Chapter District 2
Annual Status Report

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Introduction

ASFPM’s Chapter District 2 encompasses states located in FEMA Region 3 and FEMA Region 5. The Chapters in District 2 experience riverine and coastal hazards. Chapter 2, in full complement, includes the states of Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. It shall be noted that Pennsylvania will be redistricted out of Chapter 2 and into Chapter 1 in 2024.

Challenges

PAFPM (Pennsylvania) has experienced a significant turnover in board membership, in part due to the FEMA hiring of two previous board members. As a result, including post-Covid impact, a lot of effort and time was spent on record maintenance, organization and access, financial record keeping consistency and website functionality. PAFPM has no paid staff. Additionally, the commonwealth of PA has 2500+ municipalities resulting in a complex approach to floodplain management.

MNAFPM’s (Minnesota) challenges are primarily with finding opportunities to improve outreach to community officials to help them expand their understanding and knowledge of floodplain regulations, standards and resources. MNAFPM continues to encourage community officials throughout Minnesota to attend its Chapter’s Annual Conference and to become active in the Chapter.

MFSA (Michigan) had not held an in-person conference in over two years and were a bit rusty at holding the 2023 in-person Annual Chapter Conference in March of 2023. Management of MAFA’s conference registration process and website have been challenging. Additionally, locating members to volunteer their time has been difficult for the MFSA chapter.

Priorities

PAFPM (Pennsylvania) is looking ahead to its Annual Conference to be held on September 26 and 27th, 2023, in State College, PA. The Chapter intends to rebuild its committees and develop outreach events to engage new members. Additionally, assisting connectivity between local floodplain managers and regulators, PEMA & FEMA staff is one of PAFPM’s priority.

MNAFPM (Minnesota) continues to prioritize outreach to the state and regional neighbor states to gain new perspectives on floodplain management in communities, and throughout the floodplain/stormwater industry. MNAFPM’s priorities include: improved outreach to local floodplain administrators, planners and community officials, sponsoring additional attendees to the National ASFPM conference, expanding MNAFPM membership across the state and region, improving
outreach and engagement using social media and increasing involvement with state legislators on floodplain related legislative actions.

MSFA (Michigan) has focused its attention to increasing its Communication Committee activity to better manage its website. This Chapter will also look to improve its registration process for the 2024 MSFA Conference, and look to select the venue for the 2025 and 2026 MSFA Conference.

**Recommended Actions**

PAFPM’s (Pennsylvania) Annual Conference will be held on September 26-27th of 2023. In addition to the annual conference, PAFPM has partnered with MASFPM (Maryland) for an in-person event to tour the Conowingo Dam.

MASFPM (Maryland) is hosting an in-person event to tour the Conowingo Dam, offering partnership with PAFPM.

MNAFPM (Minnesota) is looking forward to hosting its 2023 Annual Conference in Moorhead, MN. MNAFPM is working to expand outreach to community officials with scholarship opportunities to attend its Chapter conference or the National ASFPM conference. Additionally, MNAFPM is looking to plan a joint 2024 Annual conference with IFSMA.

MSFA (Michigan) is working toward regularly scheduled meetings for its Communication Committee. Additional MSFA will continue to hold bi-monthly board meetings.