1.0 IDENTIFY AND ADDRESS CRITICAL ISSUES FACING FLOOD LOSS REDUCTION IN THE NATION

1.1 Promote the shared responsibility of flood risk management between the Federal/State/Regional/Local governments, Tribes, the private sector, and citizens.

1.2 Develop strategies to promote ongoing identification, updating and maintenance of flood hazard and flood risk data, for the purpose of improved hazard mitigation, development standards and flood insurance.

1.3 Promote local, state, and federal strategies that provide research, policies, and actions to incorporate resiliency strategies that support adaptations to a changing climate.

1.4 Promote increased knowledge of the insurance element of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), especially Risk Rating 2.0, to flood insurance professionals and floodplain managers.

1.5 Promote and support ASFPM's No Adverse Impact (NAI) program principles through the How to Guides, including legal aspects, along with enhanced NAI training.

2.0 REFINE EXISTING PROGRAMS AND SERVICES TO IMPROVE FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT IN THE NATION

2.1 Promote improved national policy--individually and through coordination with ASFPM members, chapters, and partners (such as coalitions and alliances) -- through papers, publications, webinars, and discussions with Congressional, Administration and other decision makers to better promote mitigation and safer development.

2.2 Promote and support ASFPM's No Adverse Impact (NAI) program principles through the How to Guides, including legal aspects, along with enhanced NAI training.

2.3 Promote increased state and local capacity to decrease flood risk.

3.0 INCREASE THE EFFECTIVENESS AND EFFICIENCY OF THE ASFPM OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

3.1 Identify ways the ASFPM Office and Board of Directors can better serve ASFPM members, Chapters, and partners.

3.2 Support the ASFPM Foundation goals and programs (see ASFPM Foundation goals and objectives).

3.3 Support the Certification Board of Regents goals and programs (see CBOR Strategic Plan 2018-2023).

3.4 Continue progress on office expansion and ASFPM Training Center including fundraising efforts.

3.5 Analyze meetings, conference, and event efficiency and "in-person" sustainability in light of updated Climate Change Policy paper through verifiable carbon offsets. Explore a joint fall leadership meeting including a fall policy conference in DC.

Higher Education Committee
Work Plan 2021-22

The three major initiatives for the Higher Education Committee for the 2021-22 year are:

1. Work with the ASFPM Executive office to develop or find an avenue in a peer review journal for members to publish their research in a national or international journal.

   The committee has been working with Wiley Press and the Journal of Flood Risk Management, based in London, England, to see how we could partner with them. The Journal has been publishing papers in flood risk management for some time. There has been a lag in the movement of this initiative. The Committee intends to see if this initiative could be restarted and will aspire to shepherd the process through the ASFPM executive offices and the Journal staff. Monthly or bi-monthly video calls will be initiated between the committee and Wiley to facilitate discussion and interaction. This will continue until some type of signed agreement between ASFPM, Wiley Press and the Journal as to ASFPM members being able to utilize this publication to publish their research. Once an agreement is reached, if that is the will of the Board, the committee will assist in educating the ASFPM members

2. Work with an Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) initiative to get them more knowledgeable and involved in ASFPM, floodplain mapping, flood insurance and floodplain management.

   The committee will identify at least three HBCUs to work with during the year to relay information and discuss a partnership in the field of risk identification and floodplain management.

This hopefully will result in research projects and/or course or degree development in the field of floodplain management in future out years.

3. Promote the development of college and university research, courses, minors, and majors in the field of floodplain management.

   In a COVID 19 environment many initiatives to develop and strengthen floodplain management were curtailed or put on hold. With COVID19 still having its hold on the nation it may be several months and maybe even a year before the financial situation improves and new or enhanced initiatives are entertained.

   With that said the committee will contact some higher education institutions and gage the environment, serving as a resource to promote and enhance the field of floodplain management.