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The official newsletter of the Louisiana Floodplain Management Association

LFMA Board Member Election



The LFMA board member election portal is open through Monday, April 27, 2021 at 5:00PM. An e-mail was sent to all members from invitations@mail.electionbuddy.com with a link to the online voting system. If you have not yet voted please do so before the deadline so that your vote may be counted.

NEW MAILING ADDRESS



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Please ensure your accounting departments update their records.

LFMA 2021 Workshops



LFMA will be hosting four virtual workshops in 2021 for CECs

April 30, 2021	June 25, 2021	September 24, 2021	December 10, 2021
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An e-mail was distributed to all LFMA members on April 12, 2021 with a registration link for the April 30th workshop as well as a copy of the workshop agenda. The agenda is also included with this newsletter. If you have no registered for this workshop please use the following link to do so as soon as possible: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_rg4MlxWfToCPgOkwPSYwnw.

Region 6 Brown Bag Sessions



FEMA Region 6 offers monthly "Brown Bag Sessions" to help communities become more flood-resilient. Below is a link to register for these sessions and a list of upcoming topics:

<https://R6VirtualBrownBag.Eventbrite.com>

4/27/2021: BLE Best Practices in Texas

6/29/2021: Community Planning with BLE

7/27/2021: BLE, New Flood Maps & Open Houses: Lessons Learned on Virtual Community Engagement

8/31/2021: The Estimated BFE Viewer: What's New

CFM Exam Dates



The CFM Exam will be proctored in Louisiana on the following dates in the Parishes/areas listed. These listings will be added to the ASFPM exam schedule soon and you will find the contact information for registration through their website. <https://www.floods.org/certification-program-cfm/getting-certified/cfm-exam-offerings/>

May 7, 2021 Lafourche Parish

May 7, 2021 Livingston Parish

July 9, 2021 Rapides Parish

July 9, 2021 Calcasieu Parish

October 1, 2021 Ouachita Parish

October 1, 2021 Jefferson Parish

DRT Coordinator Needed



The Disaster Response Team is in need of new Coordinator. This person will oversee program activities, oversee disaster deployments, oversee substantial damage estimator results, and promote the committee program on a state, community, and national level. If you are interested in filling this role please contact Kara Moree at kara.moree@oneatlas.com.

NFIP Overhaul: Risk Rating 2.0



LFMA continues to review FEMA’s implementation plan for RR2.0 for existing policyholders. The association is engaging with our Legislative and Congressional Delegation, as well as our internal and external stakeholders to better understand the impacts for the almost half a million policyholders in Louisiana. We encourage our members to stay informed and make themselves knowledgeable about these NFIP rate changes and how they will affect the communities that we serve and live in. <https://www.fema.gov/flood-insurance/work-with-nfip/risk-rating>

ASFPM Virtual Conference



ASFPM will hold its 45th annual conference May 10-14, 2021 in a virtual setting. Conference fee is \$350 for ASFPM members (\$400 for non-members) and includes all live conference plenary and concurrent sessions, access to the interactive “xpo360” virtual exhibit hall, and the ability to rewatch all conference sessions for over 6 months.

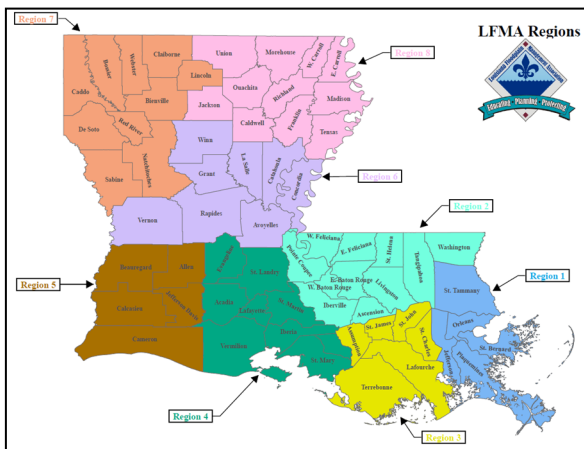
Registration is open at <https://www.floods.org/conference/registration/>.

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**LFMA Agenda
Virtual Workshop
30 April 2021**

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Approved for 2.5 CECs through ASFPM

Click [HERE](#) to Register

Workshop

9:00 AM – 9:05 AM

**Kara Moree, CFM – LFMA Vice Chair –
One Atlas, Environmental Manager**

Welcoming Address

9:05 AM – 9:35 AM

**Jamelyn Trucks, CFM, PMP, CGM –
ATKINS, Senior Project Manager**

Assessing Preparedness for SD Compliance

9:35 AM – 10:05 AM

**JT White & Susanna Pho, CFM –
Forerunner**

Streaming FM Workflows with Local Data

10:05 AM – 10:35 AM

**Jennifer Gerbasi, CFM &
Chris Pulaski – Terrebonne Parish**

**How Subsidized Flood Insurance May
Elevate Flood Safety to a New Level**

10:35 AM – 11:05 PM

**Nic LeBlanc, CFM, CBO – Tangipahoa
Parish**

Local Studies - Remapping Benefits

11:15 AM – 11:30 PM

**Gary O’Neal, CFM – LFMA Policy Committee Chair
Fenstermaker, Grants Manager**

FPM Issues to Weigh in On

11:30 AM – 11:45 PM

**Michelle Gonzales, CFM – ASFPM Region 6 Rep
Jefferson Parish Ecosystem and Coastal Director**

ASFPM Updates

Annual Business Meeting

11:45 AM – 12:00 PM

Ted Debaene, CFM – LFMA Executive Director

Repairing/Rebuilding After a Hurricane – Resources You Can Use

Mitigation is acting now to reduce future risk. You can repair/rebuild safer and stronger after Hurricane Laura and Community Education and Outreach can help you on your recovery journey.

To Speak to a Mitigation Specialist:

Call 866-579-0820 or

Email us FEMA-MitOutreach-4559@fema.dhs.gov

More Resources Are Available Online, Visit:

<https://fema.connectsolutions.com/lauramit/>

Or Use the QR (Quick Response) Code to Locate Mitigation Resources:

1. Download a FREE QR Code Reader on the Apple Store and the Play Store
2. Scan the code
3. Open the document and review the information



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