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#### **Mission Statement**

The mission of the ASFPM Foundation is to promote public policy through select strategic initiatives and serve as an incubator for long-term policy development that promotes wise floodplain management.

## **ASFPM Foundation Completes 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Student Paper Competition**

We are pleased to announce results of the second ASFPM Student Paper/Presentation Competition. Two students among those who submitted abstracts were selected to attend the 2012 national floodplain management conference in San Antonio as the guests of the ASFPM Foundation, in order to present their papers in a professional environment. In addition to hosted participation in the full conference, prize money was awarded to the winning students. Please join us in congratulating them, and may they have bright shining futures in Flood Risk Management!

**1<sup>st</sup> Place – Arian Lessani, University of Maryland**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Marshall Kent Tidwell, University of Pennsylvania School of Design**

## **Feature Focus: Nebraska Floodplain and Stormwater Managers Association (NeFSMA)**

The Nebraska Floodplain and Stormwater Managers Association (NeFSMA) was incorporated in 2005 with the mission of providing floodplain management and stormwater education to professionals in Nebraska. Our aim has been to provide educational opportunities to the whole spectrum of professionals from engineers and consultants to local administrators. NeFSMA became an ASFPM state chapter in 2010.

Although we are a relatively young organization, we strive to provide four educational opportunities for our members each year. We also produce a quarterly newsletter and maintain a blog and website in order to keep our members informed of the latest news from around the country.

In July 2012, NeFSMA will hold its fourth annual "Protecting Our Communities" conference. This one day program has three concurrent tracks with topics ranging from stormwater best management practices to levee accreditation and many other topics in-between, and will be attended by over 100 from Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, and Colorado.

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In September 2011, we were able to help sponsor two Substantial Damage Estimator workshops for local floodplain administrators. Julie Grauer, FEMA Region VII, provided two workshops in response to the Missouri River flooding in 2011. NeFSMA helped to provide transportation to a field site and lunches so that the training could be offered at no cost to our communities.

NeFSMA also looks for ways to partner with other organizations whose membership may overlap with ours or whose members may play a role in floodplain or stormwater management. In March 2012, two of our members were able to offer a floodplain management institute at the Nebraska Planning and Zoning Association annual conference. This institute provided a Floodplain 101 crash course for 38 municipal planning and zoning officials in Nebraska.

### **Red Vector Course Authored by Wally Wilson**

The Red Vector program started about 10 years ago, in 2003. Red Vector was an exhibitor at one of our conferences and ASFPM's then Project Manager Assistant Executive Director Mark Riebau began negotiations with them to establish a library of on-line correspondence courses related to different aspects of floodplain management. Various members of the Association that had experience and expertise in specific floodplain specialties were contacted to develop the online course complete with syllabus, the course content, and questions to be asked of future students. For each course accepted by Red Vector, the Association would receive a percentage of the student's enrollment fee. A percentage of the ASFPM share was then provided to the author.

As past Chair of the Association's Floodproofing/Retrofitting Committee, and one who has focused on floodproofing and flood mitigation since retiring from the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources in 1997, I was asked by Mark to develop and author a course for Red Vector on floodproofing. I did this and have been very pleased with the number of enrollees taking the course each year. The course, like most of the courses developed for Red Vector by the Association, focuses on people in the building trades, floodplain managers, and consultants.

Looking back over the years since 1997 when I started my consulting work, I can honestly say that fully 80% of the clients and their work that have come to me are a direct result of my belonging to

Looking to the future, NeFSMA is doing something a little different. We're going on a road trip! In September 2012, NeFSMA members will be boarding a bus to the Twin Cities. This whirlwind trip will offer our stormwater managers a chance to look at the "Evolution of Green Solutions" throughout the Twin Cities.

NeFSMA has come a long way since our founding in 2005 and we look forward to growing and reaching out to even more people. We'd like to thank ASFPM for the help they have provided along the way!

For more information on NeFSMA visit their website at: <http://www.nefsma.com/>

the Association of State Floodplain Managers. The networking opportunities and the name recognition have been invaluable. It therefore is only logical that I try and continue support of the Association and the ASFPM Foundation through yearly donations. An easy way for me to continue doing this was to establish a perpetual donation to the Foundation comprised of 50% of my "royalties" from the Red Vector Floodproofing course (the other 50% goes to my grandson's college fund--he is 2 1/2 now). I would hope that other members of the Association would look at the benefits of their memberships and how much of their annual income might be attributable due to their relationship with ASFPM and its members. Perhaps they can feel justified in establishing similar perpetual donations to the Foundation so that its work can continue to advance the causes of sound floodplain management. This 5-hour interactive online course can be accessed at:

<http://www.redvector.com/course-details.aspx?id=caf9c495-5009-4578-91f2-ce8ca5f446e4>

#### **About the Author:**

Wally Wilson recently transitioned from the Board of trustees of the ASFPM Foundation to continued service on the Advisory Board. A revered and founding member of the Foundation, Wally has been a true lifelong volunteer for the Foundation.

## Announcing ASFPM Foundation Board for 2012-2013

Pictured from left to right below:

Larry Larson, Scott Edelman, Grant Smith, Doug Plasencia, Dale Lehman, David Maurstad, Joseph Bruno, Mark Forest, Brad Anderson, Matt Miller, Jo Ann Howard, Vince DiCamillo, Firas Makarem



## ASFPM Foundation Presents at State Conferences

Members of the ASFPM Foundation will be presenting at several upcoming state conferences. Please find the list below:

Tennessee	July 26th
Ohio	TBA
Kansas	September 5th
Indiana	September 13th
Oklahoma	September 13th
Colorado	September 26th

In addition, the ASFPM Foundation is tentative for Kentucky on September 18th.

## ASFPM Foundation Raises Record Amount at Conference Live and Silent Auctions!

Each year the ASFPM Foundation conducts their most successful annual fundraiser at the national conference via a Silent Auction and an exciting Live Auction. This year we broke the record on both! The Silent raised \$5,818 while the Live garnered a whopping \$8,200! Thanks so much to all who participated in these fun and important events. Your support helps ensure that the nation's floodplains and watersheds are wisely and safely managed. Thank you to all of those who participated!

## Foundation Donations Update

With a goal of \$170,600 this year, we still need your help! ASFPM members now have the opportunity to make a donation to the Foundation on their 2012 Membership Renewal Form – it could not get much easier! Only through your generous support can we reach our final goal. Together we can help guide the future of wise floodplain management!

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