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## OFMA's Fall 2000 Conference



OFMA members listen intently during a plenary session of OFMA's Fall 2000 Conference at Lake Texoma Resort.

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Conference of the Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association, held Sept. 25-28, at beautiful Lake Texoma Resort, was attended by 108 floodplain managers, one from as far away as Hawaii.

The conference included general information plenary sessions, concurrent sessions on Basic Floodplain Management

and Advanced Stormwater Management, and the Oklahoma Water Resources Board's 8-hour Floodplain Management 101 course. The nationally accredited exam for Certified Floodplain Managers was also given to qualified floodplain managers.

Activities included a vendor's bar-b-que and wine festival, hosted by

Dewberry Design, USGS, Corps of Engineers, and R.D. Flanagan & Associates. Breaks were hosted by PBS&J, Swift Water Resource Engineers, and Meshek & Associates, Inc. FEMA Region VI Director, Buddy Young and Hank Elling provided outstanding musical entertainment. Because of the beautiful weather, the

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## OFMA's Honors & Awards

The Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association honored those who made significant contributions in the field of floodplain management-reducing loss of life and property due to flooding-during 1999-2000. Award recipients were nominated by the general membership, screened and final selections made

by the Awards Committee of the Board of Directors.

Plaques were presented to the honorees at the Awards Banquet by FEMA Region VI Director, Buddy Young, and Chair-Elect, Anna Waggoner.

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## LAWTON - NEWEST PROJECT IMPACT COMMUNITY

FEMA has selected Lawton, OK to participate in Project Impact, the nationwide program to help communities become more resistant to disasters.

This brings the number of communities participating in the program to 247. Participants are eligible for \$300,000 in federal grant funds to administer the program, establish partnerships in the public and private sectors and initiate disaster-resistant projects. Participating

Oklahoma communities include Tulsa, Durant, and Miami.

Project Impact serves as a catalyst to bring all sectors of the community together to address common disaster planning, contingency, preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation needs. Communities interested in more information about Project Impact should contact: Fred Liebe, ODCM, (405) 521-2481

Source: Emergency Preparedness News, Oct 10, 2000.

## Web Sites

**OFMA** [www.okflood.org](http://www.okflood.org)  
**ASFPM** [www.floods.org](http://www.floods.org)  
**OWRB** [www.state.ok.us/~owrb](http://www.state.ok.us/~owrb)  
**FEMA** [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)  
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## Calendar of Events

The Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association maintains a list of flood-related meetings, conferences, and training at [www.okflood.org](http://www.okflood.org)

- **Nov 4-7, 2000:** Annual Conference of the International Association of Emergency Managers, Austin, TX. Contact IAEM at 111 Park Place, Falls Church, VA 22046; (703) 538-1795; fax: (703) 241-5603; [iaem@aol.com](mailto:iaem@aol.com); <http://www.iaem.com>.
- **Nov 12-16, 2000:** Project Impact Summit 2000, Washington, D.C. Sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Contact Project Impact, FEMA, Mitigation Directorate, 500 C Street, S.W., Washington D.C.; (202) 646-3000; [summit.info@fema.gov](mailto:summit.info@fema.gov); <http://www.fema.gov/impact>
- **Nov 15, 2000:** 21st Annual Governor's Water Conference, "Water in Oklahoma - Shaping the New Century", 8:30am - 2:30pm; Myriad Convention Center/Renaissance Hotel, OKC. Contact: OWRB, Ken Morris, (405) 530-8800
- **Jan 8-12, 2001:** OWRB's Floodplain Management through the NFIP; Norman/OU Conference Center. Contact: OWRB, Rhonda Kouba, (405) 530-8800.
- **Mar 7, 2001:** OFMA Spring Training; OU Conference Center. Contact: Carolyn Schultz (918) 669-4919.
- **Mar 21, 2001:** Oklahoma Flood Forum, Tulsa, OK, Real Estate Agents, Lenders, Insurance Agents, Public Officials Contact: NFIP, (281) 829-6880.
- **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 20-23, 2001:** Small Watershed Programs: Past, Present, and Future, Seventh National Watershed Conference, Richmond, Virginia. Sponsored by the National Watershed Coalition. Contact John W. Peterson, National Watershed Coalition, 9304 Lundy Court, Burke, VA 22015-3431; (703) 455-6886; fax: (703) 455-6888; [jwpeterson@erols.com](mailto:jwpeterson@erols.com)
- **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.
- **Jun 3-8, 2001:** Twenty-Fifth Annual Conference of the Association of State Floodplain Managers, Charlotte, North Carolina. Contact the ASFPM Executive Office, 2809 Fish Hatchery Road, Ste. 204, Madison, WI 53713-3120; (608) 274-0123; fax: (608)274-0696; [asfpm@floods.org](mailto:asfpm@floods.org); <http://www.floods.org>
- **Sep 24-26, 2001:** Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association (OFMA) Annual Fall Conference, Contact: OFMA, P.O. Box 8101, Tulsa, OK 74101-8101; <http://www.okflood.org>

# OFMA's Fall 2000 Conference

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Awards Banquet was held poolside, and featured delicious, thick steaks.

The guest luncheon speaker was George Riedel, ASFPM Vice-Chair, who presented ASFPM's new vision for the na-

tion's floodplain management program: *National Flood Programs in Review-2000*.



**R.L. "Buddy" Young**, FEMA Region VI Director, addressed the plenary session on *An Outstanding Record of Accomplishments*, highlighting OFMA's and FEMA's progress and contributions to floodplain management over the last eight years.

**W. Kenneth Morris**, CFM, State NFIP Coordinator and OFMA Executive Director, presented *The Challenge of the 21st Century*. Ken also taught the Basic Floodplain Management Track and Floodplain Management 101.



**Bill Baker**, ISO, addressed the plenary session and Advanced Stormwater Management track on the *Community Rating System (CRS)*.

**Fred Liebe**, Mitigation Officer, Oklahoma Department of Civil Emergency Management, taught the course on *Hazard Mitigation and Federal Hazard Mitigation Programs*.



**Diane Herrera**, NFIP, Houston, taught sessions on *Flood Insurance* and the new *Elevation Certificate*

**Janet Meshek**, PE, CFM, President of Meshek & Associates, Inc., taught several Advanced Stormwater Management classes, including *Basin-Wide Master Drainage Planning*, and *Stormwater Detention*.



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# OFMA's 1999-2000



## CHARLES DON ELLISON MEMORIAL AWARD

FEMA Region VI Director, Buddy Young, presents **Joe Remondini**, PE, CFM, Tulsa District, US Army Corps of Engineers with the *Charles Don Ellison Memorial Award* for his significant long-term leadership and support which has clearly influenced and advanced OFMA. Mr. Remondini has served as OFMA's Chair and member of the PDCC. He is a member of the Corp's National Floodproofing Committee.

## FLOODPLAIN MANAGER OF THE YEAR

Walter Stout, CFM, City of Pryor Creek, Floodplain Manager of the Year 1998-1999, presents OFMA's prestigious *Floodplain Manager of the Year* award to **David Biggers**, Lahoma, for significant excellence in the field of floodplain management. Mr. Biggers was cited for his dedication through the administration of Lahoma's floodplain management program in pursuing the goals of reduction of loss of life and property due to flooding



## PUBLIC OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

Lonnie Ward, FEMA, presents Oklahoma Insurance Commissioner **Carroll Fisher** with the *Public Official of the Year* award for his public policy initiatives in promoting flood insurance and flood insurance education for Oklahoma's insurance agent's

## HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBER AWARD

Anna Waggoner, OFMA Chair 2000-2001, presents **Carolyn Schultz**, CFM, OFMA Treasurer, US Army Corps of Engineers, Tulsa District, with the *Honorary Lifetime Membership Award* for her valuable and significant contributions over a number of years to OFMA for the improvement of floodplain management in the State of Oklahoma. Harold Springer, OWRB, also received this award.



# ANNUAL AWARDS



## OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Carolyn Schultz presents **Ron Flanagan**, CFM, with the *Outstanding Achievement Award* for his leadership of OFMA as Chair 1999-2000, editor of the "BFE", and service on the Professional Development and Certification Committee.

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

Buddy Young presents Ken Morris with the *Special Recognition Award* for **Michael Mathis, Duane Smith** and **Mike Melton**, OWRB. Col. Leonardo Flor, Commanding Officer, Tulsa District, US Army Corps of Engineers also won special recognition for the Corp's dedication to floodplain management.



## BEN FRIZZELL MEDIA AWARD

Fred Liebe, ODCM, accepts the *Ben Frizzell Media Award* from Ron Flanagan, on behalf of the family of **Ben Frizzell**, after whom the memorial award is named. The award is presented for outstanding floodplain management related stories or publications. Ben Frizzell passed away May 15, 2000.



## SILVER SCOOP AWARD

The *Silver Scoop Award* is presented to key individuals who have made significant contributions to OFMA and floodplain management. This year's recipients include **Rep. Larry Rice** pictured with Ken Morris and Mike Melton, **Sen. Kevin Easley**, **Rep. Jim Newport**, FEMA Region VI Director, **R.L. "Buddy" Young**, **Eric Wiles**, and **Ron Flanagan**.



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**T.J. Davis**, CFM, Floodplain Administrator, Sand Springs, OK, presented a paper on *Sand Springs Disaster Response and Recovery* from the May 6, 2000 flood. T.J. is a former OFMA Chair.

**Laureen Gibson Gilroy**, Public Information Officer, City of Tulsa, conducted a class on the importance of *Public Information in Floodplain Management*.



Kathy Peter, Director, Oklahoma USGS, Ron Flanagan, and Anna Waggoner, OFMA 2000-2001 Chair, with **Dr. John Costa**, USGS, Portland, OR. Dr. Costa presented a session on *Stream Gauges*. He is also working on an exciting study on historical Peak Flood Events.

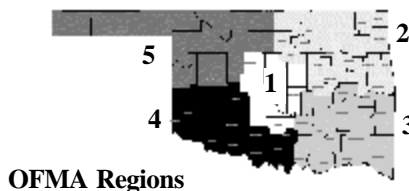
**Lonnie Ward**, CFM, FEMA, Region VI, taught several classes on *Basic Floodplain Management*, and *Floodplain Management 101*.



## 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 Regions

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: \_\_\_\_\_ Company/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
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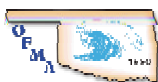
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| A. Mitigation      | B. Floodplain Regulations |
| C. Flood Insurance | D. Mapping & Engineering  |
| E. Flood Proofing  | F. Stormwater Management  |
| G. Research        |                           |

#### Dues Schedule

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

	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
Full Membership	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$5.00
Student Membership	10.00	7.50	5.00	2.50
Associate Membership	15.00	11.25	7.50	3.75
Agency Membership	50.00	37.50	25.00	12.50
(Plus \$10.00 per employee designated by the Agency)				
Corporate Sponsor	100.00	75.00	50.00	25.00



## Profile: 2000-2001 OFMA Chairman

# Anna Waggoner, CFM

## Code Enforcement, Woodward

**Anna Marie Waggoner, CFM is the 2000-2001 Chair and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association.**

Anna Waggoner has worked for the City of Woodward since 1995, serving as Floodplain Administrator, GIS Manager, and Secretary to Code Enforcement. Like most small Oklahoma community floodplain administrators, Anna has to wear several hats. She is an excellent choice to serve as OFMA's Chair because she understands the problems faced by typical small town floodplain administrators. "This year we will focus on providing programs and assistance to those small community floodplain managers, working with few resources and asked to do many jobs, only one of which is floodplain administrator."

Anna has been active with the Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association and has served on the board of directors since 1996 as the Region V (Northwest Oklahoma) Representative. She served as Vice-Chair in 1999-2000, and was responsible for planning OFMA's successful Fall 2000 Annual Conference at Lake Texoma. She also serves as a member of the Professional



OFMA's 2000-2001 Chair, Anna Waggoner

Development and Certification Committee (PDCC). Anna is a Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM). She lives in Woodward with her husband, who is foreman of the South Water field for the City of Woodward.



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