The Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association hosted a reception for state legislators and their staffs on Wednesday, February 14, from 10:00 am till 2:00 pm at the State Capitol. The reception was a great success, and afforded OFMA members and flood victims an opportunity to discuss major floodplain management issues with the lawmakers.

OFMA members attending the reception were Chair Anna Waggoner, Woodward; Vice-Chair Larry Shelton, Chickasha; Executive Director Ken Morris, OWRB; Treasurer Carolyn Schultz, Tulsa Corps; Past Chair Ron Flanagan, Tulsa; Secretary Lynne Stevenson, Canadian County; Region 1 Rep. Nancy Kennedy, Edmond; Region 2 Rep. Nancy Wade, Bartlesville; Region 3 Rep. David Sprouse, Madill; Region 5 Rep. Jason Shiever, OWRB-Woodward; Webmaster Hank Elling, OWRB-Lawton; Rhonda Kouba, OWRB; Nancy Shipley, GGEDA-Big Cabin; Ed Fite, Okla. Scenic Rivers Comm.; Joe Remond-
strategies for improving the safety and well-being of society before a natural hazard becomes a disaster.

A major conference goal is to develop public and private partnerships to create a disaster resilient society through improved planning, engineering and architectural design and technology. Several sessions are planned:

- Surviving structural damage due to hail, lightning, tornadoes, and strong winds: planning and engineering for severe weather resistant structures.
- Managing risk of extreme temperature and weather: energy, drought, and water resources.
- Mitigating flood impacts for disaster resilient communities: warning systems and predictions.
- Interventions for change: incentives, legislation, regulations, innovations, and education.
- Action agenda planning 2002: developing projects and initiatives for implementation of priorities identified during the symposium.

Registration fee for the National Symposium is $50.00. There is no charge for the Oklahoma Flood Forum. A complete agenda is available from Cindy Ward, International Center for Natural Hazards and Disaster Research, University of Oklahoma, 710 Asp Ave., Suite 8, Norman, OK 73069; (405) 447-8418; e-mail: cward@ou.edu.

Oklahoma Flood Forum- Tulsa, April 4, 2001

The Oklahoma Flood Forum, a one-day professional training workshop for real estate and insurance agents, lenders, and public officials, will be held in Tulsa at the Civic Center, Wednesday, April 4, 2001, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The training workshop is specifically designed for professionals for whom accurate information about flood insurance is of critical importance. Past Flood Forums, held in Lawton and Lubbock, Texas, proved very beneficial to participants. All Floodplain Administrators should inform their real estate and insurance agents, lenders, and public officials about the Forum.

The morning plenary session begins at 9:00, and includes subjects of general interest to all participants. The afternoon break-out sessions are geared specifically to each of the professions: real estate and insurance agents, lenders, and public officials. Continuing education credits are awarded to real estate agents, insurance agents and Certified Floodplain Managers.

The Oklahoma Flood Forum is sponsored by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), the City of Tulsa, Project Impact’s Insurance Committee, and the Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association (OFMA).

Ken Morris Receives OWRB Award

W. Kenneth Morris, CFM, OFMA’s Executive Director and the State of Oklahoma’s National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Coordinator, received the Oklahoma Water Resources Board’s (OWRB) Employee of the Quarter award.

Mr. Morris oversees the National Flood Insurance Program for Oklahoma’s 363 member communities. Rhonda Kouba assists him in carrying out Oklahoma’s floodplain management program. He has initiated countless outstanding accomplishments related to the promotion of sound floodplain management in the state of Oklahoma. In addition to providing numerous technical assistance and training opportunities for the state’s floodplain managers, Mr. Morris spearheaded the development of OFMA and its nationally recognized certification program—the first nationally accredited program in the U.S.

Mr. Morris also serves on the OFMA and the National ASFPM Professional Development and Certification Committees. He was Oklahoma’s first nationally-accredited Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM).

Mr. Morris is active in the national Association of State Floodplain Managers, and is widely recognized as being one of the best state floodplain administrators in the nation.

OFMA is very proud of Mr. Morris, his accomplishments, and his much deserved award.
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ini, Tulsa-Corps; Marion Stinson, GGEDA; Rowena Yeahquo, Piedmont; Kent Wilkins, OWRB; Mike McCool, TAEMA-Tulsa; Andy Kincaid, Stillwater; Dan Cary, Cleveland County; Melissa Fruits, Tonkawa; Eathel Moring, McClain County; Jeff Byram, Edmond; Jackie D’Amico, Midwest City; and Mike Melton, OWRB.

Debe Homer, Congressman J.C. Watt’s Office; and flood victim Tammy Turner

OFMA’s Secretary, Lynne Stevenson and Canadian County Commissioner Stanley Wallace.

OFMA members met with legislators, discussed the bills, and the need for increased state emphasis on flood-hazard mitigation.

Special guests attending the reception and visiting with legislators about the state’s flood problems were flood victim Tammy Turner; Canadian County Commissioner Stanley Wallace; and FEMA Region VI Hazard Mitigation Officer Lonnie Ward. OFMA members were especially impressed with the interest in flooding and the plight of flood victims shown by Congressman J.C. Watts’ office and staff member Debe Homer.

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Legislative initiatives of special interest to OFMA members and flood victims include:

HB1329-Floodplain Management Fees. Authorizes the establishment of Floodplain Management Boards by the OWRB, counties and municipalities to adopt, administer and enforce floodplain regulations, and to charge reasonable fees for services, not to exceed $500.00 per application.

HB1949, Section 3 -Funding for Flood Hazard Mitigation. Authorizes $1 million for the Flood Hazard Mitigation Financial Assistance Program, to be used to help communities achieve their local match for HMGP or FMA flood mitigation funds.

These bills may be read in their entirety at: www2.lsb.state.ok.us/docs/hb_ engr.html, then scroll down to HB1329 and HB1949, Section 3.
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Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association

Vision
Floodplains are for floodwaters, habitat, water quality enhancement and recreation.

Mission
We encourage and support, with our partners, flood-safe development and flood mitigation. We promote sound floodplain management practices and the natural and cultural benefits of the floodplain. We support the floodplain management profession through education and certification.

Saving lives from floods and reducing property loss from floods are paramount to us.

An Invitation to Join OFMA

The Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association is a non-profit organization primarily dedicated to providing information and education to the public about reduction of loss of life and property due to flooding.

OFMA Membership Application

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A Personal Note of Thanks from the Chair

I wish to thank all OFMA members who made OFMA’s 4th Annual Legislative Reception at the state capitol such an outstanding success. The reception was our largest turnout and best such event to date.

Members met with legislators and their staffs to discuss floodplain management issues and to educate them on two important measures before the House and Senate. OFMA members met with lawmakers about House Bills 1329 and 1949.

HB 1329, authored by Rep. James Covey and Sen. Rick Littlefield, will amend the State Floodplain Act to give authority to towns, cities and counties to establish reasonable administrative fees to cover the operating costs of their floodplain management programs. John Ward, Executive Director of ACCO, is in support of the measure and is providing guidance to OFMA. HB 1329 passed the Administrative Rule Review Committee on Feb. 21. Committee Chair Charlie Gray proposed placing a cap of $500.00 on the fees per application.

HB 1949, authored by Rep. Larry Rice and Sen. Kevin Easley, will appropriate $1 million for the State Flood Hazard Mitigation Account. This bill was sent to the House Rules Committee, and was transferred to the Appropriations and Budget Subcommittee. The bill passed out of subcommittee on Feb. 19. Thanks to Chairman Rep. Russ Roach for his help.

Numerous legislators and their staffs visited the reception and enjoyed Jamil’s maple glazed meatballs and chicken drumettes. Representative Dr. Larry Rice introduced OFMA members to the House when it went into session at 1:30. A great time was had by all.

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Commissioner Fisher Joins OFMA

Oklahoma State Insurance Commissioner Carroll Fisher, pictured left with OFMA Chair Anna Waggoner, announced that the Oklahoma Insurance Commission has joined OFMA as a corporate member.

Commissioner Fisher has worked closely with OFMA since his election as head of the Insurance Commission. He has delivered keynote speeches at OFMA conferences and spoken at training sessions and at the Oklahoma Flood Forum.

Commissioner Fisher has awarded Continuing Education Credits for insurance agents who attend flood insurance training. The commissioner states that he is dedicated to informing every person living in the floodplain that low-cost flood insurance is available to property owners and renters.

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C. David Sprouse, CFM

Code Enforcement Officer, Madill

C. David Sprouse is the 2000-2001 Region III Representative and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association.

C. David Sprouse has worked for the City of Madill since 1979. He was first hired in the Water Department, then became City Inspector in June 1981. He has a State Inspector’s License in building, electrical, mechanical and plumbing. David is also Madill’s Code Enforcement Officer and Zoning Administrator, and serves as a volunteer fireman.

Mr. Sprouse became a Certified Floodplain Manager in January 1998 after taking the CFM course at the University of Oklahoma - something he recommends for all floodplain managers. Taking the course gave him a better understanding of code enforcement, generally, and of the tasks of a floodplain administrator. “It was an eye opening experience,” Sprouse said.

David has been active in the Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association for a number of years, and since 1999 has served as the Region III Representative on OFMA’s Board of Directors. He lives with his wife and children in Madill.
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