



GAFM News

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A Message from the Chair

Happy New Year One and All,

2010 will certainly be a new year in GAFM—so much going on and so many changes will be made that it is going to be mighty hard to keep up—but try to anyway, fellow GAFM members, because you are in for the ride of your life !

For starters, you will have a new GAFM Board of Directors this year - complete with a new Executive Board, three new At-Large Representatives and a new East Region and Coastal Region Representative. Michael Burgess ran unopposed in the SW Region, so Michael will be returning to us after a slim victory over the write-in candidate in that region—Shrek !!

I am so excited about the new ideas and the new energy that will be coming to the Board—stay tuned for many exciting happenings in GAFM in the year to come.....

I guess this is the appropriate place in this article to wish you all a fond farewell. Thank you ALL so much for the honor and privilege to have served as your Chair for the past two years. It has been one of the most memorable experiences of my life and what made it s-o-o-o special was each one of you—you are what makes GAFM work and without you, GAFM would be nothing, but a letterhead on a piece of paper. Your passion for floodplain management cannot be rivaled anywhere and I am proud to call you all my friends !! Ok, enough of that.....

I am so jazzed to be able to tell you about our upcoming Annual Conference—can you believe it, we are celebrating our 5th Annual GAFM Conference already ?!?!?!?! This year's Conference, to be held March 23-25, 2010, will be set in one of the most pristine settings in all of Georgia—beautiful Lake Lanier Islands Resort. We will be at the Legacy Lodge, both for accommodations and for the Conference, and this will be the GAFM event to top all of the previous GAFM events !! We will have 5 concurrent sessions per day—one of which, will be our Conference-with-a-Conference—GAFM's NAI Conference. Ed Thomas will be with us again, and he has brought some of the brightest minds in the

NAI field with him. NAI Instructors will include: Chad Berginnis from Columbus, Ohio; Dave Carlton from Seattle, WA; Turgay Dabak from Alexandria, VA; David Mallory from Denver, CO; GAFM's Sean Roche from Atlanta, GA; and many, many other guest speakers to round out their presentations !! This, along with the remainder of the Conference, is something that you want to put on your "must do" list for 2010 !!

Speaking of the Conference, it will be like a wedding.....something old, something new, something borrowed.....oh, you get the idea !! We will have workshops, Consultant Showcases, the CFM Refresher Course and Exam (don't forget to pre-register with both GAFM and ASFPM !!), FEMA, GEMA, Flood Insurance training, CRS, a track on levees, two sessions on Georgia's 2009 flood events—the SW GA Flood Event and the Metro Atlanta Flood Event, favorite speakers who have come back to join us with new and refreshing presentations and so much more !!!

Mike DePue and Major Phillip (Phil) May, FEMA's Region IV Regional Administrator will be our keynote luncheon speakers.

We kind of went all out for our 5 Year Celebration—hope that you can come and be a part of it—it wouldn't be the same without you !!

Oops! I almost forgot to tell you about the golf outing on Monday afternoon, May 22nd to start off the Conference (you can register online for this!!) and the Membership meeting on Thursday, March 25th, to end the Conference. Our Awards Ceremony will also take place during the Membership meeting, as well.

Many thanks to our host, Vee Burnham, the Conference Planning Committee and also, Veronica Briers for making this an event to remember !!!

One last thing about the Conference (I promise !!). We are in the process of arranging with the American Institute of Certified Planners to offer AICP Certification Maintenance credits (CM credits) for the courses we will be offering at the Conference (much like our CFM CEU's). Be sure to forward all of the information about both the Annual Conference and the NAI Conference to all of your "planner" friends and co-workers on your contact list. This will be a great opportunity for them to come and learn a little bit more about what makes us all so passionate—sound floodplain management—and will give us a little insight into what makes them "click" as we get to know them better at our Conferences.

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GAFM would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to:
(Birthdays in Jan, Feb and Mar)

Name	Date
George Eastman	1/17
Chris Budd	2/14
Connie Smith	2/24
Garrett Skinner	2/25
Ranko Pudar	3/15
Anthony Prevost	3/19

Your birthday could be here—send your birthday information to: tturner@augustaga.gov

A GREAT BIG GAFM CONGRATULATIONS TO KEN CARPER (WK DICKSON) WHO WAS RECENTLY ELECTED TO THE AWRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

WAY TO GO, KEN !!

Revised Elevation Certificate and Floodproofing Certificate Approved and Changes to the NFIP

FEMA's Elevation Certificate (FEMA Form 81-31) and the Floodproofing Certificate (FEMA Form 81-65) have been approved. The new expiration date for both forms is March 31, 2012. FEMA will permit a "phase-in" of the revised Elevation Certificate on a voluntary basis. During a 12-month transition period, beginning April 1, 2009, FEMA will accept either the new form or the old form. For more information and copies of the form go to http://www.floods.org/PDF/Committees/Insurance/EC_and_Floodproofing_Bulletin_04-09.pdf.

FEMA also announced changes to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) affecting insurance effective October 1, 2009. A quick summary of the major changes for October 1, 2009 are:

- The basic limit is being increased.
- Premiums are being increased.
 - * V Zones up to the 10% maximum
 - * A Zones up to the 10% maximum except for AH and AO zones
 - * X Zones up 8%
- Minimum deductibles are increasing. There will no longer be a \$500 deductible. Pre-FIRM standard deductibles will be \$2,000. Post-FIRM deductible will be \$1,000.
- A new Risk Rating Method for Leased Federal Properties has been developed.

For more information and the changes go to http://www.floods.org/PDF/Committees/Insurance/October_%2009_Program_Change_Bulletin_04-09.pdf

Conference Calendar of Events



GAFM'S 5TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

- AND -

GAFM'S NAI CONFERENCE

MARCH 23-25, 2010

PLACE: LEGACY LODGE AT LAKE LANIER ISLANDS RESORT

**REGISTRATION: [HTTP://GUEST.CVENT.COM/](http://guest.cvent.com/Events/Info/Summary.aspx?E=34DD2115-8535-43CC-93D6-08F8CDAFFC37)
EVENTS/INFO/SUMMARY.ASPX?
E=34DD2115-8535-43CC-
93D6-08F8CDAFFC37**



ASFPM 34th Annual National Conference

"Building Blocks of Floodplain Management"

Oklahoma City, OK

May 16-21, 2010

Register Now !!

www.floods.org



A Message from the Chair (continued)

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Until we meet again, my friends, may you find joy in all that you do, may each and every day be a new adventure, may you prosper abundantly, and may you continue to promote sound floodplain management across the State of Georgia and anywhere else your travels may take you.

God Bless you all !!

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Points of Interest

Job Corner

Check out the job opportunities posted on GAFM's website at:

www.gafloods.org

Many, many thanks to the folks at Michael Baker Corporation for sharing the wisdom and expertise of Ed Thomas with us at the GAFM Fall Conference in Norcross, GA on September 16-17

Baker

Ed did four 1/2 day sessions on No Adverse Impact at the Conference.

Thanks Ed for a job well done !!

GAFM Congratulations are in order.....



Janet Huffman became the bride of GAFM's Garrett Weiss on December 3, 2009 in Grovetown, GA.



GAFM Chair, Terri Turner, has been invited to participate in the Gilbert F White National Flood Policy Forum in Washington, DC on March 9-10, 2010.

GAFM's Bill Finnick measures depth of flooding on a structure in Metro Atlanta during GAFM's volunteer effort—"Project Hands Across the Waters"—this past September and October. Many thanks to all of the volunteers who gave of their time to do residential substantial damage determinations after the Metro Atlanta flood event.



New CFM's in Georgia

CFM Exam—Wavcross, GA (6/26/2009)

Robert Alexander, CFM
James D Bray, CFM (Florida)
Larry J Davenport, CFM
Keith D Ellis, CFM (Florida)
Carl M Fortson, CFM
Chris J. Griffis, CFM
Robert C Johnson, CFM (Florida)
Robert J McKinney, CFM (Florida)
Marshall R Wilcox, CFM

CFM Exam—ASFPM Conference—Orlando, FL

Lynn Keating, CFM

CFM Exam—Augusta, GA (8/28/2009)

James A Baird, CFM (Florida)
Rodney D Buckingham, CFM
Jerry W Campbell, CFM
Wendell Lupo, CFM
Douglas B Moon, CFM (South Carolina)
Paul Speich, CFM

CFM Exam—Norcross, GA (9/16/2009)

Ferrin Affleck, CFM
Vanessa Birrell, CFM
Michael Kidane, CFM
Raymond Wilke, CFM

GAFM wishes to congratulate all of Georgia's newest CFMs !!



ASFPM's Larry Larson Appointed to National Advisory Council

The Association of State Floodplain Manager's Executive Director, Larry A. Larson, has been appointed to FEMA's National Advisory Council and will be sworn in at its February meeting.

Larson will join 34 other members who are appointed by the FEMA Administrator based on their expertise. They will serve three-year terms. The Council advises FEMA on all aspects of disaster preparedness, including "the development and revision of the national preparedness goal, the national preparedness system, the National Incident Management System, the National Response Plan, and other related plans and strategies" that FEMA uses in its quest for a comprehensive system of preparedness, protection, response, recovery, and mitigation.

This well-deserved recognition of Larson and the ASFPM is important on two fronts. First, Larson's extensive experience and insight will be an invaluable asset to the Council as it provides input to FEMA programs and activities. Second, although the Council's members do represent all levels of government, various local, state, non-profit, and private-sector entities—and all geographic areas—their expertise has been drawn predominantly from the first-responder, public health, and law enforcement fields. With a voice on the Council, the ASFPM hopes to encourage more attention to natural hazards, including floods, and especially to mitigation of all disasters.

Read more about the National Advisory Council and members at its website, <http://www.fema.gov/about/nac/>.

You can go directly to the list of the other NAC members here http://www.fema.gov/pdf/about/nac/nac_member_bio_book.pdf

Congratulations, Larry on this well deserved recognition—Your friends at GAFM !!

Important information regarding "Week-long CFM Courses and CFM Refresher Courses (listed on the website and in this newsletter)

These courses are meant as **preparation courses** for the CFM exam, **but will not take the place of intensive study.**

Prior to this training, GAFM recommends that you read the manual, Floodplain Management Requirements:

A Study Guide and Desk Reference for Local Officials (FEMA 480) available for download at www.floods.org/Certification/FEMA_480.asp.

This manual is lengthy, so please give yourself some time to prepare!

Please note that signing up for these courses does not automatically register you for the CFM exam, and signing up for the exam does not register you for the course. ASFPM requires that you register and submit payment at least two weeks in advance of any CFM exam.

Thank you ladies !!

Many, many thanks to our very special and much needed GAFM volunteers, Veronica Briers and Lacey Turner.

Veronica worked tirelessly behind the scenes to arrange the venue for the GAFM Fall Conference (and she's doing the same thing for the annual conference, as well !!) Veronica's expertise as an event planner sure has come in handy and has also saved GAFM a great deal of money—thanks so much Veronica for an outstanding job !!

Lacey Turner has been with us since the beginning, taking time off of work with her full-time job as a registered nurse to come and help out at our Conferences. She, also, has worked tirelessly behind the scenes doing everything from making copies to loading boxes. She loves greeting the GAFM members at registration and has joked that now GAFM has their own "GAFM Nurse". Thanks you Lacey for all of your outstanding efforts in making our GAFM conferences the huge success that they are !!

***A note of special thanks to Dewberry,
Golder and Dekalb County for arranging
the field trip to Drew Valley at the GAFM
Fall Conference in Norcross, GA on
September 16-17***

A great big GAFM thank you to all of the government and consultant presenters at GAFM's Fall Conference in Norcross, GA on September 16-17:

**FEMA
GEMA
H2O Partners
Dewberry
Manhard
PBS&J
JJG
Thomas & Hutton
WKDickson**

We couldn't have done it without you !!

On the Move.....

If you change you job or change your mailing address be sure and let the GAFM Treasurer know for our records and also let the Newsletter Editor know so that we can publish it here.....

New GAFM Board Email Addresses

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Charles Absher, CFM (Fall Conference)
Jordan, Jones & Goulding; Atlanta

Garrett Skinner, CFM (Annual Conference—2010)
PBS&J; Atlanta

Outreach and Membership Services

David Smith
Jekyll Island Fire Dept

Awards Committee

Charles Absher, CFM
Jordan, Jones & Goulding; Atlanta

Programs Committee

Tom Tkacs, CFM
Atlanta

GIS Mapping & Technology Committee

Sam Crampton, CFM - Dewberry; Atlanta

Mitigation / NAI Committee

Michael Taylor, CFM - Watershed Concepts; Atlanta

Webmaster

Chris Budd, CFM - PBS&J; Atlanta

Your GAFM Board for 2009-2010

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City of Savannah

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Juanita Mikell
City of Savannah

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Garrett Skinner, CFM
PBS&J, Atlanta

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Gilmer County

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George Eastman, CFM
Columbia County

Coastal
David Smith
Jekyll Island Fire Dept

Southwest
Michael Burgess, CFM
Columbus Consolidated Gov't

Central (New as of 4/1/2009)
Raymond Teal, CFM
City of Tifton

Metro Atlanta (New as of 4/1/2009)
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