

**New York State Floodplain and Stormwater Managers Association
2009 Annual Conference – Century House, Latham, New York
Annual Meeting
September 23, 2009 1:00PM to 1:45 PM**

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: All Officers present; approximately 60 Association members present
Minutes taken by R. Houck, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by the Chair Janet Thigpen.

Officer/Committee Reports were provided by the officer/committee chair. Full reports are attached as a separate file.

Treasurer's Report (Dan Warren)

- The Treasurer provided a handout summarizing the 2009 planned budget versus actual budget, and current balances (handout attached).
- Expenses for three NYSFSMA members were covered at the 2009 ASFPM conference.
- Janet Thigpen moved to approve the Treasurer's Report; Jim Gabriel seconded; motion passed.

Outreach and Education Committee Report (Jen Marcy, Chair)

- CFM training was conducted in June 2009 in Dryden, NY for 120 code officers; seven took the CFM exam
- Jen is a member of the ASFPM Training and Outreach Committee; one of the key goals of the committee is improving the message of flood risk to local communities.
- A flood model was purchased by NYSFSMA; the model will be used for education/outreach purposes.

Suggestions from the membership regarding outreach/education:

- Making stormwater issues a focus of the NYSFSMA annual conference.
- Breakout session/tracks for stormwater topics.
- Use website and links for outreach.
- Send membership a conference evaluation form by email.

Website Committee Report (provided by Janet Thigpen)

- Matt Putnam is current committee chair, but will be stepping down.
- Committee needs members; website help needed.
- Current issues section was added to the website.
- Continuing to work on on-line conference registration, and PayPal payment mechanism.

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Newsletter Committee (provided by Janet Thigpen)

- Jim Maxwell is the committee chair but was not available to provide a verbal report; he did provide a written report (attached).
- Two newsletters were completed this year.
- Goal for a third newsletter; need articles by October 18.
- Plenary/workshop presenters can provide articles for the newsletter; suggestion was made that conferee presentations be made available to members either on website or other electronic media.
- Discussion followed on possibility of merging website and newsletter committees; consensus at this time was to keep committees separate as functions remain separate.

Public Policy Committee (Janet Thigpen, Chair)

- NYSFSMA being a 501c3 cannot lobby, but can provide educational and informational materials
- NYSFSMA completed and sent five letters this year:
 - Letter to USGS and NY Congressional Representatives and Senators regarding maintaining at least the same level of stream gage funding;
 - Letter regarding funding for flood programs within New York State;
 - Letter to FEMA urging that FEMA continue to provide paper FIRMs to local communities rather than only digital electronic copies;
 - Two letters to western NY newspapers regarding post-flood rebuilding and flood insurance issues (letters were not published).
- Public comments on the SPDES permit revisions are due in October to NYSDEC.
- Levee certification will become an extremely important issue and New York and nationwide.

Conference Committee (Russell Houck, Acting Chair)

- Written report provided and attached.
- The conference venue was changed from Rochester to Albany base on travel restrictions for state workers; Rochester will likely first venue considered for 2010 conference.
- Sponsors and attendees were thanked for their support of the 2009 conference.
- Planners and volunteers were thanked for work on this year's conference.
- Suggestions welcomed for future conferences.

By- Law Amendment

- Proposed NYSFSMA By-Law Amendments were emailed to the general membership in August (more than 30 days ahead of conference); copies of the proposed changes were also provided during the meeting.
- Proposed changes to Article 3 Sections 2 and 3, and Article 4, Section 1 pertained to inactivity of directors, board meetings, and board member proxies.
- After discussion, Ken Jennison moved that the proposed By-Law changes be approved; Alton Knapp, III seconded; motion passed.

Election of Officers

- The Chair provided a slate of names which had been proposed by the Nominations Committee; nominees included:

Chair: Shane Nickle

Vice Chair: Jen Marcy

Secretary: Sri Gorugantula

Treasurer: Larry Lepak

The floor was opened for any additional nominations; no further nominations were made. Janet Thipen moved that the Association accept the nominated slate of officers for the next 2-year term.; Alton Knapp, III seconded; motion was approved.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting and seconded; motion passed.