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A Message From The Chair

Happy 2012! This March will mark the six year milestone of GAFM's

creation. In this time GAFM has hosted six annual conferences, five technical workshops, provided HEC RAS / HEC-HMS one day trainings, NAI webinars, floodplain model sessions and lunch & learns. In addition the GAFM members and Board of Directors have been active in the creation of the Web Site, GAFM news letter, white

papers and letters to Senators and Congressmen regarding GAFM's position on floodplain concerns. Donations to ASFPF Foundation, scholarships to GAFM and ASFPF conferences, partner with ASFPF / OPP for floodplain model in schools, and Nickel Sponsors for ASFPF conferences have been achieved as well.

The Wards 3-D floodplain model is seeing some action. Over the past few months we have held a couple sessions

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Call for Nominations: Outstanding Achievement Awards

Deadline: February 11, 2011

GAFM.Awards@gafloods.org

As part of the Georgia Association of Floodplain Management (GAFM) Annual Conference to be

held at Lake Lanier Islands Resort, March 26-29, 2012, we are seeking nominations of outstanding individuals or programs to be recognized as such. There are several awards that have been authorized by the GAFM Board. A description of the award and the criteria for nomination are described in the following sections. Note that these are not annual awards; there is no requirement that each year an award is given in the described categories, nor is there a requirement that only one award be given at any

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Call for Conference Abstracts

Deadline: Feb. 03, 2012

GAFM.Abstracts@gafloods.org

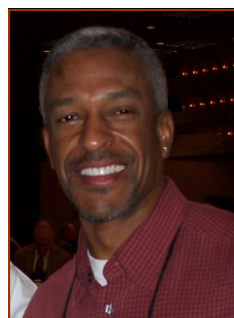
Anyone wishing to make a presentation, as a single presenter or as a group at GAFM's seventh annual conference March 26-29, 2012 at the Legacy Lodge & Conference Center Lake Lanier Islands in Buford,

Georgia must submit an e-mail to Danelle Volpe, Conference Planning Committee (GAFM.Abstracts@gafloods.org) no later than February 3, 2012, to secure a session spot and/or a specific time. This year's GAFM's conference title is "Education: A Bridge Over Flooded Waters."

Suggested topics areas include, but are not limited to:

- * No Adverse Impact (NAI) * Stormwater * Hazus
- * Floodplain * Coastal * GIS * Mitigation * Outreach
- * Hydrology & Hydraulics * Changing policy/regulations
- * Code issues * Emerging ideas/practices * Risk MAP
- * Day to Day floodplain regulatory operations * Other *

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Request for Board Nominations

Deadline: February 21, 2011

GAFM.Nominations@gafloods.org

GAFM is now accepting nominations for Executive board members and Regional and At Large members for the 2012-2013 board terms.

Time Line:

Nomination Period:

We will be taking Nominations for two weeks: (February 7th through February 21 @ midnight)

Campaign Period:

Nomination will have a period of two weeks to campaign for the respective position: (February 22 through March 7th)

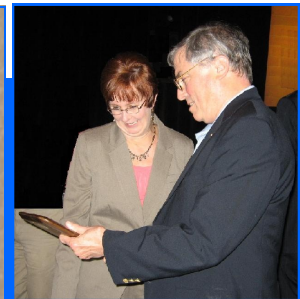
Voting Period

All members will have one week to vote for each Executive

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GAFM AWARDS

Lake Lanier Resort, Buford,
March 26 – 29, 2012



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one time for a specific category. Awards will be based on merit as judged by the GAFM Nominations Review Committee in accordance with the criterias described below.

In order to nominate an individual or program, please submit to the Nominations Review Committee Chair no more than two pages describing the individual or program being nominated. Individual and program nominees must be in general compliance with all applicable floodplain management requirements and otherwise have a satisfactory record with respect to floodplain management. All nominations must have a primary sponsor who is a current member of GAFM.

Nominations should be e-mailed in WORD or PDF format no later than February 11, 2011 to:

Emily Wingo at GAFM.Awards@gafloods.org

Any questions or wish to be on the review sub-committee email Emily Wingo.



Awards will be announced at the Annual Conference; some awards will be presented in a local setting (such as a Commission Meeting) subsequent to the Conference so that the individual or program can be recognized in the local community for their outstanding efforts.

Nomination Review Process

Each award nomination will be evaluated by a sub-committee of three current GAFM members. There will be a separate sub-committee for each nomination. The sub-committee will review their assigned nomination individually, without input or influence from other sub-committee members or the Nominations Review Committee Chair. Sub-committee members are expected to research independently beyond simply reviewing the nominating documents in order to assure themselves of the relative merits of bestowing or denying the award. A yes or no recommendation will be sent by each sub-committee member confidentially to the Review Committee Chair who will tabulate the recommendations. Awards will be bestowed or denied based on a strict accounting of the yes and no votes from each sub-committee. If you are interested in serving on a review sub-committee,

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Juanita Norwood Mikell, passed away on October 29, 2011. She served two terms as GAFM's Secretary in 2008 and 2009. She always provided a helping hand and conversation on any topic. We all will miss her warm heart, big smile, and old school dance moves. Ω



John Carmack passed away on June 28, 2011. He grew up in Tennessee and resided in Savannah, GA while working as an engineer for Thomas and Hutton and the City of Bluffton, South Carolina. John was an active GAFM member, supporter of the Lunch and Learns, and the first person I knew in the private consultant sector to have a CFM in Savannah. I will miss his technical help and remember him as a good friend. Ω

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please contact Emily Wingo at GAFM.Awards@gafloods.org.

Academia Award:

A committee that supports, educational, institution, or philosophy managing principle promotes sound floodplain practices. The award is given when the committee or philosophy that can be measured to reduce flooding or protect life safety and property from flooding. The committee or philosophy can also include water quality protection, groundwater recharge, or the management of stormwater, wetlands, marshes, hammocks, and riparian zones. The committee or philosophy must be in practiced for over five years and recognized by a national origination. Such committee or philosophy include LEED, NAI, floodplain model, LID, and Turn Around Don't Drown.

Program Award for Excellence in Floodplain Management

This award recognizes county or municipal programs, or multiple-jurisdictional programs, demonstrating outstanding local commitment to sound floodplain management. The award is open to any municipal or county sponsored program in the State of Georgia. The program can be multi-jurisdictional in nature, for example a multi-county effort, or a combined municipal/county program, or an RDC sponsored program. Although State of Georgia and FEMA programs are not eligible for this award, local programs that are funded fully or in part by the State and/or FEMA, and are generally administered and implemented on the local level, are eligible. The award will be announced at the Conference but will be presented in the appropriate local setting.

Nominees should be able to generally demonstrate:

- * Improvement to one or more floodplain management outcomes compatible with recognized goals established by GAFM, FEMA, or ASFPM;
- * Contributions to knowledge, methods, technology or regulations; and
- * Achievement of floodplain management objectives over a sufficient period of time, where appropriate.

Where possible, and as appropriate, information accompanying the nomination should include:

- * Brief description of the nominated program;
- * Key performance data relevant to the outcomes;
- * Benefits in terms of health, safety, convenience, aesthetics and quality of urban living; and
- * Independent supporting descriptions and information.

Outstanding Floodplain Manager Award

This award recognizes the individual efforts of an outstanding floodplain manager in the State of Georgia. The individual must have worked, or is currently working in a floodplain management capacity within a municipality or county within the State of Georgia. It is not necessary for them to be a member of GAFM; however, an awardee will also be given a complimentary general one-year membership in



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to promote the Flood Risk Education in Schools Campaign. Ban Saman Yusif, Atlantic Energy and Engineering; Kathy Macias, Douglasville - Douglas County Water & Sewer Authority; Farrah Prewitt, DeKalb County Georgia; Jennifer Roach, GAFM At-Large & Thomas and Hutton; Bill Finnick GAFM Education in Schools Chair; and Tom McDonald, GAFM Chair have presented the model to school children with positive feedback. If you would like to bring the model into your local school or organization, reserve it today by contacting Bill Finnick (bfinnick@charter.net), or me. GAFM has a list of instructors that can help with the presentation if needed. Show GAFM's support by reviewing OPP's web page and "friend" the Facebook link that is listed on the page.


<http://outreachprocesspartners.com/content/index.php?page=flood-risk-education-give-back>

Over 80 attendees participated in GAFM's two day North Region Technical Workshop "When In Rome, Do as the Romans do Levee Protection" held in Rome, GA. The workshop covered topics that included GIS, Hazus, Outreach, NAI, Stream Buffering, Elevation Certificates, Floodplain Model, NFIP Regulations, and a Levee field trip. Thank you to all the presenter: Bruce Bender, Mike Bratcher, Jeff Butler, Aaron Carroll,

Eric Coughlin, Kevin Delmierre, Yigo Gao, Brian McCallum, Stephen King, Mary Roundtree, Seyoum Asamenaw, and Ban Saman Yusif.

The best part is that there is so much more we can do. The more we do as an organization, the more we have yet to do. Think of GAFM's activities as the parts of a circle. If the diameter is what we have done, and the circumference the possibilities of what can be done. The more activities we engage in, the diameter grows, and as the diameter grows, the circumference (possibilities) increases. So, there is still so much more to discover where GAFM can grow. What opportunities we have and what adventures we have ahead. The organization is comprised of educators, scientists, writers, idealists, achiever, and dreamers. Every member has something to offer. An idea, an action, or an expression are all elements needed to form an active Board of Directors and Committee Chairs. You can be part of this. Now is the time to raise your hand and nominate yourself or someone. Hope to see you at the conference and hear your name called out as an award winner or a new Board member this year .

Tom McDonald, CFM
GAFM Chair

Never stop lifting each other up 

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29th. Direct questions and email abstracts to: Danelle Volpe, (GAFM.Abstracts@gafloods.org). Ω

Abstract Submittal Process:

Please submit a one-page abstract along with a brief speaker's biography and contact information (address, phone number and e-mail address) for our 7th Annual Conference. Abstracts should deal with topics geared towards Storm water and Floodplain Management in Georgia. Presentations are selected at the discretion of the Conference Committee. Selected abstracts will be presented during concurrent sessions to be held on March 28th and



****Special Incentive for Public Officials: The first 12 community (city/county employees) presenters who submit an abstract that is accepted will receive a 50% discount on conference registration!****

Farewell: Former GAFM's secretary Verna Yin, CFM has left the State. Literally, she has left Georgia Department of Natural Resources to accept a position in California with the U.S. Forestry Services doing what she loves; being outside and doing field studies. Wish her well! Ω

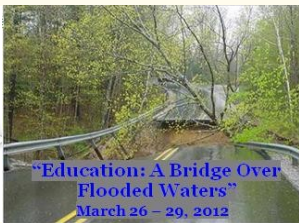


New Website Announcement !

Webpage Master George Thompson, of Atkins, is proud to announce the release of GAFM's newly redesigned website. To show how user friendly the site is, the first three people that email me (GAFM.Chair@gafloods.org) the location of Terri Turner's 2011 Georgia Directory of Flood Officials will win a prize from GAFM's closet.



I would like to thank Professor Sheri Shade and the web development class of Kennesaw State University. The website design was picked out of 10 + different projects. We would like express our gratitude to every group and student for their participation in this project. Like any competition, there can only be one winner. Congratulations to the team of Michael Barker, Sunny Narshi, and Michael Peterson for their hard work and winning re-design. Please visit the site and provide us with your thoughts regarding the redesign . All comments, suggestions and concerns can be sent to George at GAFM.Webmaster@gafloods.org. Ω



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GAFM. The award will be announced at the Conference but will be presented in the appropriate local setting. Nominees should generally have demonstrated outstanding leadership in local floodplain management issues. It is preferred that at least two statements of recommendation, not including the primary nominating statement, be included from local officials or citizens within the community they serve.

The contributions of the nominee should be described in as much detail as appropriate, with specific examples and instances relating to floodplain management included in the nominating document.

Self-nominations will not be considered. This award should be considered as peer-recognition for outstanding local leadership and achievement.

Distinguished Service Award

This award recognizes a current or past member of GAFM who has been an outstanding influence on the credibility, responsiveness, and overall quality of the organization. The nominee should characterize the finest in selfless dedication to promoting and expanding recognition of GAFM as an organization of the highest quality. The nominee should be personally recognizable by a large portion of the GAFM membership as having a critical influence on the success of GAFM. It should be clear in the nominating document that this person’s efforts have help to result in GAFM being recognized as a high quality organization. It is preferred that at least three statements of recommendation, not including the primary nominating statement, also be included. This award will be announced and presented at the Annual Conference.

Meritorious Achievement Award

This award will recognize an individual for achievement above and beyond the “call of duty”. It is not necessary for them to be a member of GAFM; however, an awardee will also be given a complimentary general one-year membership in GAFM. The event, achievement, or motivation for this award is highly variable; it does not have to have occurred in Georgia and does not have to be directly related to floodplain management, although at least indirectly it should positively influence the goal of sound floodplain management. For example, outstanding volunteer disaster relief outside of Georgia could provide for consideration of a nominee. Meritorious achievement can be recognized in the area of education, government, policy, research, litigation, outreach implementation, or other areas that can have a direct or indirect influence on the goal of sound floodplain management. The nominating document should describe the meritorious nature of the individual’s work or achievement, and should clearly indicate how this individual has performed beyond what would be considered their normal or average activities and abilities. It is preferred that at least two statements of recommendation, not including the primary nominating statement, be included from persons intimately familiar with the event or activities precipitating the nomination. The award will be announced at the Conference, and can be presented at the Conference, but can also be presented in the appropriate local setting. Ω

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Board and At-Large position plus the Region Representative that reside in their region. (March 8th through 15th)

Qualifications: Prospective board members must meet the following qualifications to be eligible to be elected for the upcoming term: Be a current GAFM member in good standing, work or reside in the State of Georgia, and attend required meetings. Regional Representatives must live or work in their nominated region.

How to be nominated:

If you would like to nominate yourself or someone for the upcoming board term, please contact Michael Blakely, CFM, by email GAFM.Nominations@gafloods.org or Office (912) 652-7814

Board positions to vote on

<u>Executive Board:</u>	<u>Regional Reps.</u>	<u>At-Large Representatives</u>
Chair	Region 2 – Southwest	All Three positions
Vice Chair	Region 4 – Coastal	
Treasurer	Region 6 – East	
Secretary		

Term – Executive Board member and At-Large position serves for one (1) year but may not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms – two (2) years, provided there are other members capable of filling the position. A Regional Representative serves for two (2) years but may not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms – four (4) years, provided there are other members capable of filling the position.

Special Note: All incumbents are automatically nominated for their posts unless otherwise specified by said person or a qualified person is nominated instead. Ω

