in Lakewood, 9am–10:30am.

[March 14, 2024](#) at TBD, 9am–10:30am.

### Regional Events

Keep a lookout for emails for info or check the [Events](#) page for details as well. You can also visit the [Officers](#) page to contact your Regional Representative with questions or suggestions for an upcoming event!

Region	News	Incoming Rep.	Outgoing Rep.
<b>Metro</b>	Planning on one more event before the year.	Melanie Walter	Jeremy Deischer
<b>Northeast</b>	No upcoming events.	Andrew Fisher	Brian Varrella
<b>Southeast</b>	Top Golf event to come! Date TBD.	Adam Copper	
<b>Northwest</b>	Next event will likely be in the spring.	Lisa Froshaug	Marc Kenney
<b>Southwest</b>	We need a representative! If you're interested, reach out to Drew Beck.	N/A	Bradley Florentin

### 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. Job openings are self-uploaded and will stay on the web page for 3 months.

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## Committee News

### Scholarship Committee

- We raised a record \$5,671 at this year's Silent Auction! Thanks to everyone near and far for participating in the action! We already have plans for bigger and better items next year...stay tuned.
- [Scholarship applications](#) are due by October 30.

### Outreach and Training

- 2024 Training – We are looking into hosting a half-day virtual RasMapper training at the beginning of the year. There will also be a HEC-RAS 1D training and 2D training held towards the middle of the year.
- A big thanks to Kimley-Horn for hosting the three-day HEC-RAS training in November!
- CASFM is offering one \$2,500 Research Grant in 2023, deadline for proposals is November 10. Find out more information here: <https://www.casfm.org/2023/10/09/2023-casfm-research-grant/>.
- 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! The **next O&T meeting is November 15** (typically the third Wednesday of each month). Please contact [Katie Kerstiens](#) to be added to the meeting invite. Reach out if you have any ideas for a lunch and learn, a recent construction project for a field trip, or a new training CASFM should potentially offer.
- We had a great **Environmental Compliance 101** Lunch and Learn presentation from MHFD's Mary Powell on August 23, you can **watch the presentation here**: <https://www.casfm.org/event/lunch-and-learn-environmental-compliance-101/>.

### Young Members Group

The [Young Members Group](#) definitely got out to enjoy some summer activities. Following the ADS sponsored Rockies game, YMG put on their annual summer picnic at Washington Park, filled with great company, several yard games and food. The YMG also spent time helping clean up the South Platte River in an event put on by Protect Our Rivers. Are you interested in finding out more about the YMG and upcoming events or know someone who might be interested in getting on the mailing list? Head to website to find out more!

## Other Opportunities

**Abstract submissions for the 2024 ASFPM Conference** in Salt Lake City are due October 31: <https://www.floods.org/conference/2024-asfpm-conference/call-for-abstracts/>.

**Do you have a research project that needs funding?** Deadline for proposals for CASFM's Annual Research Grant are due on November 10. More information available here: <https://www.casfm.org/2023/10/09/2023-casfm-research-grant/>.

**CASFM Toastmasters meets monthly in the MHFD Board Room** with a virtual option, typically over lunch on the last Thursday of the month for 1.5 hours. Email [Jen Winters](#) 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/>. The next meeting is on [November 29](#).