Professional Development & Continuing Education Committee Annual Status Report

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Introduction

The mission of the Professional Development & Continuing Education Committee (PDCEC) is to provide vision, leadership and direction to ASFPM members regarding issues affecting the floodplain management profession. The PDCEC strives to maintain a high standard of integrity, ethical behavior and practices, professional conduct and skill for all floodplain managers and encourages certification via the ASFPM Certified Floodplain Manager program. PDCEC also strives to expand and promote the professional status and legal responsibility of the CFM and will review and monitor professional education opportunities for floodplain managers.

The PDCEC provides a liaison to the Certification Board of Regents to support the CFM program. In this capacity, the liaison communicates and provides alignment of common activities between CBOR and PDCEC regarding issues affecting the floodplain management profession.

Key Accomplishments

Over the past year, the Professional Development & Continuing Education Committee (PDCEC) helped coordinate the NFIP 101 course for the ASFPM conference and participated in a FEMA local officials training survey. Other projects are currently on hold. Bill Smith was unable to continue as PDCEC co-chair in February. PDCEC is currently looking for a co-chair.

For the NFIP 101 course, PDCEC worked with the Risk Communication & Outreach committee and the course instructors. PDCEC confirmed the instructors for the 2022 workshop, submitted the abstract for the training class, and coordinated with ASFPM on workshop logistics.

The FEMA local officials training survey was completed by PDCEC and a follow-up meeting was held to provide feedback. The survey is directed to local floodplain officials and seeks information regarding the level of training acquired and future training needs.

Recommended Actions

In the next year, a new co-chair will be found to fill the vacancy in the PDCEC. Future priorities will be determined once a new co-chair is determined. Ongoing PDCEC tasks will include continuing to coordinate the NFIP 101 course for the 2023 ASFPM Conference, which will include ensuring qualified instructors are available to teach this course, and updating the “Certification Program Survey” to compare the ASFPM CFM certification program to other certification programs. This survey will be submitted to the PDCEC, CBOR, ASFPM board and the ASFPM executive office.