Floodplain Management Icons - Dr. Gilbert White, the father of modern floodplain management, and Dr. John Schafer, leader in floodproofing, visit the OFMA exhibit at the national Association of State Floodplain Managers’ Annual Conference in Austin, TX, June 2000. (see related stories on pages 2 and 3)

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The Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM), OFMA’s parent national organization held it’s biggest conference yet. Over 730 floodplain management professionals enjoyed a week of training and networking at Austin’s Hyatt Regency on Town Lake.

A bold new national program was announced at the conference, calling for fundamental shifts in national floodplain management policies and programs. The report, *National Flood Programs in Review - 2000*, identifies improvements needed to implement a program which creates “no adverse impacts”. The program is long overdue, and is enthusiastically endorsed by OFMA (see related story on page 3).

Diane Calhoun, Albert Halff & Associates, Dallas, was elected to the ASFPM Board of Directors, representing Region VI. OFMA’s Ken Morris, Hank Elling, Lonnie Ward, Joe Remondini, Fred Liebe, and Dorothy Martinez taught the 8-hour *Floodplain Management 101* course at the national conference.

OFMA members attending the national conference included OFMA Chair Ron Flanagan, Tulsa; State NFIP Coordinator Ken Morris, OWRB; Past-Chair, Paul Zachary, City of Tulsa; Treasurer, Carolyn Schultz, USACE; Region 5 Rep. Jason Shiever, OWRB; Past Regional Dir., Pat Hoggard, City of Tulsa; Joe Remondini, USACE; Fred Liebe, ODCEM; Gavin Brady, OWRB Tulsa; Hank Elling, OWRB Lawton; Kent Wilkins, OWRB McAlester; and Lonnie Ward, FEMA, Region VI.

**Calendar of Events**

- **Sep 13-15, 2000:** Oklahoma Municipal League Conference and Exposition, Tulsa Convention Center, Tulsa, OK. Information, Contact: OML at (405) 528-7515.
- **Sep 24-27, 2000:** Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association (OFMA) Annual Fall Conference, Lake Texhoma State Lodge. Contact: OFMA, P.O. Box 8101, Tulsa, OK 74101-8101; [http://www.okflood.org](http://www.okflood.org)
- **Jan 8-12, 2001:** OWRB’s Floodplain Management through the NFIP; Norman/OU Conference Center. Contact: OWRB, Ken Morris, (405) 530-8800.
- **Mar 7, 2001:** OFMA Spring Training; OU Conference Center. Contact: OWRB, Ken Morris, (405) 530-8800.
- **May 8, 2001:** OWRB Region 1 Floodplain Management Workshop - Norman, OK Contact: OWRB, (405) 530-8800.
- **May 10, 2001:** OWRB Region 2 Floodplain Management Workshop - Tulsa, OK Contact: OWRB, (405) 530-8800.
- **May 22, 2001:** OWRB Region 5 Floodplain Management Workshop - Woodward, OK Contact: OWRB, (405) 530-8800.
- **May 24, 2001:** OWRB Region 4 Floodplain Management Workshop - Lawton, OK Contact: OWRB, (405) 530-8800.
- **May 31, 2001:** OWRB Region 3 Floodplain Management Workshop - McAlester, OK Contact: OWRB, (405) 530-8800.
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER FULFILLS PROMISE FOR FLOOD INSURANCE TRAINING

Oklahoma Insurance Commissioner Caroll Fisher, speaking at the Oklahoma Flood Forum held in Lawton, promised to make flood insurance part of the training for insurance agents in the state. As a result of the flood event around the Tulsa Area in May, several public meetings were held in Sand Springs, Sapulpa and Coweta. Questions were brought forth in these meetings regarding flood insurance training for insurance agents and adjusters.

A New Floodplain Management Vision: ASFPM’s “No Adverse Impact Floodplains”

The Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) has developed a bold, new policy agenda that calls for fundamental shifts in national policies and programs for coping with flood losses and managing floodplain resources of the nation. Since the early 1900’s, flood damages have increased sixfold, and now approach $6 billion annually.

The Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM), OFMA’s Parent national organization, met in Austin, TX for their annual conference, and released their “National Flood Programs in Review - 2000” a major policy document that outlines several innovative approaches to reducing the staggering costs of flood damage. The heart of the report recommends that federal, state and local planning authorities adopt a new policy that reduces the impact of development in the Nation’s Floodplains.

In conjunction with the reports release, the ASFPM is adopting a five-year strategy to work towards implementation of the needed changes. The first year will focus on two goals which OFMA has adopted as primary objectives:

1. Fostering local and individual responsibility and capability for flood problems, and
2. Training and Education for the public and professionals.

Lisa Holland, chair of the ASFPM, said “Many citizen’s have developed an unhealthy reliance on federal tax dollars to solve their flooding problems. We have developed a complacency which is partly due to federal flood control projects and disaster relief programs.” The ASFPM’s position, said Holland is that since virtually all land use decisions are locally based, floodplain management and disaster mitigation must also be locally driven.

“The only way we will ever escape from continually increasing flood damage costs is for local planning agencies to take accountability for their actions” she said. Flood experts have found that communities following current national floodplain development standards experience increased flooding and flood damages. The association’s major recommendation is that flood-prone areas are managed using a “no adverse impact floodplain” planning approach.

This means that no land use development in the watershed could adversely impact other property upstream or downstream, by increasing either flood elevations, or flood velocities. Exceptions could only be based on requiring comprehensive local plans that ensure that all potential adverse impacts would be properly mitigated to avoid current and future flood damage.

Holistic Approach. The ASFPM and OFMA envision a trend that will result in a sustainable future, one in which floodplains are used only in ways that protect their integrity as enduring ecological systems. In considering how best to achieve sustainable floodplains, the ASFPM has generated a list of changes which are fundamental to moving forward.

The ASFPM sees five principal needs:

1. Foster Responsibility and capability at the individual, local and state levels.
2. Refine policies, programs, and coordination.
3. Assemble and improve necessary data and tools.
4. Enhance education, training, and public awareness, and
5. Assess and evaluate programs.

These action items will be the focus of OFMA and the ASFPM efforts over the next five years of our work with state, and local governments, federal agencies, the insurance industry, developers, legislatures, consultants, and other individual professionals in floodplain management and related fields, and our many other partners in the public and private sectors.

National Flood Programs in Review - 2000 can be obtained by calling the Executive Office of the ASFPM at (608) 274-0123 or by downloading the document at ASFPM’s website at www.floods.org, or at OFMA’s website at www.okflood.org. The report is 54 pages in length, while the summary is 8 pages.
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Join our 2nd annual 18 hole golf scramble. Come and play the Lake Texoma Golf Course. There will be prizes for men and women. This is a friendly, fun tournament open to all golfers. Whether you play well, or have never played in a tournament, this event is for you.

$50.00 fee per player includes green fees, shared cart, box lunch and beverage, prizes & surprises. Registration deadline is September 15th. Please make your checks payable to OFMA and mail to P.O. Box 8101, Tulsa, OK 74101-8101.

For any questions, please contact Carolyn Schultz at 918 669-4919 or by e-mail at: Carolyn.Schultz@swt02.swt.usace.army.mil

Name: ___________________________ Telephone Number: ___________________________

Preferred Playing Partner: _______________ Handicap: ___________________________
OFMA Membership Renewal

OFMA’s membership runs from October 1st to September 30th each year

Our goal is to be a professional organization for floodplain management professionals that provides the latest news, information, training, and education needed to administer the complex requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program at the local level. OFMA also offers certification of professional floodplain managers.

To those ends, OFMA, in conjunction with the OWRB and other local, state, and federal agencies publish a monthly newsletter and provides numerous training opportunities throughout the year. OFMA will also be working closely with the Oklahoma Emergency Managers Association (OEMA) and the Oklahoma Municipal League (OML).

Every local floodplain administrator or professional can benefit from OFMA Membership, and contribute to his/her community and state by reducing loss of life and property due to flooding.

Benefits of membership include:
- Professional organization membership for your profession.
- Monthly Newsletter with the latest information
- Networking with other Floodplain Management Professionals
- Annual Fall 3-day training conference
- Annual Spring Technical Training Workshop
- Resource for needed assistance
- Channel for your voice for changes and improvements in floodplain management
- Testing and Certification for Professional Floodplain Managers
- Annual issue of ASFPM’s News & Views, national newsletter
- Handsome Membership Certificate for framing
- Membership Directory
- Reduced rates at training workshops and conferences which exceed the cost of OFMA Membership

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.

The best investment that $20.00 can buy in the future of your state is a membership in the Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association.

OFMA Membership Application

Name: ________________________________
Title: ________________________________
Work Phone: ________________________________
Fax: ________________________________

Company/Organization: ________________________________
Address: ________________________________
City/Town: ________________________________ State: _______ Zip: _______
E-Mail: ________________________________

Detach and Mail To:
OFMA
P.O. Box 8101
Tulsa, OK 74101-8101

Category Affiliation(s): ________________________________
New Member: ☐ Renewal: ☐
Region (see map):  1  2  3  4  5
Categories:
A. Mitigation  B. Floodplain Regulations
C. Flood Insurance  D. Mapping & Engineering
E. Flood Proofing  F. Stormwater Management
G. Research

Dues Schedule
First-Year dues are prorated depending on the quarter during which you join. Fiscal year is October 1 – September 30.

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OKLAHOMA FLOODPLAIN MANAGERS ASSOCIATION

10th Annual Fall Training Conference
Floodplain and Stormwater Management:
Meeting the Challenge in the New Millennium

Saturday - September 23rd, 2000
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm  Board of Directors Meeting

Sunday - September 24th, 2000
11:00 am  2nd Annual Golf Tournament, Texoma Golf Course

Monday - September 25th, 2000
9:00 am - 12:00 pm  Conference Registration
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm  Lunch - on your own
1:00 pm - 1:20 pm  Opening Ceremony, OFMA Welcome, Ron Flanagan, Chairman
1:20 pm - 1:40 pm  Albert Ashwood, Director, ODCEM
1:40 pm - 2:00 pm  Ken Morris, OWRB, State NFIP Coordinator
2:00 pm - 2:20 pm  Sen. Kevin Easley
2:20 pm - 2:45 pm  R.L. “Buddy” Young, Director, FEMA, Region VI
2:45 pm - 3:00 pm  Break
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm  Carroll Fisher, Oklahoma State Insurance Commissioner
3:30 pm - 4:00 pm  Community Rating System (CRS), Bill Baker
4:00 pm - 4:30 pm  Project Impact, Ann Patton
4:30 pm - 5:00 pm  Breakout Sessions Overview
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm  Free Time / Chairman’s Reception, Wine & Cheese Social
6:30 pm - ??  Vendor’s Social—Music of Hank Elling and Buddy Young

Tuesday - September 26th, 2000
7:00 am - 9:00 am  Breakfast / OFMA Business Meeting / Election of Officers for 2000/2001
9:00 am - 9:30 am  Break
9:30 am - 10:00 am  Intro to NFIP/FP Management
10:00 am - 10:45 am  Floodplain Management in Oklahoma
10:45 am - 11:00 am  Break
11:00 am - 11:30 am  Regulatory/Enforcement
11:30 am - 12:00 pm  Flood Insurance 1
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm  LUNCHEON—GUEST SPEAKER
1:30 pm - 2:00 pm  Flood Insurance 2
2:00 pm - 2:30 pm  BFE Determinations
2:30 pm - 3:00 pm  Map Revisions / Requests
3:00 pm - 3:15 pm  Break
3:15 pm - 3:55 pm  Substantial Damage / Repetitive Loss
3:55 pm - 4:30 pm  Hazard Mitigation
4:30 pm - 5:00 pm  Flood Proofing Techniques
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm  Free Time
6:00 pm - ??  Awards Banquet/Entertainment - Bill “Shorty” Bishop; Cowboy Poet

Wednesday - September 27th, 2000
8:00 am - 8:20 am  Opening Remarks: OFMA’s 2001 Strategic Plan
8:20 am - 8:50 am  Sand Spring’s Disaster Response, T.J. Davis, CFM
8:50 am - 9:20 am  Skiatook’s Hazard Mitigation Program, Eric Wiles, CFM
9:20 am - 10:00 am  FEMA’s New Revised Elevation Certificate - Dorothy Martinez
10:00 am - 10:15 am  Break
10:15 am - 11:00 am  Geographic Information Systems, Floodplain Management Applications - Corps
11:00 am - 11:30 am  Corps of Engineers, Recent Changes to 404 Process, and Challenge 21
11:30 am - 11:50 am  USGS, Dams and Stream Gauges - Bob Hirsch, USGS Chief Hydrologist
11:50 am - 12:15 pm  Closing Remarks: Ron Flanagan - Passing Gavel to New Chairman; Certificates of Attendance
12:15 pm - 1:30 pm  Lunch on your own
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm  Bonus Session for those persons interested.  Ken Morris / OWRB / OFMA / FEMA / ODCEM: Workshop: Floodplain Management 101, CFM Preparatory Class
3:00 pm - 3:15 pm  Break
3:15 pm - 5:00 pm  Continuation of Floodplain Management 101 Workshop

Thursday - September 28th, 2000
8:00 am - 10:00 am  Continuation of Floodplain Management 101 Workshop
10:00 am - 10:15 am  Break
10:15 am - 12:00 pm  Floodplain Manager Certification Examination for pre-approved candidates
OKLAHOMA FLOODPLAIN MANAGERS ASSOCIATION

10th Annual Fall Training Conference
September 25-27, 2000
Lake Texoma Resort, Kingston, Oklahoma

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OWRB / FEMA / ODCEM / OFMA
Floodplain Management 101 workshop:

- Workshop (Wed.pm, Thur. am)

Payment
Make checks payable to OFMA, and mail to
P.O. Box 8101, Tulsa, OK 74101-8101

Lodging
Lodging is not included in the registration fee. Lodging Reservations should be made prior to August 23, 2000, by calling
Lake Texoma Resort
Phone (580) 564-2311 Toll-Free (800) 528-0593
and refer to the Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association Conference.

- Rooms are $55.00
- Cabins are $60.00

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact: Ms. Carolyn Schultz at (918) 669-4919
Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association
Certified Floodplain Managers (CFM) Renewal/Recertification

Each year, no later than October 31st, each Oklahoma Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) is required to have submitted his/her certification renewal documentation.

To Accomplish this, four things are required:

1. **Complete the Annual Renewal/Recertification Form** (see below or on www.okflood.org)

2. **Provide OFMA Membership Application and Fee** ($20.00) for 2000/2001

3. **Continuing Education Credits** - Proof of Continuing Education (1 CEC per 2 hours of classroom training), e.g.,
   - Managing floodplain development through the NFIP, 1/10-1/14/00 - 17 CEC
   - OFMA Spring Training, Norman, 3/8/00 - 3 CEC
   - OWRB Floodplain Management Workshop, May - 3 CEC
   - Oklahoma Flood Forum, Lawton 5/24/00 - 3 CEC
   - ASFPM 2000 Annual Conference, Austin 6/19-6/27/00 - 14 CEC
   - OFMA 2000 Fall Conference, Lake Texoma 9/24-9/27/00 - 8 CEC

4. **Renewal Fee**: $15.00

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**Oklahoma Floodplain Managers CFM Recertification Application**

Name:__________________________________________________________________________

Title:__________________________________________________________________________

Work Phone:______________________________________________________________________

Fax:____________________________________________________________________________

Certificate #:______________________________________________________________

Company/Organization:________________________________________________________

Address:_______________________________________________________________________

City/Town: _______________ State: _______ Zip: __________

E-Mail: ____________________________

Employment Status: Yes___ No____

Job Responsibilities Yes___ No____

Certification/Licenses Yes___ No____

Additional Professional Organization Yes___No____

If yes, please explain in an attachment

Mail to: OFMA, P.O. Box 8101
Tulsa, OK 74101-8101
Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association

OFFICER NOMINATION FORM

Copy, complete and mail or fax to Ken Morris before September 1, 2000

Ken Morris, Ex-Officio
Oklahoma Water Resources Board
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Oklahoma City, OK 73118

phone: (405) 530-8800
fax: (405) 530-8900

The form below lists the OFMA offices to be filled for 2000/2001. Board recommendations for slate of officers is shown. Other nominations are solicited from the membership. The Board of Directors will summarize all nominations for voting by the general membership during the Breakfast Business Meeting of the Annual Fall Conference.

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Awards Nominations

Each year the Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association acknowledges outstanding contributions to the field of Floodplain Management by honoring those who have made significant contributions in reducing loss of life and property due to flooding. Each OFMA member is encouraged to submit nominations for consideration by the Awards Committee by Sept. 1, 2000.

The Public Official of the Year Award

This award is given to an elected or community official that has implemented public policy initiatives which demonstrate excellence in addressing present and future floodplain management needs for his/her community.

Floodplain Manager of the Year Award

Each year OFMA selects an individual that has demonstrated dedication and excellence in the field of floodplain management through the administration of his/her community’s floodplain management program. The recipient must be an OFMA member.

Charles Don Ellison Memorial Award

This award was created in 1998 by the Board of Directors to recognize an OFMA member who has demonstrated significant long-term contributions of leadership and support that clearly influenced and advanced OFMA. It is named for Charles Don Ellison, an Oklahoma native who spent his professional life pursuing flood loss reduction efforts for Oklahoma and other states in the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region VI. Don died in 1995, and exemplified the spirit of this award. He was a founding member of the Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association.

Lifetime Honorary Member Award

This Honorary Membership is given to OFMA member(s) that have made valuable and significant contributions over the years to the Association for the improvement of floodplain management in the State of Oklahoma.

Ben Frizzell Memorial Media Award

This award was created to honor of the memory of Ben Frizzell, an outstanding media and public information and education specialist for the State of Oklahoma. This award is presented to media or persons making significant contributions to the public understanding of floodplain management.

Special Recognition Award

Special Recognition Awards are presented by the Board of Directors annually to individuals that have demonstrated excellence in a floodplain management endeavor worthy of special recognition.

The Silver Scoop Award

The Silver Scoop Award is presented to key individuals that have made significant contributions to OFMA. The Scoop is usually given to those all important “behind-the-scenes” people that do all of the work, and make things happen. They are the 1 percenters, the backbone of any organization, without whom nothing would get done.

Scholarship Award

This scholarship is granted to a graduating Oklahoma High School Senior who is planning to pursue a career in a floodplain management related field, and is intended for educational financial support.
Profile: Region 1 Representative

Nancy Kennedy, CFM

Stormwater Engineer, Floodplain Administrator, CRS Coordinator, and Drainage Utility Manager for the City of Edmond, OK

Nancy Kennedy is a Certified Floodplain Manager, represents Region 1, Central Oklahoma, on the Board of Directors, and served as a member of the Professional Development and Certification Committee.

Nancy Kennedy, CFM, is an engineer with over 20 years experience in geological sciences and environmental engineering. Nancy graduated in 1978 with a BS degree in Geology from the University of Kansas, and received a Masters degree in Environmental Engineering from OSU in 1993.

Ms. Kennedy worked with the Oklahoma Water Resources Board in surface water use permits, and with Ken Morris in floodplain management. Nancy became active in her home town, Edmond, serving on several local committees and boards. Upon departure of Edmond’s stormwater engineer in 1997, she filled that position.

Nancy has worked with Edmond to put their existing stormsewer system into their GIS. The Edmond GIS system has the capability of overlapping aerial photos, parcel data, topographic surveys, and floodplain maps to aid in floodplain determination.

Ms. Kennedy also oversees the Drainage Utility Department, which manages the monthly stormwater utility fee. The drainage fee is used to address drainage and flooding problems, primarily in neighborhoods. The department is also responsible for compliance with EPA’s NPDES Phase II stormwater regulations.

Nancy has been married to a petroleum geologist for 18 years, and they have two sons, one is a freshman in high school and the other is in the 5th grade. The family enjoys the sons’ sports related activities, boating, and fishing.

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Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association 1999-2000

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