



# FLOODWATCH

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The official newsletter of the Louisiana Floodplain Management Association

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE EDITION

LFMA ANNUAL TECHNICAL AND BUSINESS CONFERENCE— April 6-8, 2022, Baton Rouge, LA



LFMA is excited to invite everyone to register for our 2022 annual conference **BACK TO THE BASICS 2.0** which will be IN PERSON in Baton Rouge this year. This year's conference committee chairperson is Kara Moree and can be reached at [kara.moree@oneatlas.com](mailto:kara.moree@oneatlas.com) if you have any questions about the location. The draft agenda is attached to this Newsletter with minimal information as the speakers and locations of various activities are still to be determined. Register for the Conference at this [LINK](#)

### Conference Accommodations



LFMA has reserved a block of rooms at the Baton Rouge Marriott, the site of the annual conference, and you can now reserve your room using the link below for \$114 per night. Rooms need to be booked at this [LINK](#) by **March 16, 2022** to receive the group rate.

### Presenters Needed



The call for presenters is open for the 2022 Annual Conference. If you are interested in presenting at the conference please submit an abstract at this [LINK](#). Abstracts are due by **Sunday February 20, 2022** and notifications of selection will be announced by Friday February 25, 2022. All presenters will need to plan on in person attendance to deliver their presentation.

### Conference Exhibitors and Sponsorship



If you or your firm are interested in exhibiting or sponsoring at this year's conference please follow this [LINK](#) for more information about sponsorship levels for our conference. Sponsorship deadline is **March 1, 2022**.

### Intent to run for the 2022-2023 Board of Directors is now open



Submit self-nominations or your intent to run for office to the LFMA Secretary, Darla Duet [duetda@lafourchegov.org](mailto:duetda@lafourchegov.org) by **Tuesday March 1, 2022**. Include a short bio and photo.

Term – the officers shall hold office through June 30 of the year following election.

### Executive Board

- 1) **CHAIR:** The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and shall see that orders and resolutions of the Board are carried out.
- 2) **VICE-CHAIR:** The Vice-Chair shall act in the place and stead of the Chair in event of their absence, inability or refusal to act, and shall exercise and discharge such other duties as may be required by the Board. The Vice-Chair shall arrange the location and time of Board Meetings and shall organize such meetings.
- 3) **SECRETARY:** The Secretary shall record the votes and keep the minutes of all meetings and procedures of the Board and of the members, keep appropriate current records showing the members of the Association together with their addresses, and shall perform such other duties as required by the Board.
- 4) **TREASURER:** The Treasurer shall have the custody and control of the funds of the Association subject to the action of the Board of Directors, and shall report the state of the finances of the Association at each meeting thereof. Treasurer shall also perform such other services as the Board may require from time to time.

### Regional Representatives

Each region will be allowed up to two Representatives – one Primary Representative and one Alternate. The representative must be located within the region they represent as determined by address in Membership Directory. Election will be by vote of those members within their respective regions. If two or more members are on the ballot for a region, the candidate with the most votes will be the Primary Representative and the candidate with the second highest number of votes will be the Alternate.

**Region 1:** Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, and St. Tammany Parishes

**Region 2:** Ascension, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Livingston, Pointe Coupee, St. Helena, Tangipahoa, Washington, West Baton Rouge, and West Feliciana

**Region 3:** Assumption, Lafourche, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, and Terrebonne Parishes

**Region 4:** Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, and Vermilion Parishes

**Region 5:** Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, and Jefferson Davis Parishes

**Region 6:** Avoyelles, Catahoula, Concordia, Grant, LaSalle, Rapides, Vernon, and Winn Parishes

**Region 7:** Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, DeSoto, Lincoln, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine, and Webster Parishes

**Region 8:** Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, and West Carroll Parishes

### Membership Renewal



If you haven't yet renewed your annual membership, now is the time to do so as you can receive a discount on conference registration, run for the board of directors, and vote in the annual election.

You can access MemberClicks through this [LINK](#) to renew.

### Rod Edwin Emmer Award



The Rodney Edwin Emmer Award is given annually to recognize an outstanding floodplain management community, organization, or individual.

The award commemorates the many years of service that Rod Emmer gave to LFMA. He was our Executive Director from the inception of LFMA until he passed in 2009. He was always there and his opinions were highly regarded and generally followed. For 25 years, he provided leadership and a steadying influence. Rod was a very special person who affected many lives inside and outside the Floodplain Community. Rod would constantly remind us that "we shouldn't settle for minimum compliance or just getting by" and that "we should not forget what was right and remember what makes for good floodplain management as opposed to just meeting some program requirements".

Any member of LFMA can nominate a community, organization, or individual. Nominations need to be submitted via this [LINK](#) to the Executive Director, Mike Hunnicutt.

**Deadline for nominations is Tuesday March 1, 2022.**