Professional Development and Continuing Education 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 the Certification Board of Regents and PDCEC regarding issues affecting the floodplain management profession.

Key Accomplishments

A new co-chair, Joe Remondini, PE, CFM, was appointed to the PDCEC this year. Joe is Chairman of the Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association Professional Development Certification Committee.

This year the committee worked to create a professional development training suite with the help of ASFPM staff and Laura Hendrix, the committee’s Certified Board of Regents liaison. This training suite will include several online courses that will be made available to ASFPM members to meet CFM continuing education requirements. Topics for the online courses include problem solving, effective meetings, working with difficult customers, giving effective presentations, effective communication, and time management.

The PDCEC also continues to coordinate the NFIP 101 course at the annual ASFPM conference.

Recommended Actions

PDCEC plans to continue developing the professional development training suite in the coming year. The next phase of development is anticipated to focus on project management and will include topics such as project management 101, communication strategies, and change management. Ongoing PDCEC tasks will include continuing to coordinate the NFIP 101 course for the 2024 ASFPM Conference.